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Let's Persevere!

At Water For Life, when we pray to the Lord, we ask for the end of insecurity in Haiti, for the development of the country, for the improvement of the living conditions of Haitians, and we pray that the deep and sincere love of our Lord Jesus Christ would invade hearts.

We pray that through its activities, Water For Life can contribute to this. And we are convinced that your prayers join ours in this sense.

When the entire country of Haiti goes through difficulties, we are saddened. Gangs are still claiming more victims in Port-au-Prince and in recent weeks, protest movements have appeared in all provinces.

Barricades in the streets prevent traffic, and we are witnessing acts of violence almost everywhere. But if we are sad, we do not get discouraged.

This is an opportunity for us to remember that during the four decades of Water For Life's existence in Haiti, many misfortunes have hit the country. And our actions take on more meaning every day. Our perseverance in Haiti, and yours through your support, are powerful testimonies.



Water For Life continues to provide access to water, education and healthcare to those who suffer every day in Haiti. We continue with perseverance and with the conviction that this is what God calls us to do.

Please continue to pray for Water For Life, send your donations, and tell your loved ones about us. Continue with us to make a difference here!

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." (NIV)

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New Wells for Two Communities

As mentioned in the previous article, the socio-political situation has become more tense than ever in recent weeks, and



violent protest movements forced us to be cautious in our actions on the ground. But as soon as the situation became more favorable, our teams went into the field to finalize two new community wells near the city of Les Cayes.

In Bourdet and Pèlerin it was with joy, enthusiasm, and gratitude that the inhabitants received us when we went to



remind them that these newly drilled wells were donations in the name of Jesus, financed by generous donors who, even though they were far away, thought of them. Even though the wells had only been operational for a few hours, everyone was there with buckets and cans to finally collect the vital water.

Heartbeats From the Field: Troy Miller

- Q. When did your story with Water For Life begin?
- A. In the early 80's, my grandfather started Water For Life. So I grew up hearing about this work. Several times, when there were family gatherings, it was mentioned that if WFL could find a permanent driller in Haiti, it would be great to develop more drilling activities.

After I finished high school, I started working for a



company who specialized in drilling wells in the USA. Ten years later, I had the conviction in my heart to come participate in the work of Water For Life in Haiti; I would say that was a divine call.

Most likely, it took so long before I made the decision because I had the feeling that it could be the call of a lifetime and that once in Haiti, I would be at the work for a long time. It actually turned out to be true, as I arrived in 2007 and am still here!

I realize that my job in the drilling company in the United States was the preparation that God had planned for me for this mission in Haiti. I also realize how important it could have been for my grandfather to see that his grandson is participating in the work he started.

- Q. How do you understand and appreciate the mission of Water For Life?
- A. Water for Life's mission is to give access to drinking water to communities that need it. We do our best to meet this task.
- Q. How do you understand your participation in this mission?
- A. My participation in this mission gives me the opportunity to fulfill God's calling on my life and to put what He has given me to work and to serve Him.
- Q. What impact has this mission had in your life?
- A. My working in WFL opened me to help and serve others. I understood that we are all different and yet need to love each other.

— January 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 0

Hand Pumps Installed: 4

People Served: approximately 1,400

Hand Pumps Repaired: 34

People Served: approximately 11,900

D.H. School Meals Served: 5,705

From Leon's Desk

Greetings to each of you as our wonderful friends! I thank God for each of you as we all continue to press on into what God has called us. This verse keeps coming to my mind—2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (KJV) As we keep seeing problems in Haiti, we don't want to keep dwelling on the violence, the evil, the unrest, but rather on Jesus. So we don't fear, but we do ask for God's wisdom as we continue to show God's love by serving people. And we do long for the time when once again there will be peace in the country.

Thank you so much for your prayers for Water For Life and for the country of Haiti. Keep praying that people will come to a knowledge of our Savior as they realize what Jesus did for them, in their place, and find forgiveness and freedom.

We are so thankful for our teams as they who leave fear aside and do the work that is before them.

Please stay in prayer for the Divine Help School, that teachers will be able to get to school safely so classes can be held regularly. Pray that all the teachers and staff can demonstrate God's love to the children. The school is such a good place to do exactly that! I keep praying that they may know how much God loves them and wants to be their Lord and Savior.

Also in our Life Learning Center, our team has such a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with those students! When we teach God's Word and share His love in a tangible way, we can count on God to do the rest. We want to always be His servants in whatever way He asks us.

Please keep on praying for the safety of our teams. They need God's protection every day. The price of even very basic food keeps on going up, and lack of availability of food is another huge problem. Truckers cannot get past the gangs in control of parts of the road closest to Port au Prince, which is the main reason for the food shortage in the country. In addition, our container is still in customs.

Again, we don't want to dwell on these problems, but they are a sad reality. We report them so you know better how to be in prayer for the people of Haiti and can understand how difficult it is to work and move around.

You all have been such a blessing! Do keep on praying, and I know that God will supply all our needs, just as He has been doing for these many years.

God bless you all. Let's stay in touch.

~Leon

