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Empowering Women and Children Through Clean Water

Every time our team arrives on a drilling site, one moment always stands out: the faces of the children and women gathered around us. Their smiles are not expressions of curiosity—they are signs of deep relief. In Haiti, children often carry the responsibility of fetching water for their households, walking long distances under intense heat and difficult roads. Women shoulder this burden as well, day after day. Each new well we install removes hours of hardship, reduces danger, and restores precious time that can be devoted to school, family, and community life.



One of the beneficiaries shared her experience with us in her own words: *“My name is Marie Françoise Monplaisir. I live in Dumont, PortSalut. In the past, I used to walk about three hours to get water from a spring located under a mountain. When it rained, the water coming down from the mountain mixed with the spring water, making it unsafe to drink. But since it was the only water we had, we had no choice. Today, we give thanks to God and to everyone who helped us receive this well in our locality. We have no words to express our gratitude. Thank you very much.”* Her testimony reflects the reality of thousands of families who finally have access to clean water close to home.

A similar story comes from another beneficiary, who had this to say: *“My name is Ruth Dana Zamor. I live in Kada, Port Salut. We used to fetch water from a river very far away called Basen Sab. The sun was so hot that by the time we*



returned home, the water in the bucket was already warm. Today, it is a pride and a joy for us to have this well in our locality. The misery we went through to get a small amount of water is over. We send a big thankyou to Water for Life and all its staff for this gift to the people of Kada.” Her words remind us how transformative a single well can be for an entire community.

These smiles—the ones you see in every photo—are the direct result of your generosity. Each well protects a family, strengthens a community, and opens the door to a better future. Today, we invite you to continue this mission with us. Together, let's keep bringing water, hope, and joy to communities across Haiti. Let's continue giving smiles to those who need them most.



~Dr Hernsie Petit-Frere
Project Manager (Haiti)

Heartbeats From the Field: Lalo Poliné After School Program (Life Learning Center)

When did your story with Water For Life begin?

My story with Water For Life began in March 2024, when the institution offered graduating students in Education Sciences the opportunity to complete an internship and serve the community. I started as an intern and monitor in the After School Program, where I supported the children with their homework, their learning, and helped them understand the reality of the environment in which they live. Later, I was hired as an educator within the same program, with the mission of teaching, guiding the youth, and sharing the word of Christ with them.

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

I understand the mission of Water for Life as a way of sharing the love of Christ, expressed through how we treat our brothers and sisters. I deeply appreciate this mission, especially the way the organization works to ensure that everyone has access to necessities such as clean water, sanitation, hygiene education, and health services. All these efforts aim to improve the wellbeing of the population, and this

mission is one that I carry in my heart.

How do you understand your participation in this mission?

As an educator working at Water for Life, my contribution to this mission is to teach the children, support the proper functioning of the center, and serve the community with respect and honesty. I see my participation as a commitment to guide the youth, help them make good choices for their present and future, raise awareness about hygiene and clean water, and collaborate with the team to accomplish the goals that God fulfills through the organization.



What impact has this mission had on your life?

This mission has had a very significant impact on my life. Since joining the institution, I have learned to see people differently, and it has helped me better understand what Christ expects from me and to follow His path more faithfully. It has improved my family’s living conditions and enabled me to facilitate the education of the children at the center. My experience at Water for Life has allowed me to grow both spiritually and socially.

From James’ Desk

One of the greatest blessings of ministry is seeing how God connects His people to accomplish His purposes.

Recently, I had the opportunity to travel to North Carolina and share with a church about the work Water for Life is doing in Haiti. It was encouraging to tell the stories of lives being changed through clean water, education, and the love of Christ. As they learned about the needs in Haiti, God began stirring hearts.

The church decided that the offering collected during their Vacation Bible School would be designated for Water for Life Haiti. In addition, the Women’s Missionary Union committed to collecting school supplies during August for the students at Divine Help School.

As I reflected on their generosity, I couldn’t help but notice a beautiful picture of God’s provision. When a new well is installed in a community, everyone benefits from access

— Correction Notice: Les Cayes Well Project —

In our previous newsletter, we shared the joyful news of the well recently drilled in partnership with DINEPA–OREPA Sud to strengthen water access in Les Cayes. We would like to inform our readers of an important correction: the well’s diameter is **12 inches**, not **12 feet** as previously stated. While the earlier figure was an unintentional error, the accomplishment remains a significant step forward in expanding reliable access to clean water for the community. We continue to stand alongside the families of the South Department as we work to expand safe, reliable water access for all.

to clean, safe water. Yet the greatest impact is often felt by the women and children who have traditionally carried the burden of walking long distances to collect water that is frequently unsafe to drink. Time that was once spent searching for water can instead be invested in school, work, family, and community.

How fitting that God would move the hearts of women and children in North Carolina to help meet the needs of women and children in Haiti. What may seem like a simple offering or a box of school supplies becomes a powerful expression of God’s love across cultures and borders.

The needs in Haiti continue to be great. The drilling equipment and vehicles we depend on require regular maintenance, and obtaining replacement parts for Haiti often takes time and patience. We continue to stand on the promise of Philip-
pians 4:19: *“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”* That promise has been proven true time and again through faithful partners like you.

If you would like Water for Life to come and share at your church, we would love the opportunity to tell more of what God is doing in Haiti. Whether during a worship service, missions conference, Sunday school class, or special event, we would be honored to share how God is transforming lives through clean water, education, and the Gospel. Please contact us by phone or email to schedule a visit.

Thank you for being part of what God is doing. Your prayers, generosity, and encouragement make it possible to continue bringing clean water, hope, and the message of Jesus Christ to communities throughout Haiti. Together, we are seeing lives transformed—one well, one child, and one community at a time.

~James O’Dell
Development Director

— June 2026 Statistics —

Hand Pumps Repaired:	139
People Served:	approximately 48,650
D.H. School Meals Served:	6,880

— Support WFL via Estate Planning —

Would you consider making Water for Life a part of your estate planning? If you already have, **thank you!** If not, would you please consider joining others who have? Contact your financial advisor for advice or lyle.miller@everence.com for more information.

**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! 😊

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