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The Light of Hope

A new year begins. Although the circumstances of the past few months have presented us with many challenges in Haiti, we wish for this month of January 2023 to speak of *Hope*.



This hope attests to us that God loves all humans, wherever they are, and here in Haiti, too.

This hope also tells us that God wants everyone to know Him and be saved.

This hope encourages us to persevere and bless those who are in need or suffering.

Despite the difficult situation of the past few months, we have good news! We were able to resume our activities. The Divine Help School was finally able to re-open its doors and the drilling projects resumed. All recipients are so grateful for these blessings!

The situation remains degraded and volatile in Haiti, and we know that the road will be long toward a lasting improvement. However, we take this quieter moment as Divine encouragement, for us, the Water For Life team, and for you, dear donors.

We pray that our Lord will fill YOU with hope for this New Year because He is powerful and faithful to act in all situations. Thank you for your prayers and donations, and we hope that we can count on you again this year.

Life Learning Center Activities with Kids

We all know that the education of children must begin at an early age, and unfortunately this right is not granted to everyone, especially in Haiti. This is what motivates us at the Center (ANN APRANN VIV ANSANM/ LIFE LEARNING CENTER), and this is what prompted us to organize an activity in December, in our community of Charrier (the community close to WFL's campus), with children from 6 - 18 years old. This kind of activity is a way to train children and allow them to flourish in peace, joy and love.

In a country like Haiti where everything is stressful, it is so beautiful seeing children having a joyful time at the Center, and learning what it means to live in brotherhood and unity while respecting the values of Christ. That is the reason why we offer the children this opportunity. It prepares them to take their place in their family and in the society.



At the Center we offer several activities:

1. Spiritual activities, which allow children to learn the scriptures of the Bible while singing and dancing with great wisdom, discipline and love.
2. Manual activities, which are an asset for children, because they develop new skills that will be useful to them in life.
3. Cultural activities, which allow them to flourish, to know themselves and to learn good values.

Of course, we are aware that these activities can only transmit a small part of necessary education to these children, who also





need appropriate daily input from their family and community. But we contribute to positively influence their character through their natural adaptability and learning abilities and thus support them to have the right foundations in life, through a more balanced childhood.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings again to you, our wonderful friends! We are so excited about this New Year ahead of us; remember what the angels told the shepherds in the Christmas story? Fear not; I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. And it was Jesus! Jesus is the Good News, so we don't want ever to be afraid; He is the Good News, and we need to share Him with all the world! Let's focus on Jesus and not all the troubles all over the world. Focusing on Him certainly teaches us to think of others and pray earnestly for them.

Praise the Lord, as I am writing this, we are back to serving the people of Haiti. The roads in our area are open, and we were able to buy some fuel. So our teams are able to be repairing pumps, drilling, and our school is open! Such a big praise to God! Thank you for your prayers and support through all this time of uncertainty. This is not to say that problems are now past; to the contrary, things in Port au Prince remain as bad as ever, with gangs controlling over half the city.

We are told these words of Jesus in John 16:33, *"In this world you will have trouble, but take heart; I have overcome the*

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world." These are really comforting words, because *"greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world."* (1 John 4:4) It seems always easier to see and to talk about trouble, but if we look more closely we can always find things to be thankful for. We need to remember that if God is for us, who can be against us? So be encouraged and keep pressing on. We're told in Galatians 6:9—*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

As we all work as unto the Lord we won't get burned out because we are doing so by His strength and not ours. When I feel tired or burned out, most of the time I come to see I am working in my own strength and not resting in Jesus. So—we keep growing and learning to REST in Him. That's a big thing—learn to rest in His peace and joy.

You might enjoy studying what it means to REST in Jesus. He came to give us rest and Life. When we take HIS yoke upon us, becoming yoked with Him, He bears the load and makes our burdens light and gives us rest for our souls. Praise the Lord!

I cannot say it enough—*Thank You for your prayers and financial support.* When you listen to the Holy Spirit telling you to pray for us and for the people of Haiti, we believe it makes a difference!

So let's press on in this New Year with His joy and peace.

God bless all of you!

~Leon

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People Served: approximately 350
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People Served: approximately 20,300

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