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From Drought to Flooding

Dear friends, in the last newsletters, we mentioned the drought that had been raging in Haiti since December 2022.

However, on June 1, 2023, we entered the annual hurricane season that will last for the next six months. The very next day, rain began to fall across the country. At first, everyone



was happy, especially the farmers, some of whose crops had been lost due to the lack of rain. But then the rain didn't stop, and we even had the first tropical storm of the season.

Thank God it was not a very violent storm, but many places were flooded in the cities and countryside. This moment reminds us of the Lord's promise to the people of Israel through the prophet Isaiah:

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." Isaiah 43:2a (NIV)

Despite all the difficulties that the Haitian people have to face, even if the problems still seem to be there, the Lord has not abandoned them.

Despite the rain, the drilling teams have been able to continue drilling and the students of the Divine Help School were able to continue going to school.

The Haitian people are still there, the actions of Water For Life continue, and through all the difficulties we give glory to God for His faithfulness.

New Well in Laval Community

Do you remember Madame François?

We presented her to you in the March 2023 newsletter. At that time, we had met her on her way to a prayer meeting in a neighborhood near hers, while we were drilling a well.

She had told us how much she prayed that Water For Life could one day come to her community too.

That day has arrived! Thanks to your donations, we were able to drill a new community well in the area where Madame François lives. It has changed the life of the community.



Unfortunately, we were not able to meet her again yet because she is in the hospital with health problems. But we had the opportunity to talk with her neighbors. In her name and in theirs, **they thank you!**



May the Lord bless you for making this possible. May we together keep on blessing people in the Lord's name.

Heartbeats from the Field: Alfred Brismar

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

A: I first started as a daily repair technician in 2004 in Paswadòm. At the time, it was Leon who hired me! And then I became a full-time employee. Since 2004 I have been a repair technician and assistant driller, and since 2011 I have been in charge of the pump repair and installation team in Paswadòm.

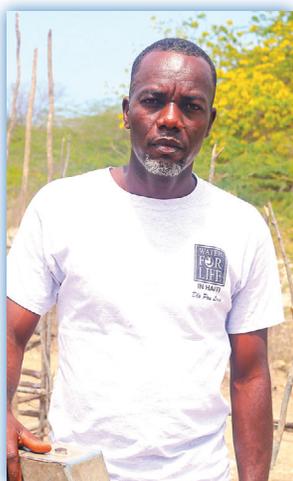
Q: How do you understand and appreciate the mission of Water For Life?

A: The main mission is to provide access to water to people in great need. It is a great and beautiful mission. The school is also important and has become a reference in the region.

I find that everything works well to achieve this mission.

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

A: I love my job—it allows me to meet people, to talk to them, to explain to them what the mission of Water For Life is, and to show them the love of Christ. I am always ready to give my time to accomplish this mission.



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

A: First, it gives me the opportunity to have a steady income to support my close and extended family. I also learned a lot about human relationships, whether with other members of Water For Life but also with people from the population that I meet every day. I feel happy to be useful to others. I pray to give all things to God, and that He allows this mission to continue for many years.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings again to all our faithful friends! Thank you so much for your prayers. It is wonderful to receive so many letters encouraging us and telling us you are praying, because praying to our Heavenly Father is the best thing we can do. We need to remember that God loves us so much, and the main way we can see that is in the way He gave His only Son to die in our place to redeem us from our sins and from the power of sin. That, brothers and sisters, is Love! Let us always remember what Isaiah 54:10 tells us—

*“Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor My covenant of peace be removed,
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”* (NIV)

He loves us and will give us His peace.

I have been thinking a lot about how we didn't have a choice as to where we were born or the community we were born into, and how different it would be for many of us had we been born in Haiti or a war-torn country. Also how blessed I personally have been to have had a good mom and dad who loved me and cared for me. And the wonderful extended family like my uncles, aunts, and cousins! I have been blessed beyond measure! But I think that as I have been blessed, now I can be a blessing to many who might not have had parents who loved them and provided a place of peace and structure for them to grow up in. We didn't choose where we were born! So let's always be in prayer, asking God how we can be a blessing to others who've not had such blessings in their lives. Spend some time and just thank the Lord for His goodness to you.

No matter what kind of family we have been born into, we can be sure that God has a plan for each of us, because God doesn't make mistakes. Let's remember that God IS still in control. He told His disciples, *“I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come*

again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14:2-3 KJV) I think that is what He is doing still...preparing a place for you and me.

Stay in prayer that we can be a blessing one to another! God is doing a work—His work—in each of our lives.

Thank you again so much for your prayers and financial support!

Please pray, pray, pray. Times are tough! Just this morning another earthquake happened in Haiti, affecting the area we work in.

~Leon

Indiana Golf Benefit First Place Team



We had a wonderful time and raised funds for the people of Haiti!

ATTENTION IOWA GOLFERS!



Mark your calendars and sign up for our Water For Life annual golf benefit in Kalona, on **August 11, 2023!!** Have an enjoyable day AND benefit many people in Haiti! Once again, there will be both morning and afternoon slots, so if you have a preference, make sure to make it known!

— May 2023 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8
Hand Pumps Installed: 1
People Served: approximately 350
Hand Pumps Repaired: 75
People Served: approximately 26,250
WFL School Meals Served: 9,609

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