



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

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### *From the president's desk—*

Greetings to all our wonderful friends!

Joy and I have had the privilege of seeing some of you supporters this past month; what a blessing that has been to us! It is so clear to me that the work of WFL is done by the body of Christ. It is because of people like you who have been praying and supporting WFL that our team can help the Haitian people.

In my devotions the other morning, I came across the following Scripture, and it really spoke to me, so I want to share it with you! 2 Cor.9:12-15 says, "You will become rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confessions of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you, their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (NIV)



Whether it is giving of money or doing the work, all can be an act of worship, as we do it unto the Lord. We want to thank Keith Lantz for his enthusiastic service with us to the people of Haiti. You will be sorely missed, Keith, but we wish you the Lord's blessings poured out in abundance on you as you continue to live for Him and seek Him with your whole heart! *Leon*

### *Meet WFL's Mobile Clinic Team*

These health care professionals, doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists make the choice of closing their private practices to serve the needy for 3 days through the mobile clinics.

Volunteering to provide care and comfort to those who do not have access to health care facilities, they passionately and faithfully move forward to the achievement of the 12th mobile clinic to be held in La Vallée/Jacmel, South East of Haiti where, thanks to donors' generous contribution, 25 wells were drilled and 4 solar pumps were installed.



### The mobile clinic staff motivations?

"To share our time and knowledge with the needy people; participate in early detection of pathologies and allow prompt intervention to prevent unfortunate complications."

*"To me it is natural that I commit myself for the benefit of the poor. Some people contribute with their money; I choose to participate with gift: my God-given dentist talent. It is a tremendous joy for me to provide dental care to people who would never have been able to come to my dental clinic due to lack of economic means."* Dr. Fené

*"I am motivated by the love of Christ; being part of the Mobile Clinic gives me the opportunity to live this unconditional love, as Christ Jesus did while He was on earth serving the poorest and weakest"* Dr. Philogène

With **\$7 per patient per clinic**, you have the power to help a child, a man or a woman to get good health care and medication to be relieved from their pain, and even more, to hear practical advice on how to improve their health and to see the love of Jesus in action.

Dear Friends of Water For Life,

My name is Arun Pereira and I am the president of a Christian leadership organization named Gospel Haiti; we are in the middle of praying and looking at the possibility of partnering with Water For Life for an emergency project in the area of Forêt-des-Pins (Pine Forest), Western Haiti.

Forêt-des-Pins is one of the last remaining forest area in Haiti. The elevation is about 6,000 ft high. One challenge in this area is that it is completely dependent on rain for farming and all living needs since there are no rivers, springs or wells. Collecting rain water and storing in cistern has been the way people functioned in this area.

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*In Pine Forest, many thousands of people eagerly await the insufficient water truck to satiate their thirst, knowing for a fact that each day, only 500 of them will receive 5 gallons of that precious commodity.*

Over the past few years, rain has been scarce in Haiti but it has been particularly harsh in this region. Last year, the summer harvest was very poor due to the lack of rain. Over 80% of the people were not able to harvest due to the lack of rain.

The situation reached a whole new level of gravity. After the dry season, the rain usually starts again around March. April - June it will usually rains every day for hours. However, this year, March and April went by with no rain. People's cisterns started going dry around March. In May of this year, the situation reached a critical and extreme stage. Even after walking for 2 to 4 hours, people still were not able to find water. We heard many reports of animals dying in a nearby town. In that town, there were also reports of a few people dying.

As I write this letter, it is June 12th and it has only rained 4 times. This region is truly a very fragile place due to the lack of water. Providing water through trucks is only a temporary solution and it cannot be sustainable in the long-term. We also tested the water from the nearby spring and the hand dug wells in this area, and almost all the places showed traces of cholera bacteria. We realize that the area needs a safe and reliable source of water.

Over the past two months, we have been talking to the leadership of Water For Life about the possibility of drilling for the wells in this area. After they visited this area and saw the need first-hand and have seen this urgent need for water, they are considering coming here to drill, even though this region is very far from their area of activities. This will truly be a challenging project. The elevation, location, and the fact that the nearest source of water is about 5-6 hrs walking distance poses serious challenge. It implies that many of the wells will be deep wells which will need to be powered by solar panels rather than by hands, which, in turn, increases the cost of their work. Maintaining these wells is also a challenge. Regardless of those challenges, WFL is still considering coming to this area. We realize that they will need much prayers and financial resources.

I thank God for you all for being part of Water For Life. Your financial contribution is what makes their work possible. I can tell you from firsthand knowledge that the people of Water For Life have been sacrificially serving in Haiti by providing clean water in some of the most needy areas of Haiti. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to partner with WFL.

**The above letter exemplifies how great the needs are, perhaps more so than ever before due to increased drought.**

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**AS A NEW FUND RAISER THIS YEAR, A GOLF BENEFIT IS BEING ORGANIZED FOR JULY 17 IN IOWA.  
FOR DETAILS, SEE OUR WEBSITE OR CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**

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**On another note, the bikers riding to raise awareness for Water For Life— Thirst Ride— are hard on the trail, even as you read this. Please keep them in prayer, asking for safety for them as they ride. Having started June 6 from Newport, OR, they are heading east.**



**The Thirst Ride will have an event July 11 at the  
Greencroft Community Center in  
Middlebury, IN**

**Come for Fun, Food & Fellowship!**

Bicycle & Motorcycle Rides  
Starting at 4PM Sharp

Bicycle Group A - 18-20 mph average ride on roads  
Bicycle Group B - 15-17 mph average ride on roads  
Family Ride - at your own pace on Pumpkinvine Trail  
Motorcycle Ride thru countryside

Evening Meal at 6pm

Program at 7pm

### Statistics for May 2015

Wells drilled	:	23
New pumps installed	:	11
Pumps repaired	:	38
People served		
in drilling & repair	:	21,350
Schooling	:	384 students