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Healthcare Outreach Report

Maniche, June 27–28, 2025

On June 27–28, Water for Life, joined by committed volunteers, conducted a vital healthcare outreach in the community of Maniche—a region where access to medical services is nearly nonexistent. With no local health center, residents are forced to travel long distances to reach care, often incurring



significant transportation costs. Many must wait until the following day to be seen, with no place to stay overnight. In this context of urgent need, the outreach provided essential services to 598 individuals, including dental care, sonography for pregnant women, primary consultations, pediatric care, and cervical cancer screening with preventive treatment.

The community responded with warmth, gratitude, and visible relief. For many, it was the first time receiving care close to home. The presence of the medical team not only addressed physical needs but also brought emotional comfort and renewed hope. Patients were welcomed with dignity and compassion, and each consultation was delivered with professionalism and empathy—bridging the gap between clinical excellence and heartfelt service.

This mission was guided by Water for Life's core belief: to demonstrate the love of Christ through compassionate action. Inspired by Matthew 25:40—*"whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"*—the team served with a spirit of healing and faith. The outreach strengthened community bonds, met critical health needs, and reaffirmed Water for Life's commitment to bring sustainable solutions and Christ-centered care wherever it is most needed.

The outreach in Maniche showed what's possible when compassion meets action—but the need continues. Join Water for Life in bringing Christ-centered care to communities still waiting for hope. Your prayers uplift our mission, and your donations help us reach more lives with healing and dignity.



To learn more or to contribute, please contact our office in Iowa. Together, we can continue to be the hands and feet of Christ—bringing light, love, and lasting change where it's needed most.

— Mobile Clinic Statistics —

Total People Served: 598	OB / Ultrasound: 30
Children's Care: 86	Dental Care: 125
General Medicine: 359	Cervical Cancer Screening: 105
Eye Care: 126	

A Chance to Grow: Jovanny's Story

My name is Minervta Laurent. I am 42 years old and the mother of four children, including Jovanny Antoine, who is five. We live in Lamandou, in the commune of Jacmel. I used to run a small business, but I had to stop due to lack of funds. The children's father works as a motorcycle taxi driver, but despite his efforts, his income is very low.

When Jovanny was about two years old, I noticed his vision was deteriorating rapidly. Doctors diagnosed him with cataracts, which eventually left him completely blind. We could not afford the cost of surgery. It deeply affected our lives. In Haiti, children begin learning to read in preschool, and although Jovanny is very intelligent, he couldn't read or write like his classmates.



Thanks to cataract surgery funded by Water for Life, Jovanny regained his sight. This operation changed our daily lives. Today, he can see, learn, and carry out everyday tasks independently. I sincerely thank Water for Life for this generous act that gave my son a chance to grow like any other child.

Jovanny's story is one of many in Haiti, where families struggle with poverty and limited healthcare. His sight was restored thanks to a generous donation, giving him the chance to thrive. Many others are still waiting for help—and the change begins with you. Your support brings hope and opportunity to those who need it most.

Heartbeats From the Field: Rose Judeline

Jean Marie (Mobile Clinic Nurse Volunteer)

When did your story with Water For Life begin?

In 2016, I had the opportunity to participate in a mobile clinic held in Charrier. At the time, I was working as a nurse, and I was deeply moved by the way the team delivered care. It wasn't just their clinical skill that impressed me—it was the way they worked together, the respect they showed one



another, and the kindness they extended to me, even without knowing I was a fellow nurse.

Curious and inspired, I asked one of the other volunteer nurses for more information about the organization. That moment planted a seed. Two years later, in 2018, I officially joined Water for Life as a volunteer—and that

decision has shaped my path ever since.

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

To me, the mission of Water for Life is a call to greater awareness and compassion. It reminds us to be more conscious of one another, and it reaches those in need, especially those who don't know where to turn for healthcare. Through this mission, we help save lives, but more than that, we restore dignity. We make people feel seen, valued, and reminded that they are human beings worthy of care and love. And in that moment of connection, we invite them to share that love with others too.

How do you understand your participation in this mission?

For me, participating in this mission is a way of showing people, even just a little, how Jesus lived on earth—with compassion, presence, and love. My role is to comfort them, to remind them that their life matters, and that they are not alone. In serving others, I try to reflect the grace and tenderness that Jesus showed to those who were suffering.

What impact has this mission had on your life?

This mission has had a profound impact on my life. That's why whenever Water for Life contacts me for a mobile clinic, I do everything I can to be present. Being with the team brings me joy—I truly appreciate the atmosphere, the unity, and the shared purpose. What touches me most is when Edy, the Executive Director in Haiti, offers us guidance rooted in Christ—reminding us how to live with compassion and treat others with dignity. Comforting people brings comfort to my own life. It's a source of peace, strength, and meaning that continues to shape who I am.

A Prayer of Gratitude

I pray that Water for Life continues its mission of supporting communities in need. This organization carries out remarkable work by addressing fundamental human needs, clean water, healthcare, and education—while offering something truly priceless: love.

As Haitian healthcare professionals, we believe it is our duty to organize and provide care for our brothers and sisters. Yet, we face significant challenges. We lack the resources to deliver comprehensive health coverage to remote and underserved communities.

That is why I feel a profound sense of gratitude toward the supporters of Water for Life. Your generosity and commitment help us fulfill this mission. God sees what you are doing. May His blessings be upon you.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings to our wonderful friends! *“May the God of peace sanctify you through and through; may your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one Who has called you is faithful, and He will*

do it.” I Thessalonians 5:23-24. What a wonderful blessing from the Lord, that we can pray these verses over people and with people! We certainly need God's peace in our lives.

I wish I had some really great news, telling you that the problems in Port-au-Prince are a thing of the past now, and the gangs are under control. But that is not the case yet! There continue to be many problems in that area which affect the whole country. But we do not lose hope. God is for us (and not only Water For Life!); who can be against us? We need to keep praying for Haiti. God is still in control.

We are so thankful that our staff is doing fine and is safe. It is not easy to get vehicle parts or supplies in-country due to the gangs' control of Port-au-Prince. At the moment, we are working at getting a load of PVC well casing out of customs, and also the hand pumps and parts from India. We hope soon to be able to send more supplies from the US for drilling; things like tires for the drill rigs and other trucks, plus more well drilling supplies plus some things for the school and our mobile clinic program. As I've said many times, it's costing so much more to get things out of customs due to increased duty and other fees plus the cost of shipping within the country. Please pray that we can keep on blessing more people. Many are still counting on our coming to their community so they can have good clean water.

Psalm 125:2 says, *“As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.”* We can be sure that we can rest in God's promise that He surrounds us. We believe that He is making a way, so we keep pressing on in faith.

Years ago, while we were living in Haiti, one day I took the 1-ton Dodge pickup truck to another village up in the mountains to deliver something. The road was an unimproved dirt one, so it was very rough, and I had to go slowly. Going up the mountain, all of a sudden the steering rod came loose, and the truck shot over to the ditch on the right side. But praise the Lord, it stopped before going down into the ditch. I got out to see what had caused this. I found out that a nut had come off the tie rod that controls the steering, so I couldn't steer anymore. Now what?! That nut was lost, and where would I find another nut that size? The thread on the bolt was still good. I prayed, asking God what I could do. I walked back down the road a little way looking for the nut in case it was close by. As I returned and was circling the truck, God told me, Take a nut off the wheel. What?! Could that work?? I took one off and tried it, in this emergency situation. Sure enough! That nut fit on there perfectly, and I was able to tighten it up, and off I went again, praising the Lord! That happening helped remind me that God is watching over us. Take heart, God is for us! Let's stay focused on Him. Pray that we will not become anxious about anything but always bring our cares to Him.

Thank you again so much for your prayers and support! God's blessings to each of you!

~Leon

— July 2025 Statistics —

- Wells Drilled: 11
- Hand Pumps Installed: 3
- People Served: approximately 1,050
- Hand Pumps Repaired: 37
- People Served: approximately 12,950

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