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Perseverance and Blessings

On the way to a site visit for a future well, we passed by a well drilled in 2017.

In that area, it is the only drinking water point where children can quench their thirst when they leave school. We saw many of them on the road, going to the well, and we met these three little boys. The older one was coming home from school and the younger ones had been tasked with going to fill a bucket of water for the family.

They were all happy to be able to drink and have a little freshness during this period of high heat.

This month of June, we are drilling at a more sustained pace and allowing more new families and children to finally have access to good drinking water.



The circumstances of the past few months have been really difficult here in Haiti between the lack of fuel and the social and security crisis.

But seeing how the actions of Water For Life bring lasting change encourages us to continue, and we believe that God will favor the circumstances.

“Be happy in your confidence, be patient in trouble, and pray continually.” Romans 12:12

At the foot of this well drilled in 2017, still clearly visible, the mark of a generous donation and the testimony of God’s love, the plaque reads “a gift in the name of Jesus.”

We thank you for being a blessing to so many here in Haiti, and we pray that the Lord will bless you as well!

Heartbeats From the Field: Jean Brunel Victor

Q. How do you understand and appreciate the mission of WFL?



A. Initially when I started working for WFL I didn’t really understand the mission. When I first drilled, I thought, “I’m going to be dirty all the time!” and I wasn’t sure I liked that. But after a while, I finally understood the mission of aid and solidarity and the real change that the actions of WFL brought to people’s lives. From then on, it took on more dimension for me; I am happy with the true meaning of WFL’s mission: helping and loving others.

I think the mission is really well done. I pray that all drilled wells will give water to meet the hope of those in need.

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

A. I am always available and ready to participate and get involved. I can put all my energy into getting things done and give my all to help people. I participate with joy in a versatile way in technical activities (drilling, pump repairs, etc.).

Q. What impact has this mission in your life?

A. For me, after school and university, WFL is like a new school of learning for technical skills and also in all areas of my life.

I have become more invested, more committed. I want to help others, and now I like to work in a team, which was not the case before.

Dedication of Life Learning Center & Interview

On Sunday, June 5, the dedication of the Life Learning Center of Water For Life took place. Maybe you are wondering what exactly is it? The Life Learning Center is the result of a vision and the fulfillment of one of the main missions of Water For Life: to witness to the love of Christ.

While the projects of Drilling, Mobile Clinics and the Divine Help School allow us to bear witness by giving water to those who are desperately thirsty, to treat those who are suffering and have no access to care or to provide education to the most vulnerable, this center will help families, adults and children to live together and love their neighbor through a clear teaching of the word of God.

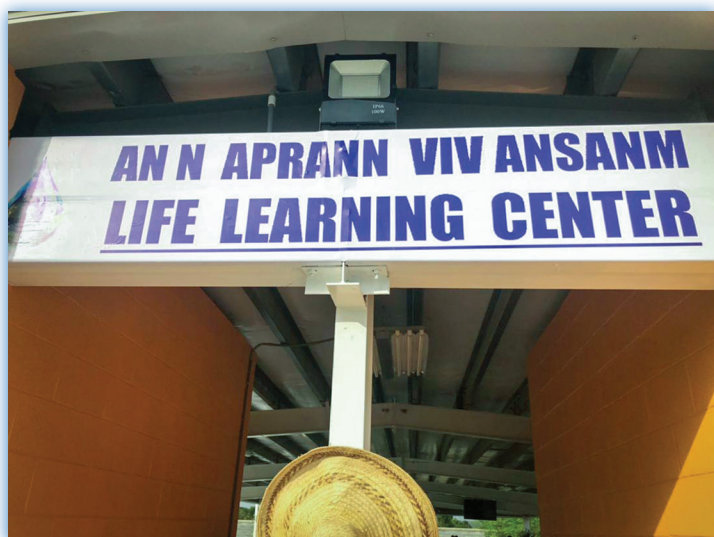
We are grateful that the dedication went well. About a hundred people were there (local authorities, NGO leaders, pastors, community leaders) and the employees of Water For Life Haiti were very committed to making the event a success.

What a grace to be able to be in a country where, despite all its problems, we have the freedom to speak about Christ, where everyone present heard the message and has been called to give their lives to Christ and to serve!

Q. Edy, can you explain to us the vision of the new Water For Life Learning Center?

A. Since its creation Water For Life has been working to help people in need by providing them with what they need to live.

Since then, and to this day, thanks to the constant support of our dear donors, we have enabled thousands of people to improve their living conditions and have thus witnessed to the love of Christ.



As we communicate to you regularly, the general situation in Haiti continues to worsen. We see a steady rise in violence and are saddened to see how people treat each other with such little regard for one another.

We believe that we must go further, more deeply to allow people not only to know Christ but also to have a Christ-like life, in accordance with His will, which resembles Him.

Q. What is the goal of the Center and how will it work?

A. The goal of the Life Learning Center is to accompany people to be deeply and truly transformed—to see changes in their lives. Thus they will be both exposed to the love of Christ and also become disciples of this love.

Concretely, this is manifested by families who learn to communicate better, to love each other better, but also to serve within their communities to be salt and light where there is so much need.

We will use different ways, such as sports and other activities with kids, trainings, counselling and Bible study. It will allow us to reach a large part of the people who live in and near the city of Les Cayes, and it also answer a true spiritual need.



Q. And what about funds to run the center?

A. Where the Lord guides, He provides through the faithfulness of his disciples. Water For Life was created by faith, has served others for almost 40 years, and will continue by faith through the faithfulness of his generous disciples.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings, dear friends! It's been getting nice and warm in Iowa, good for crops to grow! I always enjoy the warm sunshine. Like many places across the northern US, it seemed things have been cool and crop-planting late, so it's especially great to see fields turning green once again as things are growing.

Seeing the beauty of spring makes me think of a new-born Christian and how God's transforming love starts flowing in and through them. I was reading in the book of John this morning and came across Jesus' words to His followers—*"A new commandment I give you: love one another; as I have loved you so must you love one another."* John 13:34 (NIV) And then He adds, *"By this all men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another."* So many of you have never been to Haiti and don't know the people, yet you have shown God's love for the people there. People can tell that you love the Lord as you love and care about others; it's not all about ourselves! Praise the Lord that you are responding to the needs in Haiti! As Joy and I have lived for so many years in Haiti, we have seen the needs and shared them with you, and you have been so generous in your response!

So thank you for your prayers and financial support.

We are so thankful for Edy and Elsie, and all the team in Haiti who are doing such a great job, without us! Joy and I travel a bit to tell others about Water For Life, which we love to do. We miss them. They say they miss us too. I guess that's the way it should be.

I am so thankful for the Life Learning Center and the possibilities to teach about God's way to live and to disciple others for the Kingdom. I look forward to seeing lives being forever changed as people are set free in Jesus!

Thanks again for your prayers and support for the Haitian people. Let's stay in touch!

~Leon

— May 2022 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8
 Hand Pumps Installed: 3
 People Served: approximately 1,050
 Hand Pumps Repaired: 69
 People Served: approximately 24,150
 WFL School Meals Served: 11,633