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To Trust and to Act

Uncertainty. It is the word that best defines the situation in the recent weeks, here in Haiti.

The economic and security situation is deteriorating every day in the country. On several occasions, demonstrations and protests have made vehicle movement, and thus our work, difficult.

Poverty is increasing at the same rate as the prices of things, and we now must pay 10 times more than we had for a gallon of fuel. Feeding children becomes a daily problem for many families.

Despite the difficulties of getting around, every day, people come from afar to file their request at the Water For Life offices. They come to represent their communities, to ask for what is essential to life and yet they lack: drinking water!

It is first by welcoming these people and by listening to their requests that we give them the first proof of the love of Christ.

Then, when all the conditions are met for us to be able to go on the ground to drill, we always explain our approach to the communities. People, far away, believe in the love of the Lord for us. These people, you dear donors, believe that this love must be lived and witnessed. Thus, these communities in need take on the responsibility of accepting water as a precious gift and testimony.

In this difficult context, our teams are taking advantage of every calm period to go into the field and drill wells for those who need it so much.



The needs are many; we pray that the Lord may provide by giving us the means and the circumstances to continue to accomplish our mission. We believe that He is the one who changes times and seasons. (Daniel 2:21)

Divine Help School: A Successful Year

In the midst of the difficulties of this past school year, when the situation in the country sometimes led to the interruption of classes for all schools, while the economic situation of families worsened, the final year students of the Divine Help School had the best results out of 30 schools! Of these final year students 100% passed the state exam, and they have the highest marks in all subjects!



What a joy for them, for their families and for us!

We are grateful to the Lord for the school staff who accompanied them throughout their schooling and who largely contributed to these good results.

We are grateful for you also, who financially support the school. We are happy to share this good news with you, and we particularly count on your support.

We are now at the dawn of a new school year, and we need to renew some of the educational materials (books, pencils, etc.) that we make available to the 644 students. Almost 200 of them are now sponsored in a more specific way, and we hope that one day all will benefit from this special support.

Heartbeats From the Field: Emile Berlin

Once again, we wish to highlight one of our staff members in this edition of the newsletter. It is truly a joy for us to have co-workers who enjoy being a part of our Water For Life family! In a country of far too much unemployment we are happy to provide employment opportunities in our local community.

Q. When did your story with Water For Life begin?

A. Since July 15th, 2015, I was hired as a driller's helper. I had never done that work before, so I was trained here, and I really liked it. Two years ago I had the great opportunity to receive a promotion, and I am now a driller and lead a drilling team.

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

A. The mission of Water For Life is to show to others the love of Christ. We show it between us too, thanks to our work environment that teaches us to better live with each other. Water For Life helps those who cannot afford it to have access to water. Doing so, Water For Life restores the dignity of the most poor as persons and children of God.

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

A. I contribute to this ministry by using my skills, strengths and experience every time I have the opportunity to drill a new well. I try too, to show the communities I meet that I respect them and that there is no difference between me and them; we are all in this together.

Q. What impact has this mission in your life?

A. A lot has changed for me since I began work at Water For Life. I saw that there was another way of living together compared to my previous professional experiences. In Water For Life, unity and love can be seen between employees.

Morally, I feel better and I have improved my relationships in general.

Socially, I have improved my skills, I have learned new responsibilities since my promotion and I was able to meet people I would never have met and who brought me a real openness.

Economically, having a fixed job with a steady income allowed me to start a saving account and thus to access credit (for a loan) for my projects, such as a house.

Spiritually, I was always committed to Christ, but I have discovered another dimension of His love.

My prayer for the future is that we keep loving each other and being united. I also hope that our activities will continue to develop, in other (further-away) areas for instance, where there are also so many needs.



From Leon's Desk

Greetings to our wonderful friends! And you are truly that! We can feel your prayers and your support, and that is wonderful!

In our newsletters we try to keep you informed as to what is happening in Haiti. Right now, there is SO much trouble! But we don't want to focus on that. God is faithful, and we know that He is in control, so we keep pressing on by His power and for His glory. We are serving people and telling them that Jesus loves them. I am so glad we can show them by our actions in helping them get good clean water to drink and use. But we do want them also to find Jesus as their Living Water.

It has been so good to get reports from the team as to details of how they are demonstrating God's love by their words and actions.

We know there are so many many people that are suffering, so we want to keep pressing on. Because of you all we can keep doing that. God is using you to keep making that possible. So thank you so much for listening to the Lord as you continue to share God's love with people you don't even know and have never seen! When we get to Heaven, we can all rejoice together with our brothers and sisters, praising the Lord all together.

Joy and I were planning to visit Haiti very soon. Those plans were changed due to the situation there, upon the advice of several others. Please keep us in your prayers as we make decisions for a future trip.

Edy, our field director in Haiti, sent me word that he is having Bible classes with some people in the new pavilion. He is a great Bible teacher with a passion for sharing the love of Christ!

Please keep the team in Haiti in your prayers. As of now things do not look good but plans in the country are for all schools to open at the beginning of October (rather than September as previously announced). Guess we'll see if that happens now. Parents need to be out and about to purchase needed supplies for their children. As of now there is a fuel shortage that makes for a black market and steep prices for fuel that translates to moto taxis, a major mode of transportation, charging exorbitant rates to their passengers. The country of Haiti is in trouble!

So please keep praying, and we'll see what happens. Let's stay in touch!

~Leon

— August 2022 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 5

Hand Pumps Installed: 5

People Served: approximately 1,750

Hand Pumps Repaired: 55

People Served: approximately 19,250

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