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Walking by Faith in Times of Desperation

In a spirit of hope the people of Haiti welcome the year 2022. Year 2021 was a nightmare for Haitian families. Despite the damage of an earthquake and storm, the Covid virus, the lack of basics such as water, food, electricity, healthcare, etc., the people must also face every day the high risk of death, kidnapping, rape, torture and so on. In many cases families lost all they had to pay ransom to kidnappers often only to receive in return the mutilated dead body of their loved one. Is Haiti at war with another nation? It is very disheartening to see that all the pain, suffering and misery are inflicted by Haitian brothers and sisters who are supposed to help one another.

In the midst of such sad circumstances, we want to say **THANK YOU** to our Water for Life staff for risking their lives to keep serving the people during these difficult times. By the grace of God, in 2021 we drilled 82 wells, but eight were dry or salty, leaving 74 good wells providing clean water to approximately 26,000 people.



The pump teams repaired 558 pumps in 2021, allowing 195,300 people to keep drinking clean water and keep their bodies safe and in good health.

We are especially thankful for the WFL school staff at Passe Bois d'Orme, who serve our 621 students by providing good academic Christian education and a daily hot meal!

The Mobile Clinic team twice faced the dangerous road leaving Port au Prince to serve two villages that had great medical needs, serving 1,180 people. Six people recovered their sight due to the cataract surgery program that you help us fund.

We praise the Lord for the board members and administration staff in Iowa and Haiti who faithfully and wisely steward the resources.

All of this was possible by the love of God in the hearts of our prayer partners and financial supporters through their sacrificial and unconditional donations to the people of Haiti, expecting nothing in return except to demonstrate the calling

and the love of God. We praise the Lord for you.

On behalf of the Haitian people, we say **THANK YOU** to you all and we praise the Lord for putting us together as His Church to fulfill the word of God in Isaiah 61:1-2a and Luke 4: 17-21. We believe that God has the power to bring brighter days here and we are happy to be, together, a part of His plan.

Luke 4:17-21 says this:

¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to [Jesus]. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him. ²¹He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Heartbeats From the Field: Claude Guerrier

We highly appreciate our staff in Haiti; we'd like you to get to know them too! Each plays a specific role as a part of our team, although our drilling and pump repair teams have cross-trained. Our plan is to introduce a member of our team to you each month. The first person who's been interviewed is a member of a drilling team. His name is Claude Guerrier and he has been part of our team for more than six years.

Q: How do you understand and appreciate the mission of Water For Life?

A: The main mission of WFL is to demonstrate the love of Christ. All Water For Life activities are like a chain where everyone depends on each other to accomplish the mission. Each person and each function is important.



I appreciate the fact that WFL is exactly like a chain of solidarity (from donors to technical teams in the field, without forgetting the administration team) that works well to help the population.

Q: How do you understand your participation in this mission?

A: My mission is to use my skills to do what God expects from me, which is to help people in need with my little means, and WFL allows me to do it even more.

Interacting with people in the field allows me to show the love of Christ. As I am on the ground for drilling activities, I am one of those whom people see, and I have the responsibility to represent WFL.

So I have to be motivated in all circumstances. There may be obstacles that confront the team members. For example, the drilling team may encounter hostility from some people; in that case it is necessary to know how to react well, with wisdom, respect and love. But we are also blessed to see a lot of hope and gratitude in people.

Q: What impact has this mission had in your life?

A: My mentality has changed, even at home my way of speaking and treating others has improved. I only get positive things out of it; God is great and I see it every day in the field.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to you, our wonderful friends! We dare not become discouraged by all the troubles in Haiti and in the world. Let us focus our eyes on what Jesus did for us. While we cannot close our eyes and pretend all is well—and I would never want you to think I'm saying that—yet we can remember our Savior's words to his disciples when after telling them they WOULD have trouble in this world He said, *"...but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33c) There are so many verses in the Bible that exhort us to press on, go deeper, don't quit, keep our eyes on Jesus. He left heaven to come to this earth to die in our place to set us free from sin and its power over us. So let's not be discouraged by all the terrible calamities we are seeing and experiencing in this world today. Many people all over are crying out for help of various sorts, whether for prayer, for needed funds, for hands-on involvement. Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

As we look at Philippians 4:4-7, we are admonished specifically to *"⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is*

— 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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or your local representative for more information.

near. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." As we keep our eyes on what Jesus did for us we will be able to rejoice. He gave up so much, laying aside His place in heaven, to come and rescue us and give us His freedom and life! Let's keep pressing forward!

Thank you so much for your prayers for our staff in Haiti and for us too! We need one another, to be an encouragement to each other! Let's remember the verse in Colossians 3:12 that tells us, *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."*

We know we can look forward to what all the Lord has planned for us who are His children by faith when we get to heaven one day. But He has meant for us to live life abundantly here on earth also—in His peace and joy even in the midst of turbulence and trouble! His supernatural peace does bring joy to our souls, amen?!

We look forward to hearing from you this New Year. Please remember to share prayer requests with us so we can pray with you!!

May God bless you that you be a channel of blessing to others.

~Leon



— Attention! —

Looking for an easier way to donate? 😊
If you give regularly, this is for you!

Your donation can now be taken directly out of your checking or savings account automatically each month. This saves you a stamp and Water For Life the processing fees that accompany PayPal and credit card donations. Contact our office to sign up for this service. Of course, we will be happy to continue to receive checks or online donations as always.

— December 2021 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 1
Hand Pumps Installed: 2
People Served: approximately 700
Hand Pumps Repaired: 50
People Served: approximately 17,500
WFL School Meals Served: 947*

**This being December, students were not in class for regular learning for more than the first third of the month. Testing takes a full week, during which the students go home after taking one or two tests for each day.*