



# Where There is Water There is Life

## Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Let There be Light!

Ginnia David is 29 years old; she has been blind since 2010.



At only 19 years old, she suffered from a bilateral cataract which forced her to drop out of school and thus isolate herself.

Due to lack of money, her family was never able to pay for surgical treatment. She dared not dream of a normal life with a job and a family of her own.

Fortunately, on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, she can see for the first time in a decade, praise the Lord! Quite an emotion when this young woman left the operating room with tears of joy because she finally saw the light! Her case is a true miracle because even the doctors did not think that after all this time the retina would still be intact. Thanks to you, the will of God has been fulfilled: Let there be light!



On behalf of people like Ginnia, who have long suffered from this disease without being able to be treated, we thank you for providing the means to allow the cataract surgery program to continue in order to allow the poorest to regain sight! To contribute to this program, please indicate with your donation that you want your gift to help with this work specifically.

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### Where Sin Abounds, Grace Abounds More

Over 2000 years ago, it was a day of tears, lawlessness, wickedness, darkness, earthquake, pain, and sufferings in the mount of Golgotha. A righteous and godly Man was brutally crucified, not for his sins but for the sins of all humankind throughout the ages. It was a dark day on earth and at the same time LIGHT was shining in Heaven. It was the DAY when the ultimate will of God was made on earth as it is in Heaven. Today it is that event on the cross that gives us hope and rest in the situation we have been living in Haiti for many, many years.

Actually, life in Haiti is indescribable. It has been decades, even centuries of violence, political unrest, earthquakes, kidnappings, lack of most basic needs such as water, health-care, food, and education, in addition to experiencing an increase in deaths due to a more malicious COVID-19 variant without a proper healthcare system to face the situation. Add to that the destruction of the plantain crop in Pasbwadòm due to Tropical Storm Elsa. It's truly a dark moment.

Now, as we are writing the article, there is great uncertainty and concern for the near future as the president was assassinated. It is really a DARK DAY in Haiti. We feel we are walking in the valley of death. People are jokingly saying the lifespan in Haiti is a 24-hour day to day.



We are really counting on your prayers for Haiti. Pray for our staff to keep the faith and stay focused on our calling to keep providing water for the needy people. For the next few months at least we have postponed our mobile clinic due to increased presence of the Coronavirus, and school is off until September 6<sup>th</sup>. However, we keep drilling, and good clean water is really needed, not only for drinking but also for washing hands, as one important prevention to the coronavirus.

We have a long list of desperate communities in need of wells. Please keep praying for financial resources so we can bring together a ray of LIGHT to the despair of thousands of people.

We keep counting on the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to open the spiritual eyes of the people in Haiti so again we can say together:

***“WHERE DESPAIR ABOUND, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE ABOUND MORE.”***

### From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! I thank God for each one of you and your love for the people of Haiti. I thank God you have compassion for people. Thank you so much for your prayers for the people of Haiti.

There has been so much trouble in Haiti, and even more now with the assassination of the president, and the poor continue to suffer. Galatians 6:9-10 tells us, *“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”* <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (ESV) So—1) Always keep our eyes on Jesus, and 2) Do not become weary in doing good. That’s for every one of us, no matter where we are or what our circumstances are—whether it’s in Haiti, the USA or anywhere else in this world, even when there is so much trouble. Remember when

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This year's Iowa Water for Life Golf Benefit is happening on **August 20!**

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For details, please call:

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Enjoy a game of golf while helping a community in Haiti resolve its water problems!

Jesus told us, *“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”* John 16:33 (ESV) With our eyes on Jesus, we will be winners in the end. Keep remembering he loves us so much. He can see the Big Picture. And He is preparing something wonderful for us. Let us keep doing good; God has been so good to each of us. Let's pass it on!

Joy and I went to Pennsylvania and have met with so many wonderful people, and on our way back to Iowa we met many supporters in Ohio. It is so encouraging to meet so many wonderful people!

The crops from Iowa to Pennsylvania and back are looking so good. I have an idea for those of you who are farmers—instead of writing a check to Water For Life, when you take your grain to be sold, donate whatever amount of it the Lord tells you to. Several farmers have already told me they have a plan to do so. I know the Lord will lead you as you continue to seek His face.

So once again, let's keep our eyes on Jesus. Thank you for listening to God's Holy Spirit as He directs you. Let us be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. May God bless and keep you. He loves us so much!

~Leon

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### — June 2021 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8  
Hand Pumps Installed: 1  
People Served: approximately 350  
Hand Pumps Repaired: 45  
People Served: approximately 15,750

WFL School Meals Served: 5,065

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