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## NEWSLETTER

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### Divine Help School of Love



At Divine Help School of Paswadòm, most of the students who are asked what job they want to do when they grow up answer: I want to become a teacher!

We are proud of our teachers who, despite a difficult environment, have been able to inspire respect and admiration,

and they have succeeded in transmitting to their students the love for their school and for learning.

To our 621 students school is a meeting place. The kids meet their companions there; they meet their teachers there; they meet the non-teaching staff. Parents meet teachers, the principal meets families, etc. More than ever, the students are in need for this culture of encounter to know one another, to love one another, to walk together. And this is fundamental, precisely at the age when they are growing up.



Because you have shown generosity towards these children and their families, you have allowed them to access a place of openness of mind and heart to the truth, to goodness, and to beauty.



Our students not only learn knowledge and content, but they also learn habits and values so they can participate in positive transformation of their village.

As sponsors, not only do you contribute to these children's personal devel-

opment but also you help to give them greater opportunities for their future. For every child, education is a means of acquiring skills. In addition to dreams of becoming a teacher, others dream of becoming a lawyer, magistrate, doctor or even minister, and only education is the key to this achievement. And a Christian education is priceless!

Thank you for allowing them to complete this school year!

### Feed My Sheep

The health care situation is catastrophic in nearly all rural regions in Haiti and sometimes even in large cities; because of political and social instability, the populations are unable to access even basic health care.

Last weekend, the mobile clinic team was at Dory, Maniche. Hundreds of people flocked to the site. Even though we could not help everyone in their physical suffering, we were able to transmit to them this divine love that you, supporters, carry in your hearts for the poorest and the most deprived.

For us, who are on the ground and who are witnesses to the wonders of these mobile clinics, you bring peace of heart and comfort to all those who suffer, even as our Lord Jesus asked Peter in John 21:17b when He said to him:

*"Feed my sheep."*

When you contribute to the WFL Mobile Clinic Program, you are feeding the Lord's sheep as you allow this team of doctors, nurses and support personnel to go to remote places forgotten by all but you.

From our last clinic, we would like to introduce you to two people:

First is Brutilia, 45, with a history of being asthmatic, but she's too poor to afford medication. She came to the clinic with severe difficulty in breathing, but she left the clinic rested and comfortable with needed medication in hand. Glory be to God; you and we were there to take care of her severe asthma attack.



The second person is Frantzy, 15. He hardly ever smiles. He came with his father with the hope of finding a solution to his unusual health problem. Indeed, he suffers from hypospadias, cryptorchidism, and gynecomastia.



In layman's terms, this boy cannot urinate like normal boys do. His daily life is made up of being the brunt of shaming and bullying. His father (in the photo) has had to file many complaints with the police against the mockers as the boy's suffering is great. According to the specialists, Frantzy would need at least three surgeries to improve his condition. The cost of each surgery would amount to \$2,500 without counting lab tests and medical imaging.

Thanks for feeding the Lord's sheep.

### From Leon's Desk

Greetings to our wonderful friends! I am so thankful for each one of you! And I am so blessed to be a part of the body of Christ, where His love flows so wonderfully! I know that you are experiencing His love also, because you are sharing with Haitian people you don't even personally know! Only because God has blessed you with His love can you love others. So thank you so very much for sharing His love with them!

I like the verses in Philippians 4 that say this: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* (NASB)

He is telling us to rejoice in God always, to make our requests known to Him (not give Him our answers; doesn't say to tell God what to do) and not to be anxious about anything, and peace will come.

**— IOWA GOLF UPDATE —**

For you golfers, we'd love to have you participate in our fundraiser later this summer! **August 20** is the date set for the Iowa Water for Life Golf Benefit!

Kalona Golf Course • 1376 Hwy 1 • Kalona, Iowa

It's a 9-hole course, so we will again have a group starting in the morning, and another after lunch. If you have a time preference, please let us know:

Mitch Swartzendruber • 319-936-0749  
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Enjoy a game of golf while helping a community in Haiti resolve its water problems!

As many of you already know, prices for many kinds of supplies have gone up tremendously and availability has gone down! Many of the supplies we need to send to Haiti so our teams can keep on drilling are hard to get and much higher in cost. The galvanized pipe we install into our wells has more than doubled in cost. I know I need to take these verses to heart. I don't want these things to steal my joy and peace. So I talk to Him about it and ask Him to help me not be anxious and to rest in Him! I am sure you can relate to those same kind of anxieties that want to press in and take control; let's keep resting in Jesus, remembering that our sovereign Lord continues to have things under His control.

Joy and I recently were in Kansas and spoke in a couple of churches. Everyone was so encouraging and excited to see how this work of the Lord has been progressing! If you want us to come speak in your church sometime, we would be happy to make plans for that.

Right now there is so much political trouble in Haiti, far more violent than ever before, with gangs fighting each other and controlling parts of Port-au-Prince and other cities, and the innocent citizens are hard put to avoid gunfire. Meanwhile the government seems helpless to do anything about it. I tell people if we look at the whole of Haiti, we'd likely just go home. But it is the very poor who are crying for help, in great need of good clean water, and frustrated with the problems in their country. Through it all, we are pressing on with your help; thank you so much!! This past year has been so so different from ever before; it would be nice to get back to normal. Some say the old normal is gone. Anyway, let's keep our eyes on Jesus.

It has been so good to hear from many of you, saying you have been praying for us...words of encouragement for sure. Just keep on praying!!

Have a wonderful summer! May God continue to bless each of you!

~Leon

### — May 2021 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 7  
Hand Pumps Installed: 3  
People Served: approximately 1,050  
Hand Pumps Repaired: 78  
People Served: approximately 27,300  
WFL School Meals Served: 7,821

### — Support WFL via Estate Planning —

Would you consider making Water for Life a part of your estate planning? If you have already done so, thank you! If not, would you please consider joining other households who have done so? Our friends at Everence can assist you with ways you can support Water for Life and other ministries you care about.

Contact [lyle.miller@everence.com](mailto:lyle.miller@everence.com) or your local representative for more information.