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Heartbeats From the Field: Annita Dorneville

This month we wish to introduce you to a special young lady who's been with us for three years. A nurse, she was asked a number of years ago to help at a mobile clinic we did, and that is how we got to know her. When we had an opening in our office for someone qualified to do some specific work regarding the clinic, she came to our minds and has been a good fit! Her sweet spirit makes her a joy to be around.



Annita Dorneville

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

A. Water for Life's mission is to help people in need by giving them access to water and health care. The needs are huge, and every time we realize the benefits of WFL's projects because they really help people get through it. The mission is well carried out; it meets the needs, and I have heard many testimonials from beneficiaries who are grateful.

We demonstrate the love of Christ through everything we do to help people. My dearest wish is that WFL continues its actions which bless so many people.

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

A. I always make myself available and it is important for me to get involved so that the beneficiaries are always more

satisfied. I am happy when I see people who suffer being relieved and healed during the activities of the Mobile Clinic and I am delighted to participate in that.

Besides, I feel in my colleagues that it is not only the salary that motivates them but that if they give themselves to the maximum it is to transmit the love of Christ and to see hope reborn in people.

Q. What impact has this mission had in your life?

A. I can't count the changes this mission has brought to my life. I had other employers before WFL, and before, I went to work, I got my salary and that was it. Here I am able to feel the love of Christ myself, spiritually and physically.

When I started working at WFL, I was at a difficult time in my life and had no hope for myself. After my first participation in a mobile clinic, I really felt happier, I saw what we could bring to people's lives. Today, I feel like part of a family; I have more joy and I even have better health.

From Rebellion to Hope

A couple of weeks ago we had a meeting with the Divine Help School leadership team. We prayed, read the Bible together and talked about the important topics of the school.

During this precious time, talking about Hope and the reasons why we keep on going in our different services, Madame Wolman, the school director, told us a true story that we wanted to share with you.

The story is about a young boy named Johnny. He arrived at Divine Help School in 2007.

Let's be honest; he was what one would call a lost cause. He did not obey when he was asked to do something, he was rebellious against authority, and he was disturbing all the other students in his classroom.

After a while, being patient, the leadership team brought his case to the table during a meeting. Most of them thought that this boy should be expelled from school. They had tried everything and were exhausted just by the thought of having him in their classroom for one more day. Then Mme. Wolman

proposed something. This boy had a difficult background—being raised by a needy single mother, he never experienced the love of a father in his life. She proposed that the school staff take regular times to pray especially for the boy, and she asked a local pastor to share times with him in reading the Bible. Everyone agreed to try it and to invest more time for discipleship with him.

Believe it or not, this young boy changed!

If he had been expelled from school, he would probably have become a wretch with no values, little education and anger in his heart.

Thanks to his time at Divine Help School, he learned to know and experience more of God's love and was able to keep up and then to excel in his studies. Praise the Lord for the school staff that through the love of God made such a change in Johnny's life! Today, by the grace of God, he is in college and devoted in his studies. What a blessing! What an encouragement to us all!

This story reminds us of the most important mission of Water For Life, which is to show people the love of Jesus. It reminds us too of our commitment in that mission—praying, giving, and working on the field truly do change lives.



From Leon's Desk

Greetings to our wonderful friends! I pray the Lord's blessings on each of you as you spend time seeing the goodness of God. Even in this very troubled world we can know that the Lord God is in control, He is the Almighty, the King of Kings, Creator of heaven and earth! So rest in His love for you. He loves you and me! He sent His Son to this earth to die in our stead and redeem us from our sins! We must receive and believe that.

This month celebrating Mother's Day, I want to honor my mother, now gone to be with the Lord. How kind and caring she was for me! I am the youngest in my family, and my siblings are sure Mom spoiled me—they say there was a lot of foods I didn't like so Mom would fix me something else! But when Joy and I moved to Haiti as newly marrieds, I learned

to eat about anything; when my siblings came to visit us in Haiti, they couldn't believe what all I ate! Ha!

I grew up with a lot of asthma, and it was rather a bad case; many times I could hardly breathe, and Mom and Dad were there for me. I guess there weren't emergency rooms back then, because my dad, in desperation at one point brought in a small tank of oxygen off our torch set from the shop, then fiddled with the regulator till it was more-or-less OK for me to use so I could breathe. I had lots of problems with asthma as a child, but I am thankful I grew out of it when I became an adult.

I am sure you could tell stories about your mother also; it's wonderful to have a mother who loves you! In Haiti, people love their mothers so much; many times she sacrifices a lot for them to be able to go to school, to eat! To get a pair of shoes needed for school! And so on.

There continues to be lots of problems in Haiti. So please keep all our team in your prayers as they go out and serve the people. Even with all the trouble, they still need good clean water, and we need to be able to drill new wells and repair the ones broken down. Prices for parts and supplies have really risen in the past year and a half, and fuel is hard to get many times. But the team keeps pressing on, by the grace of God. Without you this would not be possible. Thank you so very much for your prayers and support.

The people are so very thankful when they get a well in their village. They KNOW the importance of good water that doesn't make them sick or their skin itch. Many times we take water for granted and we waste it. It's interesting to watch how far they make five gallons reach; when you have to carry your water from a pump down the road, you do that! So when you sit down to eat, don't forget to thank the Lord for the water along with your food! 😊

~Leon

— March 2022 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 3
 Hand Pumps Installed: 3
 People Served: approximately 1,050
 Hand Pumps Repaired: 62
 People Served: approximately 21,700
 WFL School Meals Served: 5,319

LAST CALL
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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