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Aftermath of the August 14 Earthquake

August 14, 2021, at 8:29 am, was a beautiful sunny Saturday morning, the time for a relaxing moment with a cup of tea and a peaceful breakfast. Suddenly an unusual sound came from deep within the earth, marking the beginning of a giant, bone-jarring, shake-up for both human beings and nature in the Southern part of Haiti. Houses and other buildings, trees, and the earth itself were bouncing wildly. Huge crevasses appeared in many areas, including some roads. Run, run—EARTHQUAKE!!!! People inside their homes ran outside if they could. It was a 7.2 magnitude. In less than 40 seconds everything changed:



- 2,207 killed
- 12,268 injured
- 320 missing
- 52,953 homes destroyed
- 77,006 buildings damaged
- 1,185,735 people live in the affected areas...

In 2010, the capital city of Port-au-Prince, along with numerous outlying cities, were pummeled by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake, killing over 200,000 people.

In contrast to the 2010 earthquake, this August 2021 earthquake mostly hit the poorest remote rural areas, in addition to several cities. Moreover, Tropical Storm Grace decided to hit Southwestern Haiti just two days after the quake, in the midst of frequent aftershocks, making it an even more difficult situation. At that point people didn't even have tents and most were too afraid to sleep inside their homes even if they were still standing, while the rain and winds bore down on them. The poorest among the poor in the rural areas were the most devastated people, those who were already living in extreme poverty.

More than ever, the people are in great misery. We're asking for help for these people who are really suffering from lack of most basic needs. As usual Water for Life, like after the earthquake of 2010 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, will be very pleased to receive your donations and assist the neediest people in this time of despair.



From Leon's Desk

Greetings to all our wonderful friends! God is in control, no matter what it looks like all around us. Matthew 24: 7-8 says, *"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains."* (NIV)

I remember my parents talking about the end times coming. We are closer today than we were; we see many things happening today. Let's put our priorities in the right place, seek the face of Jesus, and point people to the One Who came to save them from their sins. We will never have enough good works to save us; it is only by believing in the blood of the Lamb for our salvation that will get us to Heaven. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Let's keep encouraging one another to focus on Jesus. I am so grateful for the testimonies of many Haitian people I talk to; they speak of the goodness of God, that He knows what He is doing, and that we can trust Him no matter what happens. God has a plan; we choose to follow Him.

We thank you for your gifts of love for the Haitian people as they go through this extraordinarily hard time. We are all servants of the Lord, each of us doing his part; no one person is more important than another.

With the wonderful summer we have been privileged to have here in the Midwest of the USA, I got to thinking—perhaps those of you who have crops that you sell would want to think of those as a way to donate. Page 2 is like a flyer with some more details; perhaps you'd be willing to share this idea with others!

God's blessings to you!

~Leon

— August 2021 Statistics —

- Wells Drilled: 6
- Hand Pumps Installed: 3
- People Served: approximately 1,050
- Hand Pumps Repaired: 72
- People Served: approximately 25,200

Farmers! Your Crops Are Needed!



You can donate whatever part of a crop you choose
(a wagon-load? a percentage of your total?)
to **Water For Life** to help provide **water**
to communities in need, in the country of Haiti.

Help a community go from
getting water like this →

to having their own
water well! ↓



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