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Keep the Flame of Hope Within Them

For two years now, Haiti has been bogged down in a political, social and economic crisis. The education sector, further weakened by recent events of a country-wide lockdown and by the deadly earthquake of last August which destroyed the majority of educational institutions in the South, is in agony. Armed gangs seem to have taken over control, thus plunging the entire population into terror. Cases of kidnapping and death by firearms are reported on a daily basis.

In the Haitian capital, school is almost a vague memory. In many parts of this city no parent would think of sending their children to school. And even if they wanted to, the fuel crisis would remind them of the apocalyptic climate in which they live. For many, daily activities such as going to work, eating, even bathing have become a struggle. Insecurity mixed with scarcity of fuel has led to the lack of basics such as water and food. With Port-au-Prince, the Capital, under siege, the whole country is suffering as a result.

In the midst of what may seem to be only darkness and desolation, a glimmer of hope persists: the school of Paswadòm. Indeed, thanks to your support and the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, over 600 children have uninterrupted access to school meals and to quality education, while seeing Christian values modeled daily.



By sharing your blessings with these children you allow them to keep hope for a better tomorrow through the love and

— October 2021 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 5

Hand Pumps Installed: 1

People Served: approximately 350

Hand Pumps Repaired: 62

People Served: approximately 21,700

WFL School Meals Served: 8,449



compassion shown by Jesus through you. In return, these little ones wanted to show you their gratitude by carefully preparing drawings to celebrate together the birth of our Savior.

A word from little Steplica Brenalus: *“Thanks for not giving up on me!”*



The True Spirit of Christmas

For some people Christmas is a day like any other. For many others, Christmas is a time when family and friends come together to exchange gifts and share a sumptuous meal.

This year in Haiti and in other countries where violence and corruption still reign, most people won't have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas as they would wish. Unfortunately, our Christmas time in Haiti this year will be made up of gang warfare and kidnappings; killings; shortage of fuel; lack of water, food and of healthcare and so on. Very sad situation. A question comes up—Why, Lord? When I think about it, we have lost the essence of this wonderful time: in Western

— Share Your Prayer Requests —

Please share your prayer requests with us. We would be honored to join our hearts with yours before God's throne!

countries we have exchanged the true spirit of Christmas for a good meal, gifts, a family reunion and so on. In Haiti we have forgotten how this time should shine of love, faith and hope.

The true spirit of Christmas is in the Word of God as we can read in Micah 5:4—

“He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.” (NIV)

and Isaiah 9:6—



and John 3:16-17—

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (NIV)

This is the true spirit of Christmas we want to wish each of you—prayer partners, staff of Water for Life, donors, beneficiaries, the people of Haiti and the entire World.

From Leon's Desk

Christmas Greetings to all our dear friends! What a joy-filled season this is—celebrating Jesus our Lord and Savior come to Earth; Matthew 1:21 says, *“She will give birth to a Son and you are to give Him the name Jesus because He will save His people from their sins.”* The very Son of God, Creator of this universe, born as a helpless baby to a poor young mother with few resources. God His Father was watching

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over Him. Nothing was going to happen to this Son outside of the Father's will.

We can be encouraged today knowing that we as believers can rest in the knowledge that God is also watching over us, walking with us no matter what we are going through. He went through very hard times and came out victorious. And He promises us that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Although He promised us that we would see trouble, He also made clear that we could be of good cheer for He has overcome the world. What a reason for good cheer indeed! God told us to make our requests known to Him. So we pray for the people of Haiti. At this writing it has been five weeks since the group of missionaries with Christian Aid Ministries was kidnapped. Till you read this we certainly hope they'll have been released unharmed. This waiting is hard as we keep them in prayer, along with the kidnapers. And we think of and pray for the many Haitian people who have also been kidnapped that we don't hear about at all. Things are very upside down there and look bleak. But we count on the fact that God remains in control. We dare not lose hope! The Haitian people have been subjected to so many kinds of troubles, and we need to keep these brothers and sisters of ours in prayer. God is bigger than gangs, bigger than natural disasters, bigger than political instability, bigger than hunger caused by lack of availability of fuel. Even though our physical eyes see only trouble there, we keep our spiritual eyes focused on our Lord, counting on Him to show Himself mighty! So I am telling myself not to be afraid, and praising Him always as King of kings and Lord of lords! Our trust can rightly be in Him!

It has been very difficult for our teams to go out and serve the people due to the fuel shortage, trouble in the streets and highways and kidnappings. So we thank you for your prayers, your concern, your phone calls asking how we are doing, and your letters of encouragement. Please keep on praying, asking God that conditions change so we can keep on reaching out to the people of Haiti. And I pray that you will be blessed and will be a channel of blessing to others. God didn't bless us so we would hoard our blessings but rather that we'd share with others and be examples of God's own generosity. I have said this so many times—don't forget we are a team, each of us playing a valuable part!

Let's stay in touch!!!!

May God bless and keep you all!

~Leon

— Support WFL via Estate Planning —

This time of year is a good time to review one's estate plans. If you have already included a gift to Water for Life as part of your plans, 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.

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