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I Need You Because...



You gave my poor mom a smile, whose face, before you appeared in our lives, expressed fright every time she had to give her children a cup of dubious fluid filled with germs. At this time, I believed she had no real choice because, before you gave us this well, everyone in the village had to draw water from the unprotected river.

You have spared me from long journeys to neighboring villages in search of the invaluable liquid.

With you, I am no longer the prey of child predators who stalk the woods in search of these vulnerable beings who, like me, have the painful task of carrying on their frail shoulders the heavy containers filled with the water we all need to survive.

With you, I finally have the joy of existing as a child—running, climbing, laughing and helping with household chores without having to sacrifice either playing or my schooling.

With you I can finally be the creature that my Creator intended. Your attention towards me uncovers the true

meaning of Love. Because of His love, God created you for me! *Thank you!*

~A grateful kid from Mineur Village at Torbeck, South Haiti

The Great Commission

After more than 35 years of service in Haiti, providing water, along with education, for the Haitian people, we want to remind all our supporters that the objective of all these activities has never been other than to show Christ's love for the neediest.

Today, driven by this same Love, we want to give of ourselves much more, and make disciples for Christ in the communities where the Lord has called us to serve.

In Matthew 28:19 we are told, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* The Lord has entrusted to us a great mission before returning to the Father, a mission that when well done can change the eternal destiny of family, friends, and neighbors.

Discipleship requires spending time together to get to know each other. It also requires the practice of the unconditional love of Christ, for we cannot transmit to or teach those for whom we have no regard.

Thank you for your incessant prayers so that the Great Commission is always our only source of motivation whatever the activities that we undertake.

— April 2020 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8
Hand Pumps Installed: 5
People Served: approximately 1,750
Hand Pumps Repaired: 53
People Served: approximately 18,550

From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! I am so glad I have this opportunity to write to you again! I love to tell you how good and loving our Lord and Savior is, so trustworthy and faithful! I am so thankful I can trust Him! When times of difficulty come upon us we need to put our anchor deep in the love of Jesus. No matter our circumstances, as we remember what Jesus did by dying on the cross in our place to set us free from our sins, from the power of sin, from eternal consequences of sin, we can rest assured that He does love us, even though our enemy tries to convince us it's not so. He wants us to believe God has forgotten us or doesn't care about us at all. So let's keep telling the world the Good News! Right now there is so much bad news everywhere, and we all find it easy to become afraid and to worry about the days ahead. Jesus told his disciples in Luke 12:22-24, *"...Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes."* (NIV) And it goes on to counsel us to rest in Jesus. That is what I am praying—that I will stay focused on Jesus instead of circumstances, problems, and challenges.

Our mission at Water For Life is to help people, to demonstrate Christ's love to others, and all around us we see the great needs of many. God has called us to serve others by helping them, by providing good clean water, and we want to do that! But when the funds get low, I easily become worried. At that point I need to remind myself that the Lord is the head of Water For Life and He owns the cattle on a thousand hills, so I should not worry but instead praise His Name, that I can be a part of helping others!



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As we hear the cries of the Haitian people, we send them on to you, but Praise the Lord, He has touched your hearts and you have responded to those cries. Just keep the Haitian people in your prayers!! Every day now the coronavirus is gaining ground and infecting more people there. In the midst of that remains the basic need of water that many are still lacking. Because we have all the water we need, many times we ask God for far more than that. I want you, as a part of the body of Christ, to continue to think of those in need of such a basic thing as good water. And pray for us, that we keep telling people that Jesus is the Living Water that will quench their spiritual thirst and give them eternal life also.

Thank you again for being sensitive to God's Holy Spirit as you follow Him. You are being a blessing to so many people. May God continue to bless you as you bless others.

P.S. Many people keep asking us how the virus is affecting Haiti. Because the country was soon closed to visitors after it began in the Dominican Republic, it still has far fewer cases than one might think. However, now that it has started it is gaining ground. There are no stimulus checks available to people there, no large number of ventilators available or PPE for the medical professionals to protect themselves when caring for those affected. Please PLEASE pray even now that God would spare the people of Haiti, whose resources are so few.

~Leon



Save the Dates!

For you golfers, we'd love to have you participate in one (or both!) of our golf fundraisers later this summer. **August 21** is set for Iowa, at the Kalona Golf Course. For Middlebury, Indiana, the date is **September 11**.

— We Need Your Help! —

If you have photos of a time you spent with us in Haiti that you'd care to share with us, we are compiling albums for promotional purposes. Simply visit the link below and drop the photos into the folder.

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