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Let's Talk About Hope

Jeremiah 29: 11 says, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"*

Hebrew 6:19a tells us, *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..."*

When Jeremiah sent his words of encouragement to God's people, the situation seemed hopeless for them. For many years, Israel was in exile, living under the control of Babylon, a pagan nation, with only memories of their beloved country. But God had not abandoned them; even better, He had great and unexpected plans for them.

The same way Jeremiah's words lighted again the flame of hope for Israel, in Haiti we are encouraged each day when remembering Jesus Christ's grace.

We believe that He will never abandon nor forsake us. We believe that each time we drill a well, providing people water essential to their lives, we show them there is a reason to hope!

Last week, we visited an area where people waited for a well for a long time. When we arrived, the people quickly gathered around us. Faces were emaciated and tired, and bodies seemed marked by the hard work of the earth. They were mostly farmers with small gardens, having very difficult access to drinking water or to farm. Can you imagine their reactions when they heard that Water For Life would actually come back to drill in the following days? They were hopeful, joyful and thankful for that precious gift and could experience the goodness of God through His servants.



We thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and your sacrificial donations that allow us to keep on bringing hope and showing the love of our Lord and Savior!

Madame Masilienne, shown in the next picture, is one of the beneficiaries of the newly drilled well. She lives in a semi-rural area that has been waiting for this for a long time.



Head of her family, struggling every day to meet the needs of her loved ones, she tells us about their situation before and after the well:

Q. How did you access water before?

A. There was a hand-dug well in a person's house that we depended on. Unfortunately the well did not provide enough water for the whole community. It was also physically difficult because we had to pull water up in buckets by rope for our families, our animals and everything we needed.

Q. Today, how many people in the community benefit from the well?

A. At least a hundred people from the immediate area, and now many new people come from further afield to take advantage of the well which gives good drinking water.

Q. What would you like to say to Water For Life and the family who sponsored this well?

A. We send you a thousand thanks! It has changed our daily lives, and we ask for health and blessings for you and for your family. Ephesians 2:10 says, *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* (NIV)

We ask you to pray that we find water at each borehole we drill.

Because where there is water, there is life!

Heartbeats From the Field: Sylvie Pierre-Louis

Again, we wish to introduce you to a member of our staff. Sylvie Pierre-Louis has been with us for 5 years now. She is the cook, who makes meals every work day for our staff at noon. Everyone appreciates her efforts to make yummy food! 😊

Q. How do you understand and appreciate the mission of Water For Life?

A. The mission of WFL is the transmission, the demonstration of the love of Christ by helping many people to meet their needs (water and health care especially). For me, this mission is well done, and we can go even further by reaching even more people, that's what I wish.



Q. How do you understand your participation in this mission?

A. I am always available and motivated to help with my skills, whatever the activity is. In my opinion, my presence and my activity contribute to the general good functioning and to the fact that the team feels good. I participate in the well-being of the WFL employees and it helps everyone to better carry out their mission.

Q. What impact has this mission in your life?

A. WFL taught me several things: how to work in a team and how to share and live with each other. Since I've been here it has really changed my life. I was deeply touched by the welcome I received, compared to my past experiences; I am happy to come to work every morning, and I feel good!

I hope that harmony and goodwill work together, and that the atmosphere of peace and love in Christ will continue within the team.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings to you, our wonderful friends!

How wonderful that this month we can celebrate our Savior's resurrection! He lived a perfect life for us! He died as the perfect Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world—my sin! He rose again to give us victory over death and the grave! He has filled us believers with His Holy Spirit to empower us to love one another, to teach us, to reprove us, to encourage us, admonish us.

It is such a blessing to know that our Redeemer lives and is in control of this whole world despite appearances that

it is all out of anyone's control. We keep praying for the people of Ukraine and the life-threatening difficulties they are facing at present. All over this world, there is trouble!

But let us not lose heart but stay focused on the Lord.

Gangs, kidnappings, and trouble are still what is happening in Haiti, and in particular in and close to Port-au-Prince. Our teams are trying to be careful and at the same time serve the many communities in need of their services. There remain so many people who have great difficulty getting good clean water—such a basic need that we all have!

Please keep praying for the people of Haiti! We have lived there for many years; we know our Christian brothers and sisters there want to stay focused on Christ, but like us, it is easy to become discouraged as they look at all the problems in their country. So pray they can remember that Jesus loves them and will make a way for them in these seemingly insurmountable circumstances! We don't know how; it's up to Him. But in the meantime we'll do what God calls us to do. Pray for those involved in causing trouble, that they will come to Christ and repent. Pray also for our teams, that they will continue to demonstrate God's love to those whom they are serving—whether by drilling or repairing pumps, teaching children in school, or dealing with the general public. As they do these things in the love of Christ, He will get the glory! Isaiah 54:17 tells us, *"... no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from Me' declares the Lord."* The Lord fights for us; He is for us, not against us. So be encouraged; He loves each of us so much, and His mercy and grace are upon us. As we look into the future, we can be confident that He will keep us!

~Leon

— February 2022 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 6

Hand Pumps Installed: 0

Hand Pumps Repaired: 77

People Served: approximately 26,950

WFL School Meals Served: 9,319

— Support WFL via Estate Planning —

This time of year is a good time to review one's estate plans. If you have already included a gift to Water for Life as part of your plans, thank you! If not, would you please consider joining other households who have done so? Our friends at Everence can assist you with ways you can support Water for Life.

Contact lyle.miller@everence.com
or your local representative for more information.



**Mark Your Calendars,
Indiana Golfers!**

The Water for Life Golf Benefit is set for
May 20, 2022!

Meadow Valley Golf Course
57600 St Rd 13 • Middlebury, Indiana

In addition to having a great day,
you will be helping to drill wells in Haiti!!

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