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A Sweet Season of Progress

As part of the new activities launched in **Life Learning Center** (LLC), we have introduced a beekeeping program that is already showing strong potential. Our goal is to eventually extend this training to community members so they can benefit from it as well.



For nearly two years, our beekeeping program has been growing steadily. Thanks to the dedication of our beekeepers, we have established an apiary that now consists of 35 hives. This year, we have already harvested honey twice, once in March and once in May, which is a testament to the remarkable work accomplished by our team.

One of the keys to this project's success lies in the ongoing training of our beekeepers. They regularly attend training sessions that strengthen their knowledge and skills in hive management, bee protection, and honey production. Thanks to this continuous learning, they produce high-quality work. Furthermore, our bees play an essential role in preserving our farm's environment by pollinating flowers and crops, which promotes biodiversity and contributes to the health of our ecosystem.



We express our deep gratitude to all our sponsors for your loyal support, prayers, and encouragement. The progress made over the past two years would not have been possible without God and your contribution. Together, we continue to build a sustainable project that produces tangible results for our community and our environment.

Strengthening Water Access in Les Cayes Through Partnership

Water For Life is grateful to announce a major milestone for the South Department: in partnership with **DINEPA-OREPA Sud**, our team has successfully drilled a **12-foot diameter** well to serve the population of Les Cayes. A well of this size has the potential to supply **several thousand people** with reliable access to clean water—an essential resource for health and community development. This achievement represents a significant step forward in strengthening water security for families who have long faced scarcity.



We extend heartfelt thanks to our **prayer partners and supporters**, whose generosity and intercession made this project possible. In Haiti, **DINEPA** (Direction Nationale de l'Eau Potable et de l'Assainissement) is the national authority responsible for regulating, planning, and improving access to drinking water and sanitation across the country. Through its regional branch, **OREPA Sud**, this collaboration ensures that the well meets national standards and contributes to longterm, sustainable service for the people of Les Cayes. Together, we celebrate hope, progress, and the blessing of clean water for the community.

Heartbeats From the Field

Dr Andorie S. Labonté

General Physician

When did your story with Water For Life begin?

My journey with Water for Life began in 2022, when a close friend first told me about the organization. He explained that it was an NGO highly respected in the community because its mission is rooted in sharing the love of Christ through compassionate service. His words stayed with me, and the more he spoke about the values and the impact of the organization, the more I felt drawn to be part of something meaningful.

I asked him to help me join the team, and from that moment on, I became fully involved. Since then, I have been walking alongside Water for Life, contributing to its mission and witnessing firsthand how faith, service, and dedication can



transform lives. This experience has shaped me both personally and spiritually, and it continues to inspire me every day.

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

I understand and appreciate the mission of Water for Life because it reflects the same love that Christ showed to us. Just as Christ shared His love through compassion and service, Water for Life follows that example by reaching out to people in need. Water for Life’s work touches almost every group in the community—children, families, the elderly, and the most vulnerable.

Through clean water, health support, and daily acts of kindness, Water for Life doesn’t just provide services; it shares hope. That is what makes the mission meaningful to me. It is more than a job—it is a way for Water for Life to live out Christ’s love in a practical and impactful way.

How do you understand your participation in this mission?

I participate in this mission as a physician in the clinic, and it is truly a remarkable experience. Every mobile clinic, I have the opportunity to listen to patients, understand their stories, and help them feel supported and respected. Providing care with love, patience, and without judgment is at the heart of what I do.

For me, it’s not only about treating medical conditions—it’s about offering comfort, dignity, and compassion. This is how I see my role in the mission of Water for Life: serving others with both skill and heart, in a way that reflects Christ’s love.

What impact has this mission had on your life?

This mission has made me more sensitive, more compassionate, and more aware of the needs around me. It has helped me understand something very important: I need Water for Life, and Water for Life also needs me.

Being part of this work has shaped my character and deepened my sense of purpose. It has shown me how meaningful it is to serve others with love, humility, and dedication. The mission has touched my life in a way that continues to inspire me every day.

— May 2026 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 1

Hand Pumps Installed: 2

People Served: approximately 700

Hand Pumps Repaired: 139

People Served: approximately 48,650

D.H. School Meals Served: 11,468

From Leon’s Desk

Joy and I have been doing some traveling and are so glad to be back home. I am sure many of you will be traveling this summer also. I hope and pray you won’t forget about the work in Haiti. I am very thankful for James and his contributions to Water For Life and our newsletters!

Many people in Haiti are suffering a lot. Gangs are still causing lots of problems in and surrounding Port-au-Prince. The part that makes it especially hard for us is that our containers have to go to Port-au-Prince to be unloaded off ships and go through customs there before they can be hauled to our place near Les Cayes. For various reasons, it takes literally MONTHS till we can get them out of customs. Please keep praying for Haiti, that they can get a government that will care about its people!

Our school has gone well, and for the second year in a row did not have any closures due to violence or threats, which is praise-worthy! The medical mobile clinics that we are able to sponsor from time to time have been a blessing to numerous communities. And of course, our Learning Center, focused on the youth near us, has functioned well all along.

We are in need of a replacement water tank for one of our water trucks. The truck is OK, but the tank is in poor condition, leaking and getting fixed as good as we can many times over. A company near Indianapolis, Indiana, makes water tanks, so we are looking into having them fabricate one for us.

We are so thankful for each of you who keep praying for Water For Life and the work in Haiti. Your gifts of love are very much a blessing.

I wish we could bring work teams to Haiti like we used to do. Some individuals have come in the past year, but most families don’t feel comfortable having a member come. It’s been 6 or 7 years since our last group came. There is something special about coming and experiencing Haiti—the heat! The delicious food! The beauty! The people! The challenges and needs!—that pictures alone can’t capture. So for now you just have to believe us; that’s the best we can do.

Many people are being blessed because of your gifts of love. Proverbs 19:17 says, *“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”* (NIV)

Jesus did so much for us all when He died on the cross for us and rose again to take our sins away. That is real love! We thank Him so much for what He did for us all! Let’s keep helping the people of Haiti, and the Lord will do the rest. Let’s also keep remembering how much we’ve been blessed.

~Leon



**Mark Your Calendars,
Iowa Golfers!**

Water for Life’s Golf Scramble is **Friday, August 21**
Kalona Golf Course • 1376 Hwy 1 • Kalona, Iowa
— Call 319-458-0615 for more details —

In addition to locals, it would be wonderful to see some of you from out of state come and participate! 😊