



# 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—*

From Water For Life to all our wonderful friends who have been a blessing to so many people over these last many years! I thank God I can be a little part of what Jesus is doing through so many of you; as the body of Christ we can share the wonderful love of Jesus to thousands of People! This is the time of year we call Thanksgiving, but as we know, we need to be thankful all the time. As I take some time to think about all the Lord has blessed me with when I don't deserve His blessings at all, I realize that I could have been born in very poor conditions such as what I see many places here in Haiti, without even something as basic as water close to my home and other things I take for granted. I am praying I will be able to share with others because God has blessed me so much! As I have been reading in Psalm 107: 1-2 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this—those He redeemed from the hand of the foe." I just want to thank all of you so much for your generosity in giving and all your prayers. It is so wonderful to drive past a well that was drilled by your donations and see all the people that are getting water. Wells are gathering places where people see each other as they come together to pump their water. They want us to pass along their thanks to you for this wonderful gift. You have made a difference in many communities! If we each do our part, that is all the Lord asks of us. ~ ~ *Leon*



*Happy Thanksgiving from the children of Haiti!*

*Glory be to God for the many lives saved and positively impacted through the precious gift of water!*

### ***Water's long-lasting impact—***

*Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 (NIV)*

This year the Hospital in Port Salut was facing a very difficult season. The spring that provided the hospital with running water had dried up due to drought.

Without water, there was no way to provide health care. No possibility for surgical care. Emergencies were automatically referred to the nearest hospital which is one hour's drive away, even though that the majority of the villagers are poor, making it the more difficult than ever to afford needed health care.

This unbearable situation led to the hospital's shutting down.

In the middle of this crisis, Water for Life was contacted by DINEPA, the Haitian Government firm dealing with water and sanitation, asking us for help for the dire situation. We had our driller, Ivan Stoltzfus, go to the place with the rig, and 265 feet deep later, water could run again, making possible the re-opening of the only health care center in that area, serving over 150,000 people.

For these past months, people in Port Salut have experienced despair and desolation because they

were without the only health care center that provided for them and their families. Glory to God our Lord who makes provision, water is now returned to the hospital! And with water, the villagers found hope for a healthy life.

Gratitude flows through the hearts of the mothers because their little ones get the care they need! Gratitude flows through the hearts of the elderly too weak to travel long distances to see a doctor. Gratitude toward the ones who gave freely and abundantly the life-giving gift of WATER.



This mother was able to provide care for her sick child at the Port Salut Hospital.

***Generous hearts-***

***Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)***

Reflecting this past month, we see how the Lord is working through different people and teaching us Love through the ones we help and the ones who help others.

We have an outstanding support team; among them, there are those who do not let either their young age or the difficulties of life repress this passion to serve others that God has planted in their hearts.

For example:

***Ranya***, 9 years old, a young Haitian girl, who is suffering the terrible consequences of growing up in the poorest country of the western hemisphere, where everything is lacking and infrastructure is archaic or even non-existent. However, it is with joy and eagerness that the pre-teen has participated in our mobile clinics, coming along with her mother. She is determined to serve the community and her country. With pleasure she gives directions to the patients, taking time to bond and play with young little children....



***Sydnee***, around 12 years old, from Nebraska, who was bedfast in the hospital with cancer after the earthquake in Haiti, when, inspired by love for others, she and her sisters Kaitlyn and Grayce, spearheaded funding to drill several wells in Haiti. Her whole family, including her two adopted Haitian brothers, was highly involved in the effort. In fact, Sydnee died from complications to the treatment she received for her cancer. However her good work is recorded forever. Even though she's gone now, she is still a blessing to many villages, to many young girls and boys of her age who today do not have to walk far every day to carry those heavy buckets of water on their heads.

***Kelly***, from Pennsylvania, who at the age of 12 years, sold pencils and did other fund-raising, thus inviting her friends to help drill 13 wells that provide water to 4,550 villagers in south Haiti! She started her own non-profit called Digging Wells 4 Hope. Her prayer was to be God's hands and feet to serve others in Haiti, and she certainly has succeeded!

Thanks to Ranya and Sydnee and Kelly, today thousands of people in villages of Haiti have been blessed, changing those communities in ways that go beyond what we may even think of.

Another touching example of children in service for the Lord is the *Suncoast Community Church from Florida*. Children from there raised funds to help maintain not one but three pumps, keeping water flowing so that the villagers may be happier and healthier...

There are many more to say about what God can achieve through those young ones. Two young little girls have saved up their allowances to buy two soccer balls for the children in the Divine Help School in Pasbwadòm. This gift allowed the kids to have a soccer tournament that spurred laughter and delight among many of not only the school attendees but the whole community.

We are proud of these young people who are examples of courage, generosity, and determination. Their lives are a living testimony of Philippians 4:13, *"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."* (NIV) Moreover, we commend the parents who have encouraged their children "in the way they should go", modeling this generous spirit for them. We must always remember that our children have their eyes focused on us and as Our Father mentions in regard to His Laws in Deuteronomy 6:7 (NIV), *"Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

To all our donors, we want you to know that you are the unknown HEROES on earth. But HEAVEN knows you, and your eternal reward will last forever. With gratitude in our hearts, we say to all of you: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

<b>Statistics for September</b>
Wells drilled: 23
People served: 8,050
New pumps installed: 14
Pumps Repaired: 64
People served: 22,400