

*Where There is Water There is Life
Water For a Dry and Thirsty Land*

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From the president's desk-

Greetings my dear Brothers and Sisters!
I am so thankful to be a part of what the Lord is doing in Water for Life, it is not an obligation to serve the people in Haiti, but a privilege and joy, not a have too but a blessing. It is because of His grace that we can share his grace with others.

I was reading in Romans 4:4-8 ⁴Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven,
And whose sins have been covered.

⁸"Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account." (NASV)

What a wonderful promise! It is so wonderful it is hard to comprehend. Let's all keep our eyes on Jesus. If God can run the world he can take care of us, so let's keep our faith in the Lord. I am saying this to myself first; so let's be encouraged- He is our Rock!!! ~ Leon

Mobile Medical Clinic update-

On July 9th through 11th, we held our 13th Mobile Clinic at Musac/La Vallée de Jacmel, Southeast of Haiti. We had the privilege to share the gospel and serve the people through the wonderful team of volunteers.

Among the beneficiaries, a 41 years old man caught the whole staff's attention by his severe condition; indeed, this poor man couldn't walk by himself, was feverish due to an infected deep wound in his right foot. He reported being cut by his hoe 7 days ago

while farming. (Hoes here are huge). Such a cut needed special care, unfortunately not

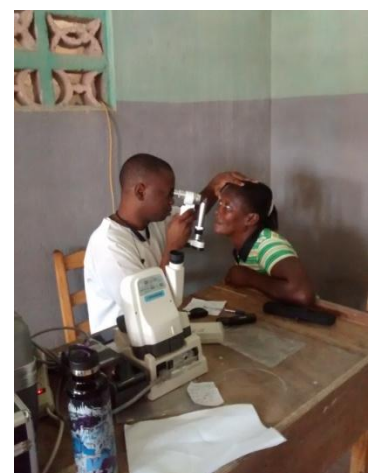
available in this area. It was a great relief when he found out about the mobile clinic coming to the village. The medical staff was able to provide the necessary care to avoid further complications such as gangrene, amputation, even septicemia.

Praise the Lord for you donors, who once again saved one more person from pain, suffering, even death. A total of 543 people

received quality health care; 50 in dentistry, 43 in pediatrics, 26 in obstetrics /gynecology, 264 in general care, 160 in ophthalmology.

11 patients were diagnosed with cataracts; only 7 of them can still try restorative surgery and 4 will inevitably head toward blindness.

Haiti would need at least 8000 cataract surgeries per year to slow down blindness progression, but is only at 2000 per year. . Help us in prayer and in resources to face this challenge. Your gift of \$7 per patient makes a life-saving difference for the sick and poor in Haiti.



By the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the compassionate heart of the donors,
"The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the

deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.” Mat 11:5 (NIV)

Drilling update—

Here in the tropics, we are seeing changes from past weather patterns. Indeed, extreme heat and atypical rainfall have resulted in 80% loss of crops in mountainous regions and 50% in irrigated areas because agriculture in Haiti is still rudimentary and mainly dependent on rain water.

Haiti has two main seasons, the dry season which is characterized by little or no rain at all, and the rainy seasons (March through June and September through November) which is characterized by a lot of rain. For these past 3 years, we have experienced longer dry seasons causing a crisis in economy (lost of crops, death of cattle), in the environment (disappearance of natural water sources) and in the overall health situation (increasing rate of water born diseases). At the same time, we recognize we have been blessed these past several years to not have any hurricanes or tropical storms, which further devastate the fields.

In southern Haiti where WFL works, most main rivers and other natural water sources are drying up to the point that the population is facing a shortage of even unsafe water. People cannot find water in regular places even if they walk miles. See this lady in Chantal who is trying to gather drop after drop of the precious element at a root of a tree where once there was a gushing spring.



We are literally in the middle of a water crisis in Haiti. More and more requests to drill wells are coming from all over Haiti. People are walking longer distances to reach WFL wells causing them to break down more often.

More than ever, the Haitian people greatly need your prayer and your continuing contributions to help them survive this serious crisis.

“And who ever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not loose his reward”. Matthew 10: 42 (NASB).

The Thirst Ride update—

We appreciate so very much those of you who attended our Thirst Ride rallies in Kalona, IA,

and Middlebury, IN.

The food was great and the fellowship even better!! A special thank-you to Wally from Strawberry Point, IA for his grilling skills and equipment at the



Iowa rally and also the wonderful group who made the meal in Indiana! ☺

Our dedicated riders plan to reach Boston by August 1, unless they beat their own predictions! It is definitely hotter as the month wears on, in addition to much more traffic as they head east; but also more options exist for eating as they go through towns of all sizes.

A little note—

There are times when you, our supporters, have asked what items we could use for our projects. One of those is layettes, commonly called baby bundles. We give these out to pregnant women at our mobile clinics. If you are interested in assembling some, contact our Iowa office for details as to what to include. Young mamas are very appreciative of this gift! Another two items we could use in our mobile clinics are toothbrushes (soft) and small toothpastes—any amount is appreciated! Unless you are planning a trip to come see us in Haiti and can pack them in with your own things, they will need to be shipped to where our containers are loaded. Please contact our Iowa office for the address.

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On another subject, some of you have inquired as to whether you couldn't receive the newsletter via e-mail. Yes, you can! Do please contact our Iowa office at [waterforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:waterforlife@hotmail.com) to get that set up.

***Statistics for June 2015***

New wells drilled: 17

People served in drilling: 5,950

New pumps installed: 21

People served in installed pumps: 7,350

Pumps repaired: 56

People served in pump repair: 19,600

People served in Mobile Clinic: 543