



# Where There is Water There is Life Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land

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## NEWSLETTER

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### The Task Before Us

The months of October and November 2022 were, for most of the inhabitants of Haiti, the worst months they have ever known.

Although the crisis has been going on for months, the distress reached its peak last month. Nothing worked, hospitals were forced to leave the sick at their doors for lack of means to be able to be open, cholera spread throughout the country, and hunger knocked on the doors of many.

The Haitian people are confronted with multiple very difficult issues all at the same time — insecurity, disease, hunger; their government, which finds itself unable to solve the security issues, has made an appeal for international aid.

Amidst this distress, there remains hope for improvement in the weeks and months to come.

We must continue to pray for these people, for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for those who do not yet know Jesus,



so that He reveals Himself to them and delivers everyone from this very difficult situation.

During these last weeks, when no activity has been possible for Water For Life— first because of lack of security and then also the acute shortage of fuel— the requests have not stopped arriving.

I'll share one of them with you:

*"Dear Water For Life Managers,*

*I am happy to write you this letter in order to present you my compliments for the various works carried out in the country and especially in South Haiti. We greatly appreciate your know-how and your bravery.*

*I believe that it is thanks to you that many of the Haitian population in South Haiti have been able to benefit from*

*clean drinking water. I am the Reverend Father Cédric Noël Curé of the parish of Saint Joseph in Pestel and director of the Saint Francis of Assisi School (Pestel is a city located in South Haiti). We face enormous difficulties in terms of drinking water. We have cases of malaria and cholera since the people of the community use any water possible, which causes all kinds of disease. At our school we have seen a lot of cases that could even lead to death because of impure drinking water. Based on studies completed, we have been assured that there is water in aquifers below. However, what remains to be done is the drilling. The necessary drilling supplies would be under the supervision of the committees: parents and the Parish council.*

*For us, it is a necessity at Pestel to have water for the students and also for the community. Please think of us, because we are going through hard times, and very often we find ourselves quite tired of this situation.*

*Thank you already for your support and understanding. Please accept my most respectful greetings."*

We get requests like these every day, not to mention other needs.

Our will is to start again as soon as the situation allows it because we truly believe that serving our brothers and sisters in need is what God asks of us.

### Heartbeats From the Field: Max Henry Merlin

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

A. I started working at Water For Life three years ago.

I live in the neighborhood, and I was first taken on to interview people in the surrounding community. Then I applied and was hired as a receptionist.

Since the beginning of this year, 2022, I have obtained a promotion as field coordinator (visiting villages who've requested wells and helping them to decide where the well will be placed, explaining the participation we require of the community for the drilling project, and getting necessary paperwork completed before drilling the well).





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

A. In my opinion, the mission of Water For Life is to give life (after God of course). Where the government is unable to provide basic services around drinking water, where people are abandoned by everyone, Water For Life will provide access to water and I believe this mission is inspired by God.

A simple hand drill already costs far more than most people can afford. By drilling wells with high-performance equipment, Water For Life brings life back to many communities.

What I want for the future development of Water For Life is that we have the means to test whether there is water before drilling.

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

A. My participation consists of putting all my heart, all my availability and all my will to accomplish my task. I also have a duty to show honesty and impartiality during field visits to identify those who are really in need and not let myself be influenced to give positive opinions for future drilling if a particular well would have greater benefit for an individual rather than for a community.

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

A. Working at Water For Life has transformed my life. This reinforced several values in me, such as wisdom and God’s love for my neighbor. I have more empathy for people in difficulty. I earn my living to take care of my family and above all, I can walk alongside my sisters and brothers who are in the most remote areas.



— 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](mailto:lyle.miller@everence.com)  
or your local representative for more information.

From Leon’s Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends!

Isaiah 49:13, ESV: *“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.”*

Wow! What a wonderful time of the year this is, as we think of what Jesus did for us—to leave perfect Heaven and come to this earth to live with broken sinful humans, knowing full well He’d give His life for all people who’d ever live on this earth to grant them access to salvation and eternal life! That certainly demonstrates His immense love for us!!! The very Son of God becoming—and limiting Himself to the body of—a baby in order to experience what all humankind has to experience, being cared for by his mother Mary, is an amazing story! I hope and pray that each of us put our trust in Him and walk with Him each day. As we give gifts to each other, let it always be done in love such as what Jesus has for us! Let’s care for others, as Jesus has cared for us! There are



so many hurting people all over the world. We have a great opportunity to share God’s love with others. As God blesses us we can bless others.

As I am writing this letter there is still so much trouble in Haiti. But our pump repair teams and one drill team have been fixing some pumps and drilling a well in the past week or so. Fuel that is available is still quite expensive, but we are doing what is possible. We are hoping that by the time you receive this, things will be even better. Little is published outside of Haiti about their circumstances, but if you have access to Google or another search engine, type in “News from Haiti” and it will give you some updates.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti. Things are very complicated and difficult to even try to understand, much less explain! What we do know is that God loves these people dearly and wants them to experience eternal life with Him! Let us rejoice and be glad and share this wonderful news with others! Have a blessed Christmas!

~Leon

— October 2022 Statistics —

Wells Drilled/New Pumps: 0  
Hand Pumps Repaired: 0  
WFL School Meals Served: 0 (not open)

*Brothers and sisters, pray with us that order will be restored to our beloved country of Haiti, that people can resume their normal lives, and that we will be able to resume all our work on behalf of the people.*