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A Lighthouse in the Night for the Children

Due to the difficulties of the last months, the start of the school year was delayed for most Haitian schoolchildren. Instead of starting again in early September as they should have, some schools were never able to reopen, and many others had a two or three-month delay.

For the thousands of young Haitians who have access to it, school is a source of hope, a lighthouse in their difficult lives.

This is certainly true for the students of the Divine Help School. Thank God, the school was able to reopen in early December 2022. We work to ensure that the school meets two criteria: the transmission of the values of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the establishment of quality teaching.

To launch the school year and rekindle hope in the children's lives, we organized a small event where each child could praise the Lord, play, laugh, and eat a little snack. 😊



Dear donors, we want to share with you the joy of these children, which fuels our perseverance and confirms to us that these are works that please the Lord.



In addition, we share with you some pictures of an area called Lestage, in a rural setting.

We drilled a well there a few weeks ago, and we have noticed that this new well is not only a blessing for the whole community, but that it is definitely changing the lives of the children in the area.

In the past, they had to walk a great distance to find water and bring it home. Now the new well in their neighborhood allows them to be on time for school and spend more time studying. What a cause for joy and gratitude!



Heartbeats from the Field: Mark-Eli Emerson

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

A. I started with being a substitute person at the gate reception at the office of Water For Life. Then in November 2018, I had the opportunity to have a full-time reception position. In 2022 I was offered the opportunity to train to be a driller's assistant. I was really happy to have this opportunity and I answered with a big yes!

As an assistant driller, I participate in the mission to help people have water, essential to their lives. I believe that God helps me and I pray that He allows us to always find water for those who need it.



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

A. Water For Life spreads the gospel of Christ through its actions in providing water and healthcare. These are testimonies of God's goodness.

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

A. I am always available and enthusiastic in all the tasks entrusted to me, even if they are not directly related to drilling. I think you should always serve with joy.

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

A. Water For Life has taught me to work as a team member and to respect everyone. It has helped me a lot in my relationships with others in general. I have also acquired a lot of skills and knowledge.

I hope that Water For Life can always carry out its mission of helping the population. And I hope that I can always have the opportunity to help and serve in this beautiful ministry.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! It is so wonderful that we can testify to the goodness of God. Even in the difficult times in our lives, it is always good to testify to the kindness and blessings of God. When we stop to think of what Jesus did for us, in dying in our place, giving His life so we can be free from all our sins, we are so thankful for this demonstration of true Love!! I love these verses in Psalm 116: 7-9 (NIV)—

— 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.

*“7Return to your rest, my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.
8For you, Lord, have delivered me from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling,
9that I may walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.”*

May our souls be at rest as we live that out each day! Our hope is in the One who gave us life and a future, Eternal Life.

That is what I see in our brothers and sisters in Haiti. As they are going through so many difficult things in their lives, they keep their hope in Jesus. Costs have really gotten out of hand—food, trucking, everything! I don't know how people can make it. The country of Haiti is in big trouble, but the people of the country can do nothing about it to cause change for the better. So they just keep trying to live each day with not too much hope for a better tomorrow. That is why I am so thankful that Water For Life can once again go out and meet some of their needs, by the grace of God. We pray that roads in our area remain open and that we can continue to receive fuel and other supplies. It is difficult to get supplies out of customs even after we have completed the process, because of gangs who control the roads near Port au Prince. We presently have two containers we are working to get out of customs. We're told that containers being pulled by semi tractors can be ferried around the gangs, but they are charging a big price for that too! We're between a rock and a hard place; the people are in desperate need.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers! It is not easy to work in Haiti. It never was, but it's harder than ever these days, and costs more money. 😞 We are so thankful for each of you who pray and also for your financial donations. So let's keep our eyes on Jesus; we know He is faithful to supply our needs!

~Leon



December 2022 — Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 7
Hand Pumps Installed: 9
People Served: approximately 3,150
Hand Pumps Repaired: 90
People Served: approximately 31,500
Mobile Clinic Outreach: Clinic Closed for Safety