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Give Me This Water

Dear friends,

Let us go through these few lines from the Bible:

¹⁵"The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not thirst and come here to draw.'" John 4:15 (NIV)

This verse is taken from the famous story of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman. She had come to draw water from a well. We know from history that this well was deep and that it was a thousand-year-old heritage.

I can't help but think that today, in 2025, the lives of Haitian people are similar to those of this woman. They must do the hard work of going to supply the house with water. In addition to the journey on steep paths, they must fill their containers where they can, with often impure water. Sometimes men, often women and children.

So, having a well near their home, a well where the pumping system ensures clean water, is a major blessing.

With each well drilled, we improve the living conditions of entire families, and we bear witness to the love of Christ. Thus, people who do not yet know Him can turn to the One who gives the water of life, as Christ said to the Samaritan woman, *"the water that I will give them will become in them a spring of water springing up to eternal life."* John 4:14 (NIV).

We are grateful to find in the word of God verses that inspire



us and motivate us to continue the work undertaken by Water For Life.

Our wells are not yet a thousand years old, but more than 40 years after being drilled, many of them continue to bless generations.

Let us continue together, dear friends, to bless the most destitute in Haiti and thus spread the love of God.

Celebrating the Arrival of Our Containers

After a long wait (nearly four months), we finally received the two containers we needed for our drilling and pump installations! It was a long process to be able to clear customs and receive them at the compound 103 km (64 miles) from the Port au Prince port.

The relief and happiness in the air were almost tangible. Everyone had been looking forward to this moment for what felt like forever. And seeing those containers arrive felt like a big blessing.

The best part of this whole experience was the amazing team we have at our side. Everyone was so motivated and ready to work together to unload them. It wasn't just about the cargo; it was about our shared efforts and determination. We would not have made it without the support we received from everyone, near and far.

A huge thank you to everyone who kept us in their thoughts and prayers during the wait. Your support means the world to us. Now that we have what we need, we can keep on serving communities. It's heartwarming to know that so many people care for underserved Haitian communities. Every single thought and prayer were like a little light shining through. Thank you once again for being such a vital part of our journey!

Heartbeats From the Field: Amitès Dieujuste, Pump Repair

When did your story with Water For Life begin?

I am one of the old timers. At the time I met the first WFL missionaries, I was a schoolteacher. Then, in the beginning of my employment at WFL, I was a "yard boy" in Paswadòm, in the rural Aquin area. After that I transferred to the workshop



to do mechanics; I repaired pumps and did ironwork, and finally I joined the repair and installation team where I am still today.

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

WFL is an organization that is here to help people. Not to take but to give and bring life and life in Christ too.

Water For Life, also transmits living together and the love of God through its actions.

How do you understand your participation in this mission?

I don't consider myself working for Water For Life; I really see everything the organization does as a testimony of Christ, and so I am part of it. What I do is a field activity that can be tiring, but going to install pumps and having daily contact with the population, I no longer think about the fatigue, I just think that it can save people and save souls.

What impact has this mission had on your life?

I have learned to love my neighbor better, to communicate, to forgive and to solve problems with the example of Christ.

I hope that the action of WFL will continue and persevere to bless as many people as possible, despite the difficulties of the country, that we will all take the courage to continue this good work.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! It's what Jesus did for us that makes it possible for us to be friends and even brothers and sisters in the Lord. It is only because Jesus loved us and died in our place and rose again that we can find His forgiveness and joy to forgive and love one another. As we understand better and better what all He did for us, we can grasp His love and share it with others. That is why I like this verse in Isaiah 63:7 (NIV), which tells us, ***"I will tell of the kindnesses***

of the Lord, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, the many good things He has done for [us], according to His compassion and many kindnesses." I pray that the eyes of my heart will be enlightened to understand more and more of His kindness and love for me and the world. His love is why we have the desire to serve others, like you are doing for the Haitian people. You don't know how many people you are helping, but God does, and that is Who we ultimately are doing it for. I thank God that the kindness of the Lord is flowing through you as you pray and financially bless the people of Haiti. This little country is in so much turmoil. I don't like to dwell on all the troubles in and around Port au Prince, but they are a sad reality.

As you have already read, we are praising the Lord for the safe arrival of our two containers! It seemed almost like a miracle! They were not able to drive them out of Port au Prince due to gang presence, so they were both put on a ferry to get around that area. They landed in Miragoâne and continued by road to Les Cayes. So many things could have gone wrong, but they didn't! I know many of you have been praying, and we thank you so much! Just keep praying that as our teams work in local communities that the love of Jesus flows through them and they continue to share His kindness everywhere. Now, we can once again install pumps in the new wells that were drilled in the past several months and repair the pumps that needed galvanized pipe! In the past 2-3 months' statistics, you'll notice no new pumps installed; that was why.

We also were able to purchase a load of diesel fuel that got to our place. We had been almost completely out. Buying in large quantities, we can get it for a little better price than at the pump. Still, it came out to \$6.15 per gallon for the fuel, and gasoline is higher yet! It costs such as that which we are up against as we continue to do the work God has called us to do. The troubles in Haiti make all costs high...food, anything and everything. We really need your help in this time. We are so thankful that our teams have been kept safe as they go out and work in our area. You all are being used by God, so together we can keep helping people to stay alive, even to thrive, by providing good water to drink. Thank you so much for helping in this critical time. Please keep on praying for safety for our teams. Thanks so much for your prayers and support.

~Leon

— January 2025 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 5
Hand Pumps Installed: 0
Hand Pumps Repaired: 55
People Served: approximately 19,250
D.H. School Meals Served: 6,679

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