



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

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## NEWSLETTER

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### It Must be God



Ken Grimm, Leon, Willis

Over 40 years ago, the Lord sent a man from far away to Haiti to re-enact the scene in Numbers 20 when the people of Israel crossing the desert to the promise land were thirsty. They were in despair of a lack of clean drinking water to quench their thirst. Their leader Moses did not know what to do about their complaints and despair. *“So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they <sup>[a]</sup>fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them.*

*7Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 8Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals.’ 9So Moses took the rod from before the Lord as He commanded him.*

*10And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, ‘Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?’ 11Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.” Num.20:6-11 (NKJV)*

This is the time of life when a man of God was facing the Red Sea up front and the Egyptian army behind. The last hope is to lift your eyes to the Lord (Psalm 121).

When we heard Willis Miller and Kenneth Grimm’s story of coming from another world to arrive in Paswadòm, facing the despair of the people not having access even to contaminated and dirty water, there is nothing else to say than: “It must be God.”

Water For Life is a gift of God to the Haitian people. Today around 2,000 wells have been drilled and maintained, providing water to over 600,000 people and 100,000 cattle, a school providing Christian education and a daily meal to

more than 500 children every day, a mobile clinic giving primary care to 5,000 people yearly and providing water for two irrigation projects in Paswadòm and Petit Goâve. We praise the Lord for all of you, prayer partners, financial supporters, board members, employees, volunteers, visitors, and the people we serve for your faithfulness to the Lord and your compassionate hearts for the people of Haiti.



### It Takes a Team!



In the photo above, we see the nurses doing the triage at Zoranje, Jacmel, Southeast Haiti where we held our first Mobile Clinic since February 2020.

Indeed, this past year has not been easy at all with political turmoil leading to the Peyi Lock (lockdown for the whole country) phenomenon, immediately followed by the Covid-19 pandemic which reduced the possibility for travel for our medical staff for many months. We also experienced lack of availability of funds for the realization of medical clinics.

The whole team prayed so hard to be able to resume with the Mobile Clinic activities that, in the end, God had no other choice but to open the way! 😊 And to do this, He used a barbecued chicken fundraiser!!!



This miraculous event was carried out by the leadership of a generous donor. Despite very serious health concerns and a ton of pain, this man organized barbecue grilled chicken for the sole purpose of raising funds to enable Water For Life's medical team to meet the health needs of the poor in Haiti.

This is a real lesson of courage and perseverance, teaching us that you don't have to be millionaire to be a philanthropist and to contribute on a large scale to improving people's living conditions. A will to do good to others mixed with the particular gift that God has given you makes the perfect recipe to make a better world.

Thanks to this initiative, 608 people were able to benefit from much needed health care.

### From Leon's Desk

Once again, greetings to you, our wonderful friends! This year is moving right along; it is so good to see new life in the trees, the fields, and the flowers that are now growing here in Iowa. God is so faithful! Reading in Isaiah 63:7, it says, *"I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, the many good things He has done for Israel, according to His compassion and many kindnesses."* (NIV) I want to tell of the kindness of the Lord! He is so kind, so loving, and so compassionate! Looking back at the all the years, I can only see the faithfulness of the Lord as He laid the charge on Ken Grimm and my Dad's hearts to start Water For Life. God is the One Who put a heart of compassion for the Haitian people in their hearts. And over time, He has brought each of you also, who are willing to share what God has given you.

### — 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:

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

I recall how Kenny brought Dad a sum of money and said, "We've got to go help the Haitian people!" Dad replied, "But how are we going to do that? We're not an organization!" "I don't know," said Kenny, "but we have to go!!" So God took their willingness and used them to share His love with people in Haiti. When we step out in faith, God just takes over from there! There have been many miracles that have happened, in the midst of discouragement and even despair. But God has been faithful to supply our needs. The heart of Jesus is shown so well in the following verse in Matthew 9:36—*"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were [a]weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."* (NKJV) I love that—moved with compassion for the multitudes! And the Lord has given us compassion for others or we wouldn't be doing what we're doing; we cannot all be in Haiti, so stay here and pray! Supply funds so ministry can happen! Together we are a team of God's servants, with hearts of compassion.

There are many times Satan tries to destroy the work that God has started. But the Lord says No Way, I will fight for them! And He empowers us to keep pressing forward with new joy and zeal.

I pray that you all would see more clearly how you are a part of being a blessing to many, many people. There are many who say they wish they were able to help more. But as we pray God makes a way when there seems to be no way! That's when we see that "it must be God!" We have such a wonderful team in Haiti, working together to share the wonderful good news of the love of our God. Always keep praying for them, that they'd keep being sensitive to the leading of the Lord. You are so encouraging to all the Water For Life staff when you tell us you are praying for us! That is so encouraging! And we want to keep you in our prayers also, that you might experience the kindness of the Lord. Please let us know if you have specific requests you want us to pray about for you.

Thank you, Thank you again SO much for your gifts of love! Be encouraged; God is doing a good work!

In another vein of thought, some of you noticed a couple months ago that no statistics for wells drilled for the previous month had been given. Last month we corrected that omission. But this time our April wells drilled is truly zero. 🙄 Why, you ask? It was a combination of shipping problems to get supplies to Haiti, and after that customs problems to get those supplies released and in service. Finally we are back in good shape! Please pray with us that the country will settle down, and this next month we can get wells drilled!

May the Lord bless you!

~Leon

### — April 2021 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 0

Hand Pumps Installed: 5

People Served: approximately 1,750

Hand Pumps Repaired: 68

People Served: approximately 23,800

WFL School Meals Served: 9,949