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Sponsor a Child, Heal a Soul



We are pleased to introduce Smiraldo. He is 10 years old and benefits from our School Sponsorship Program.

Because you have contributed to the education of children in Paswadom, this little boy has access to professional counseling that helps him fight against the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) he is experiencing. Indeed, when he was only 3 years old, his mom died in the earthquake in January 2010. He owes his life to a neighbor who dug him out from under the remains of the house they were living in. His father abandoned him in the aftermath of the earthquake, and he was relocated to live with his god mother.

Even though he is still in second grade, Smiraldo keeps improving. His gaze is no longer that of someone with an overwhelmed sense of sadness and hopelessness.

"This sponsorship is a gift from heaven, as I know Christian teachings that my godson is receiving will cast away those terrible nightmares he is having all night long," said Smiraldo's godmother.

Now, the child can take advantage of an educational environment that allows him to escape from the mutism where he locked himself up when the painful memories of his childhood resurfaced.

Thanks to a sponsor, his stolen childhood has been re-claimed, and a better future is on the way!

August statistics

wells drilled : 6
hand pumps installed: 8
people served: approximately 2,800
hand pumps repaired : 14
people served: 4,900



So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

As a hard working mom, Elouse always did everything she could to meet the needs of her family. Her faith in Jesus Christ always allowed her to overcome the countless trials that littered her path.

After several years of savings, she bought a piece of land and slowly built a roof over her children's heads. Despite all the difficulties associated with being single mother, Elouse had created a stable environment for her daughters to grow up in, until Hurricane Matthew came last fall and destroyed her small world.

Eighty per-cent of her house was turned into debris, and she resolved to relocate at a friend's house with her family.

Her friend was willing, but the house of refuge was already too small for the family who lived there, let alone a second family! Before long, conflicts began to arise, forcing Elouse and her

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girls to find themselves in a makeshift “house” constructed of rusted tin and old plywood.

Nerlande, 13, Nadia, 11, Dada, 8, and little Saïda, 4, found it difficult especially when it was raining hard as their roof leaked more than what it protected them.

Fortunately, they found hope in God’s promises. Led by their mother, the four girls did not allow themselves to fall into despair but continued to pray with faith knowing God would soon answer.

And He did! Through you, generous donors, God has sent help for this family....

Gladly the 4 sisters spent their summer vacation helping to rebuild their new home. The worksite looked agreeably like a church where the children’s praises embodied a spirit of joy and adoration as they sang,

“On my delivery day I shall go on the mountain to praise God.”

“Jesus is everything for me, what is He for you?”

You have made this once-impossible day a reality for Elouse and her four beautiful girls.

Thirst for Water... Thirst for Education



Here is Fabrice; despite his being only 12 years of age he carries on his frail shoulders the heavy responsibility to supply his home with water, and this at the cost of his schooling.

Perched in the heights of Arniquet, Southern Haiti, his village, named Kaysera, has no source of drinking water.

Frequently, the water found is not drinkable. To be potable it must be boiled or treated, difficult to do due to scarcity of resources and the precarious economic situation of the villagers. With the consumption of contaminated water, young Haitians’ health is at high risk. Diarrhea, often resulting from the consumption of these waters, is one of the major causes of mortality in children under 5.

In order for him to find clean water, every morning and every afternoon, Fabrice must saddle the family donkey and go down the dangerous rocky path leading to the neighboring village of Mont Gerard which, thanks to the generosity of a faithful donor, has recently received a hand-pumped water well.

So, leaving before dawn on the back of his donkey, these journeys of two hours one way twice a day consume much of the time Fabrice should devote to study.

Deep down, the young boy feels torn between his desire to spend time in school and his responsibilities towards his family. However he is still happy to spare his younger brothers and sisters by sacrificing himself to this task.

He hopes that one day a well will be drilled in his village. Then he and many other kids won’t have to go so far to fetch water and miss school anymore.

By helping drill a well in a remote village of Haiti, you fulfill the dream of many poor kids like Fabrice in providing for their thirst of clean water **and** education!

From the president’s desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! Having spent several months in the US, I have had good friends come by just to give me some encouraging words to stay strong in the Lord and to not lose hope. I believe each of us who are children of the Heavenly Father should encourage one another not to lose hope! There is so much trouble in the world already; people don’t need to hear more from us! “But encourage one another daily, while it is called today...” says Heb. 3:13 (NIV). Many of you have been a huge encouragement to Joy and me as we’ve shared what Water For Life has been doing in Haiti, and have wanted us to pass on words of encouragement to our team members in Haiti to keep on serving others. Thank you for that! As Jesus fills each of us up, we can keep giving out; we need to keep giving what our Heavenly Father has given us, no matter where we are in the world, or in what condition we are! He just asks us to be yielded to Him!

I am sure you are aware of Hurricane Irma and the route it took in the Caribbean before reaching Florida. Many of you have asked us how Haiti fared in all of that. We are so grateful to God that Haiti was largely spared the devastation from this storm that others had to endure. Our thoughts and prayers are with those in other Caribbean countries and the US who have suffered much loss. Meanwhile, many people in the southern peninsula of Haiti, all around where we are based, are still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Matthew last October.

We are looking forward to groups that will be coming this fall and winter to see and/ or to be a part of what WFL is doing! We still have room for more groups in February and March. Please email Joy and me at leonjoymiller@yahoo.com to set up a date if you would like to come. We prefer groups of around 12 or less.

It’s not too late to give to our “Bulldozer for Wells” project! Deadline is November 15. See last month’s newsletter for details on that.

Blessings to each of you!! ~Leon