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Your Impact, Their Future: Education Feedback

Opportunities Without Borders

In September 2024, Life Learning Center launched *Opportunities Without Borders (OWB)*, a bold initiative aimed at equipping young people and adults with practical skills in technology and language. The program was born from a simple



but urgent truth: many high school graduates in Haiti lack the financial means to pursue university or vocational training. By offering accessible education, *OWB* opens doors to employment and personal growth, empowering learners to build a future beyond traditional barriers.

Since the launch of *OWB*, we have witnessed a growing wave of enthusiasm and hope. More people are joining our initiative, eager to learn and to grow. What began as a simple idea has become a vibrant movement, one that proves that when opportunity meets determination, borders disappear. Today, three classes: beginner, intermediate, and advanced are running successfully. Around thirty students are part of this journey of discovery, each one learning not only new skills but also the confidence to dream bigger.

Life Learning Center & Divine Help School

This academic year has been filled with encouraging results and renewed motivation.

At *Life Learning Center*, the 9th grade students we have tutored achieved an exceptional **100% success rate** in the national exams. Their dedication and discipline shine as a true example of what commitment can achieve.



At *Divine Help School*, 26 out of 27 students passed their 9th grade exams, an outstanding **96.3% success rate**. In High School (12th grade), 18 out of 21 students succeeded, giving us **85.7%**, a reflection of perseverance and hard work. These results are more than numbers. They tell stories of effort, resilience, and faith from students who keep pushing forward, from teachers who never give up, and from families who believe in the power of education.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors. Your continued support lights up the way for every learner who dares to believe in a better future. From all of us, thank you for your faith, your kindness, and your commitment to being instruments of God's love in changing lives.

Heartbeats From the Field: Linda Adams

This month, we are pleased to have our secretary here in Iowa share a little of her story! Linda replaced Sara in our office this past spring. She has lived in various places over the years, including two years in Nicaragua under her church conference's mission board; a year and a half in China, teaching English to

university students; and more recently, in Tijuana, Mexico, for a number of years. We're so glad to welcome her back to this area, where she grew up!

Linda shares, "Several months ago, I was asking the Lord about accepting a position in the U.S. Water For Life office. He answered with six simple words, 'I love my people in Haiti.'" My immediate response was, "Oh, yes, Lord! I want to love Your people also." I have not regretted saying 'yes' to Him and to my first cousin, Leon, who gave me this opportunity.

I have always enjoyed office work and balancing bank accounts to the exact penny. I also enjoy interacting with my Jesus-loving, Spirit-filled coworkers, and there are many times a week where we praise the Lord together for all the precious donors who give so generously. They are a true inspiration to me.

Since I am actually a teacher by occupation, one of my favorite parts of this job is getting to see pictures of the students at the Divine Help School in Haiti and getting to pray for them by name. (By the way, there are many students who are still waiting to be matched with sponsors.)

Recently, God has been prompting me that prayer is a big part of my role here—not just for the students, but for all aspects of this mission. There is a large, quilted map of Haiti hanging on the wall across from my desk. It reminds me to pause regularly and pray for the safety of those who drill wells, for wisdom for the personnel of the school, for the mobile medical clinics, and for the visionary board members, etc.

I count it a true privilege to be a small part of God's bigger purpose of sharing His love and truth in Haiti via Water For Life!"



board has been looking for someone who can help us to meet our financial commitments and make it possible for us to reach out further. In answer to our prayers, God has brought James O'Dell to us. I am excited to have you meet him!

Below is a message of introduction from James.

He states, "I'm honored to join Water for Life Haiti as the new Development Director. For more than 20 years, I've served in church and nonprofit ministry—both as a minister and as a development director—helping connect people's passion for service with meaningful impact. My wife, Nikki, who is a counselor, and I live in Alabama with our two children—Lainey, a student at Samford University, and Cooper, a high school freshman.

Our family is grateful to be part of a mission that brings clean water and lasting hope to the people of Haiti. As I step into this role, I'm eager to connect with our supporters and friends who make this work possible. If you'd like to learn more about how your generosity is transforming lives—or explore new ways to get involved—please don't hesitate to reach out. I'd love to hear from you and share how, together, we can deepen the impact of Water for Life Haiti."

Join me in welcoming him! I've asked James to begin reaching out to you as he gets to know recent and long-time WFL supporters.

Your prayers and support sustain our teams on the ground and keep the mission moving forward. Together, we are showing that even in turmoil, God's love and provision do not stop flowing. And by faith we believe God's love and provision will continue to flow.



~Leon

From Leon's Desk

Greetings as always to our wonderful friends!

There is so much to be thankful for in this Thanksgiving season. When I look back in this year, I see how God has been our Provider in all circumstances. Our God is amazing! He is good all the time; all the time He is good

Despite all the problems everywhere we look in Haiti, there are also things to praise God for! There are doors opening for us to reach more villages and areas of Haiti, to expand our reach. Our

— September 2025 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 2
Hand Pumps Installed: 3
People Served: approximately 1,050
Hand Pumps Repaired: 10
People Served: approximately 3,500

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