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Dear Friends,

As we write these few lines to you, Haiti is going through dark times.

For several weeks, the country has been plunged into an unprecedented crisis, and, in the previous newsletter, we told you about the unpredictability of the situation.

Unfortunately, since then, things have deteriorated.



The protest movements grew. Across the country, barricades are being erected every day to protest the high cost of living, against the scarcity of fuel and for political change. Crowds gather in the streets to demonstrate.

In several places, including in our city, scenes of looting have been observed, people going so far as to break the gates of large warehouses to recover food.

Traveling has become dangerous and almost impossible. Schools in the country have not yet reopened and no one knows when the conditions will be met for this to be possible.

Finally, in Port au Prince, due to the deterioration of drinking water supply conditions, the shadow of cholera hovers again, threatening the whole country.

Thus, to preserve the safety of our teams and equipment, the decision was made to temporarily stop our activities.

While we may feel helpless, we put everything in the hands of God who can do everything.

Although the circumstances are different, the story of Job is for

us a precious encouragement; it reminds us that we can entrust our hope for a better tomorrow for Haiti to Almighty God.

We must be ready to start again as soon as the situation is more stable. The needs at that time will be even more numerous than before. We are counting on you for this; your support is essential. Pray also with us, that the Lord will bring lasting change to this country, peace, and justice, and that He will continue to make us tools to make known the life-changing love of Christ.

We want to share with you some specific prayer requests:

- 1) For the many children in the country of Haiti who can't go to school and must stay home without food and even drinking water.
- 2) For the stress of the people due to the cholera breakout, who have no access to a hospital because of roadblocks or lack of fuel.
- 3) Let's pray and hope with the inspiration of Psalm 121 to see a revival in Haiti at the end where the blind will see, the lame will work, the sick will be healed and the good news of the Kingdom of God will be preached and fill the hearts, the souls, and the mouths of all the Haitian people.

Heartbeats From the Field: Junel Dorléan

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

A. I live in the neighborhood, and one day, in 2011, I saw Pastor Beaulière on the site, and I started a conversation with him. I think it is God who allowed this meeting then. Immediately after, I started some work on the Cayes site which was under construction. I believe that I was the one who gave the first shovel dig in preparation to make the block wall!

I have been a full-time employee since 2013; a lot of positive changes appeared over the years. I can see that everyone feels comfortable with everyone else; nobody is stressed about coming to work, but everyone comes with joy in their heart. Management is always practiced that shows respect to employees.

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



A. Giving access to water is a way to give access to life and to bring hope where there was none.

Water for Life is also a kind of school for everyone who works here because we learn a lot, technically, and how to have better relationships.

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

A. My participation is to be a support for all the people who are on the field by helping in the shop (cleaning, repair and making sure that everything is set up). I feel proud of my contribution, and I always try to do my best.

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

A. I can see the change from my life before Water For Life. First, I was able to improve the living conditions for my family and me. In addition, my experience here has impacted my relationships with my family and other people in general. They certainly have improved.

I hope that God allows Water For Life to always exist in the future, to bring its blessing to even more places.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! It is such a blessing to have so many friends who love the Lord! I think also of the many people who are hurting and do not know the Lord as their Savior. They have not experienced the freedom that Jesus came to give them. Just think—He came as God made flesh, to pay the penalty for our sins that we so richly deserve, by dying in our place! And why? So that we can experience forgiveness, eternal life, freedom, joy, peace, and His unconditional love!

Presently here in Iowa, harvest is in full swing; I even heard some are already finished. What a sight that is! Watching combined

corn and beans being poured into wagons or trucks makes me feel richly blessed to live in this rural community, knowing there have been many prayers raised to God for rain during the dry summer, and seeing how God has sent enough rain to bring about this harvest. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year to be reminded of the goodness of God, His faithfulness, His loving kindness. Yes, we should always be thankful! God IS good, all the time. But seeing the harvest in progress just makes God's faithfulness and goodness all the more real.

In the midst of Thanksgiving, I have to turn my heart and mind to our loved ones in Haiti; the conditions are becoming absolutely horrendous, with food becoming scarce, fuel almost non-existent and therefore over the top in price. As a result, very few vehicles are on the roads. One of the newer problems in the capital, Port-au-Prince, is the re-emergence of cholera after three years of it not being a problem. Companies there that had sold purified water no longer can do so since they don't have fuel to run their generators. But—we still believe that God is in control. Let's continue to keep our eyes on Jesus! Please pray with us for Haiti!!!

When we look around us, all over the world there is so much trouble, so much anger and hatred, so much death. And I see how the people of Haiti are desperate for a change, and in need of food and water to keep going. Places of business are being broken into and looted and destroyed. I need to keep remembering that the work of Water For Life is not mine or ours but the Lord's.

So we keep praying that things will get resolved, and our teams can get back out there and be a blessing to many people. There are many villages waiting for us to come and drill or fix their pump so they can have good clean water to drink. The way it is right now, they'll have to wait some more, till it's possible we can start up our work again and get back to serving the people. So we'll keep in prayer. The only thing we can keep doing for our 70 employees, between the school and our other teams, is to continue to pay their salaries; to do otherwise would be cruel indeed. It is such a blessing to hear from you saying you're praying. Thank you so much!!! So let's stay in touch. If the Lord leads you to share in this Thanksgiving time, it would be a blessing. God knows; He has always been so faithful all these years, and I don't think He will stop now. God bless you all; have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

~Leon

— September 2022 Statistics —

Wells Drilled/New Pumps: 0

Hand Pumps Repaired: 12

People Served: approximately 4,200

WFL School Meals Served: 0 (not open)

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