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WFL's Teamwork for Positive Impact!

At Water For Life, the passionate participation of everyone (first donors, and then all those on the field) has generated and continues to generate a positive impact on the lives of thousands of people in Haiti.

This tremendous teamwork makes it possible to divide up the tasks to be more efficient and faster. But also, working as a homogeneous group allows us to bring everyone together for the immediate execution of a task (as is the case in the photo: the whole team working for the efficient unloading of a container). Thus, from the logistics manager and shop personnel to our field director, and including our office workers, everyone together is dedicated to getting the job done well so that they can then return to devote themselves fully to their respective roles.



Working as a team demonstrates not uniformity, but unity. Indeed it is impossible for all to agree from the beginning, and that is what teamwork is about: valuing and comparing each other's opinions to make the best final decision, as we believe that we ought to "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2: 3-4 (NIV)

Beyond the progress of projects and skills development for less experienced employees, teamwork is an opportunity to mix so that everyone can benefit from the exchanges that take place and be transformed little by little in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ our God. He, despite His incomparable power and majesty, has chosen to involve us in His work by giving us the great commission to evangelize. Thanks for contributing to this freedom to share the Word of God with people in Haiti who thirst for living water!

Happy Birthday, Darchina!

For many children, the contribution of their sponsor is a real encouragement, evidenced by the \$20 gift Darchina has received from her sponsor for her birthday. This was a very pleasant surprise for the girl and her parents who wished to show their gratitude to this generous benefactor. Indeed, by supporting her,



Darchina's champion participates in the concrete and lasting improvement of her living conditions in the essential areas of education, access to drinking water and food.

School sponsorship is also a wonderful opportunity to bond with a child in another part of the world through the exchange of letters, photos, drawings, etc.

At Divine Help School of Pasbwadòm, there is a committed sponsor community that gets involved alongside Water For Life, who has been working with these most vulnerable children in Pasbwadòm village for nearly 32 years.

There are still hundreds of children who are waiting for someone to help them to continue their schooling and to receive special attention on their birthday.

They are counting on you!

Mark Your Calendars, Indiana Golfers! — PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE —

May 21 is the new date for Water for Life's Golf Benefit!

Meadow Valley Golf Course 57600 St Rd 13 • Middlebury, Indiana • 260-350-4448 A great day of golf & helping to drill wells in Haiti!!

From Leon's Desk

Greetings again to our wonderful friends! It is so beautiful to be here in Iowa in this beginning of spring as we see the trees and flowers and grass begin to come alive once again after the very long winter, where for six months everything has looked barren and dead! There are people who love the winter, who see beauty and enjoy the cold of that season, which is hard for people like me to understand!

Our lives are similar to the seasons here on planet Earth sometimes vibrant and full of color and activity, sometimes slower-paced and seemingly past any harvest, without life. We may go through times of spiritual or mental barrenness when life is difficult and there is no beauty before us, only plodding through day after day and all seems quite dead or dying. But when we turn our eyes to Jesus, He will help us see the beauty once again.

If we remember who we are in Christ and what all Jesus did for us in paying the debt for our sins, taking the punishment we deserved, we can rejoice and feel the beauty of spring in our souls! When we hold on to that truth we can go through all the seasons of our lives. He can and will empower us to rise above the times when we feel defeated.

Thinking of problems we all have faced in this past year reminds of how Covid-19 has affected all of us, hasn't it? Are we doing a lot of complaining? It seems we all have opinions on how to fix it. I know it helps me to re-read Philippians 4: 4-8 which says, "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and

petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and



sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. (NIV) Whatever our circumstances or opinions, this was written for us. When our hearts are full of thanksgiving even in the midst of having much concern for our nation, we can rejoice and remember to bring our requests to Him, and

– Iowa Golfers: Save the Date! —

It's not too soon to put the Iowa golf benefit on your calendars!! Friday, August 20, is the date set! Once again at the Kalona Golf Course. More details in a month! He gives us His peace. What comfort! We all need peace and His rest in our lives.

This message is for all of us. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti need to remember this too, even as they go through a very trying time in the country. Around Port-au-Prince literally every day there are kidnappings taking place. Everyone there is jumpy and looking over their shoulders all the time that they must be out in the streets. It's no fun to be in those kind of circumstances, let me tell you!

With our ministry being based five hours out of Port-au-Prince, our teams are able to continue being out drilling, repairing wells, and teaching school. Our students are able to



continue to go to school and learn, and have a hot meal every school day. By the grace of God, YOU are making that possible! People can work in their gardens in the area where there are irrigation wells. Generally speaking the people are thankful for the blessings they are receiving, but sometimes people remind me of how I act towards God on occasion—as though He owes me His blessings. One time a man came to me demanding I help him with money for something RIGHT NOW. That's why we need discernment from God to know the best way to really help a person. I thank God so much for each of you who give with a cheerful heart; you believe that God is guiding WFL and being a blessing to many people. Please do continue to pray for Water For Life, that we will have both a heart of compassion AND God's wisdom to be His hands and feet.

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Galatians 6:9 tells us, "*Pet's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.*" (NASB) Let's keep our eyes on Jesus. Thank you, thank you all so much for your prayers and support to further the Kingdom.

~Leon

— March 2021 Statistics — Wells Drilled: 6 Hand Pumps Installed: 1

People Served: approximately 350

Hand Pumps Repaired: 59 People Served: approximately 20,650

WFL School Meals Served: approximately 6,224

Correction: 8 new wells were drilled in February but not included in last month's statistics; we regret the omission!

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