

# Where There is Water There is Life Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *From the president's desk-*

To all my wonderful friends !

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Eph. 1:3 (KJV)

Another year has come and almost gone. God has blessed many people here through all you have given. It blesses me to think of all those who now have clean water to drink, better health as a result, have food to eat, and who can now go to school! We thank God for each of you who have listened to the Lord and a part of the calling to serve others.

I have been thinking of how Jesus left beautiful Heaven to come to the earth. He left all to come and save us from our sins. He came as a little baby and lived his life here on earth and then he died. He gave all—He DIED! As a condemned criminal! Because He loves each one of us. But praise God, He then rose, victorious over sin and death, and is now seated with the Father! What a picture of what we ourselves need to do—we need to die to self, to give "self" up and then we can receive new life in Jesus, be re-born into *His* family! We get to have His abundant life, eternal life, victorious life! Thank you, Jesus, for what You have done for us!

So take time to reflect on what Jesus willingly left behind to come to this earth for one purpose—to demonstrate His deep love for us. It was for us!! Believe it and live what is truth!

*Leon*



### **Jephthé's dream!**

Jephthé is a twelve-year-old boy from the village of Beaulieu in Roche à Bateau, southwest coast of Haiti. We met him during the mobile clinic held in his village the first week of November. Jephthé is blind; he has lived most of his life in darkness. He

never lifts his head up, even if he is asked to. And yet, his grandmother reported that when he was a baby he used to smile while looking up at the bright blue sky, until the day, due to lack of knowledge and means, his parents tried to cure bacterial conjunctivitis by applying a dubious mixture of herbs to the little boy's eyes. Since then, the conjunctivitis degenerated into a keratitis which threw a veil over the eyes of this poor boy who is sentenced to life-long blindness if he doesn't receive a corneal transplant.

In Haiti, the reality of blindness is terrible. There is no social support or structure for the blind in rural community that can enable the visually disabled to live decently. Most often, they suffer from isolation and all its ensuing consequences (forgetfulness of others, malnutrition, related diseases to poor hygiene, etc.). Then we understand why Jephthé clings to whoever approaches him; he is terrorized by the fact of being alone in the dark.

Despite all this, Jephthé has a dream -- to go to school, to make friends. This dream can come true IF he can regain his sight. We know that the first step for him is that he will need to go to the capital city of Port-au-Prince for further evaluation by an ophtalmologist.

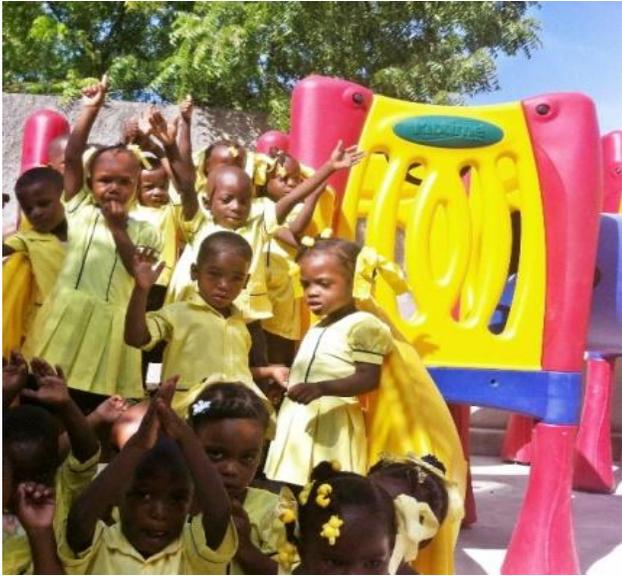
God knew Water For Life would go to the village of Beaulieu for the purpose of meeting this little boy and be able, with the help of you donors, to give Jephthé the best Christmas gift ever—the possibility of seeing again!

Together as disciples of Jesus and deacons of His Church, we are fulfilling the word of Jesus to John the Baptist in Luke 7:22 " .....Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them". (NKJV)

By God's grace, this is what WFL partners and donors have been doing in Haiti for the past 30 years. With your prayers and your contributions, Jephthé and many others will have a second chance to see again, many sick people will be healed, and above all the Good News will be preached to multitudes. Thank you Jesus!

### **Make It Rain at Paswadòm School**

*"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." — Luke 18:15-17 (ESV)*



God speaks about the importance of children throughout his Word. Jesus cared, spoke and played with children. He was always concerned about their happiness and wellbeing. As Christians we are called to be Jesus' hands and feet on earth, demonstrating God's Love to all. The kindergartners of Divine Help School in Paswadòm tasted God's love this morning when they discovered the wonderful gift they had received from our friends, the group called Make It Rain, a new shiny piece of playground equipment. Giggles and laughter filled the yard at recess as the little ones climbed and played on their new gift. From the church that made the donation to the ones who installed it, it took love and devotion from many both in the US and in Haiti to accomplish that result on the playground and bring such enthusiasm and joy to these little ones! Thank you to all who participated in this gift!

### Our Field Activities

We would like to share with you how the Lord allows us to experience His divine revelation in 1 John 3:16 (NIV):

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters". This scripture has been fulfilled again this year through all our prayer partners and generous donors.

As Jesus laid down his life for our salvation, you keep laying down unconditionally your time, your talent, and your money for the salvation and wellbeing of thousands of people in Haiti. As you keep blessing them for over 30 years with the gift of clean water, good health and education, it is always an opportunity for the staff in the field to share the gospel of Jesus with the people, and to demonstrate the living love of Jesus Christ by serving them with compassion and respect.

As we are in the spirit of Christmas, we are blessed to share with all of you supporters and friends of Water for Life the fruits of your generous giving during the fiscal year, October 2014 - September 2015.

ACTIVITY	RESULTS	BENEFICIARIES'
WELLS DRILLED	273	95,550 people & 13,650 live stocks
PUMP REPAIRS	476	166,600 people & 23,800 live stocks
PUMPS INSTALLATION	215	
MOBILE CLINIC	7 outings	4,132 patients
SCHOOL	90% success at 9 <sup>th</sup> grade state evaluation-	376 students
IRRIGATION	More than 750 acres irrigated land	Over 300 families

First of all, we give thanks to our Lord Jesus for His protection through the year, for all the provisions made through His faithful servants, for all the work being accomplished without any major accident, and for all the people we have had the opportunity to share His gospel and to serve. Thank you Jesus! Thank you faithful donors and faithful servants!

May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be exalted! Remember always: it's not by our work or our performance. All is by His grace and grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ, in His death, His resurrection, and His near return.



**A Blessed Christmas from us to you!!**

*~The Water for Life Team*

For those of you interested, please contact our Iowa office to find out what goes into our layettes and how to get them to use. We can use any number of them! (319)-656-5433

We were so pleased to receive toothbrushes and toothpaste to share at our medical clinics! Again, we can use any number of gifts such as these—individually wrapped toothbrushes and small toothpastes.

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