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# **NEWSLETTER**

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### General Information on Haiti

Dear friends,

We would like to give you some news regarding the general situation in Haiti. Instability remains, but several things have changed in recent weeks:

- The country has a new provisional government, responsible for restoring security and organizing the country's next democratic elections.
- The first soldiers (200) from Kenya as part of the foreign multinational peacekeeping force have arrived in Port-au-Prince. The fight against the gangs which are bringing the capital to its knees is the announced priority.

The population is suffering a lot and in recent days, the gangs have been very active.

We truly pray that God will inspire the new leaders to bring about positive change in the country.

Another topic we want you to prayerfully consider is the hurricane season. This season is predicted to be intense by specialists and will last until the end of October. This is a time of great concern because the population is already very fragile. We pray with the great assurance that nothing escapes our God. Will you join us in prayers for those topics?

# Testimonies of Recognition

Last month, we told you of three villages in Maniche who had recently benefitted from wells being drilled. This month we have the great opportunity to present two testimonials from people in this area:

Hello! My name is **Marie Denise Jeunelorme**. I live in Robert, a rural zone of Maniche.

Before we benefited from this well, we used to go through many difficulties to find small water spots; sometimes we had to go very far away to find some. We went through many vicissitudes before we found a very small amount of water. We can say that today, thanks to WATER FOR LIFE, we finally have a well, and it is a great gift. I thank all the staff that ensured the follow up and the drilling and everyone who contributed. God will not fail to bless you. Thank you!



Hello everyone! My name is Marie Belouse Desrivieres, I live in Léo in the rural zone of Maniche. It was with great difficulty that I found a little water to drink and to wash, bathe, and cook... I used to walk more than 30 minutes to get water from a pump in another locality of Massan. And then it was up to us to carry the water with the help of a donkey, because the road is not good at all. It is a salvation for me to have this new well closer to us, in our area. Now I find all the water necessary for all my needs and the needs of my family.

I would like to say a big thank you to WATER FOR LIFE and everyone who contributed to our being able to benefit from this well. Thank you, thank you, thank you! May God bless us even more.





# New School Year Coming!

After exam sessions and vacations, the next school year is fast approaching! This year again we need your support and participation for very specific needs:

- Children's books
- Teaching materials (pens, erasers, etc.)
- Repairs to be made at school

If you would like to contribute to helping us prepare for the start of the next school year, you are welcome to contact us!

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### From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to our friends! It's amazing that we have passed the half-way mark for 2024 already! And before we know it, it will be fall and school again!

I am praying that you have been experiencing the goodness of God, even in the midst of great difficulty! Whatever we are facing, by faith we can know that He loves us. Even amid great loss or suffering, let's not forget that! By faith, we can trust that He will work all things for our ultimate good, even when we cannot understand His ways at this time. As we hold tightly to Him, please know that He is holding US in the palm of His strong hands, and He won't let go! As we repent and surrender our lives to Him and trust Him, He will empower us so we can go on, praising Him.

I think Philippians 4:4-7 is so important to remember: He tells us to always rejoice in Him. Don't be anxious about anything. Pray, making our requests known to Him, making sure to thank Him for His answers. And God's supernatural peace that passes our human understanding will give us His peace.

So, let's stay focused on Him. This is what we pray for our Haitian friends and team—to keep focused on Jesus and let Him use them to share His love wherever they go!

In Pennsylvania, another container was loaded with supplies, mostly for drilling, plus truck tires. Things that are heavy and bulky. We thank God for supplying—through you!—the needed funds to purchase these items. We could not get everything that had been ordered onto one container, so we are making plans for another container to be shipped soon! These are things we cannot purchase in Haiti. It takes a lot of money to purchase, ship, and get containers out of customs.

Because of an increase in our costs, we have had to raise the level of a donation for a well, including a handpump, to \$7,500 now. I guess with prices going up everywhere else you can understand that we have had many cost increases too.

As I look back over the years, God has used you to keep the supplies coming into Haiti for His glory and the good of the Haitian people. Thank you so much for your faithfulness! And thank you for your letters and notes of encouragement telling us you are praying for Haiti and for the work.

We are thankful that together we can be a part of Kingdom-building.

#### ~Leon

## — June 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8

Hand Pumps Installed: 4

People Served: approximately 1,400

Hand Pumps Repaired: 100

People Served: approximately 35,000!!

D.H. School Meals Served: 2,200



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