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Light in the Darkness

Early in the month of July Haiti observed a sad day of commemoration: the assassination of its President. Since that day last year, the country, which was already going through many hardships, has continued to descend into chaos. Gangs are the law in the capital and poverty is increasing in the whole country.

When we are faced with misery everywhere we look, we can sink into discouragement.

But the Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 3-4: *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”*

In the area of Bois Mauro, about an hour from the city of Les Cayes, a community has had to travel miles and climb a rocky hill to access water. The arrival of the Water For Life drilling truck was a real miracle. Someone had thought of them, someone had had compassion on them and had given them access to the precious liquid. When the pump was installed and functional, what a party there was! Everyone had gathered and couldn't believe their eyes; the water was right there in their village!



Twice we were able to testify to this community that for us it was the demonstration of the love of Christ that enabled this to happen.

So we continue our mission with you to witness to the love of Christ by allowing access to water to those who were in despair. Thank you for your unfailing mobilization which allows, through your donations and your prayers, to restore hope to those who thought they were forgotten.

Mobile Clinic: Here We Go Again!

After almost a year of waiting, we are happy to announce that we have been able to start our mobile clinic activity again.

It took a lot of organizational effort and we had to train a new team of local volunteer health professionals.

Indeed, the majority of doctors and nurses who used to join us came from Port au Prince. The crossing by road from the capital

is now difficult and very dangerous, with many kidnappings taking place there and sometimes people even lose their lives.



We therefore had to find people who understood the vocation of what we do and who agreed to volunteer to serve the population in need.

Even if the team is not yet complete, we were able to set up our first outing in a long time.



Unsurprisingly, the needs were immense for these people who do not have the means to finance health care; some of whom had never before consulted specialists in their life, such as a dentist for example.

On Thursday afternoon, after the installation of the equipment, we held an activity with the community, with a part dedicated to songs of praise and another where we gave advice on water management for sanitation and health purposes. We distributed booklets which presented the Gospel and some Bibles in Creole (highly requested; we will need more for next time!).

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On Friday and Saturday, everyone got down to it, regardless of fatigue and with conviction, and after a day and a half, more than 430 people had been met and had been able to get medication that they could never have afforded themselves.

Many are those who, in the course of a conversation, have been able to express their gratitude.

They are touched by the approach and by the love they feel through the way the entire team, Water For Life and volunteers welcome them.

We thank you already for your prayers for the Lord to send more local doctors because the harvest is great. We also hope to be able to do more clinics in the coming months and again, dear donors, we need your support for that.

Heartbeats From the Field: Johnson Aubry

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

A. I discovered WFL thanks to their study financing project, of which I was a beneficiary. I then got to know all the activities to help the population (water, mobile clinic, etc.). I am proud of the actions of Water For Life and I can testify myself to the benefits of this action. WFL is at the service of the population to improve their living conditions.

I believe that the objectives are achieved and visible because they have resulted in changes in the lives of communities and individuals.

A proposal for future development can be water storage and the development of water conveyance networks to facilitate access for all those who cannot use hand pumps and also continue to make irrigation wells for agriculture. I hope that in the future WFL will be able to develop further the drilling activities outside the Deep South in the years to come, because the needs are there too.



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

A. Before the drilling trucks arrive in the field, there are many steps, including administrative steps. I, as an IT manager, contribute to the availability, storage and processing of essential data for the activity.

I'm happy to be part of the process that helps achieve WFL's mission.

Q. What impact does this mission have in your life?

A. The impacts are numerous and in particular: I am always happy to do my job, and I feel at home here. I see WFL as a family; it brings me joy while giving me a salary that allows me to live and support my family.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! Isaiah 33:6 tells us, "[God] will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure." (NIV) As I was memorizing this verse, I thought this is really directly for us as we live in this broken world today. This world is all topsy-turvy right now, and we surely need the LORD Who is the key to the treasure of salvation and wisdom and knowledge. God does have everything under His control despite terrible things happening in this world today.

Praise the Lord, we have been able to reach out to a lot of people. As you can see in our June stats, ten wells were successfully drilled, and a mobile clinic happened that was closer to our base, using local medical volunteers. It is wonderful when we can demonstrate God's love through our words and actions. THANK YOU for your prayers for the people of Haiti during this very hard time, and especially for our team there. I recognize there are plenty other places in this world that also need our prayers, and I'm not asking you to pray for us at the expense of the others.

One thing to be in prayer about in particular for us is a load of well casing we just received in Haiti. The broker needs to follow protocol to get it through Customs, having many people sign papers one by one, and then comes the biggest headache—getting it safely out to our place near Cayes. It's truly a challenge! Many truckers don't want to take the risk of driving through the gang-controlled area; our costs for shipping the containers out to Cayes from Port au Prince have more than tripled from two years ago.

Life in Haiti is not easy! It takes so much longer to get almost everything accomplished that what it takes in North America... for example, if you drive down a terrible road, of which most are, and get stuck, there's no AAA to call to your rescue! You dig or pay others to dig until you manage to get out. But through it all, God is good, and that never changes! We often hear people there say, God will make a way where there is no way.

So thank you so much for your prayers and your understanding and generous hearts. We love and appreciate you all!

~Leon



— June 2022 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 10
 Hand Pumps Installed: 9
 People Served: approximately 3,150
 Hand Pumps Repaired: 42
 People Served: approximately 14,700

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