



Where There is Water There is Life

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Take Heart and Wait for the Lord

Several weeks ago, in an area called Pestel, the drillers and the population of the area experienced great disappointment. After trying with great difficulty to drill a well in the area, we had to give up. The extremely hard rock gave way to underground cavities which made it impossible to continue.



The team left the area with sadness.

A few days later, we had two drilling teams that started working on a community multiple-well project in the department (state) of Nippes.

In a few days, 11 wells were drilled without major difficulty. None exceed 200 feet and all have between 10 and 60 gallons of water per minute. What a joy for the populations concerned! And what encouragement for the drillers and for us!

Already, and despite the past months being so difficult, we will have drilled as many wells in 10 months as in 12 months last year. Glory to God!

Through the challenges we see every day in Haiti, the Lord encourages us to wait on Him.

Psalm 27:14 says: *“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”*

Sometimes when a well is dry in one place He reminds us that further on He has made provision so that we can provide access to abundant water.

End of One School Year, Preparation for Another

This year the school summer vacation will be shorter for the young students of the Divine Help School of Passe Bois d’Ormes.

Usually the school closes for almost two months in the summer, but because of the late resumption of classes (not until last December) there will only be one month to make all the preparations for the next school year.

We ask that you accompany us in prayer for the following:

- May the Lord allow the children and the school staff to rest during this break
- That we can manage the preparation as well as possible (repairs and small improvements in the school, inventories, purchases of materials, cleaning, etc.)
- May the Lord continue to dispose the hearts of teachers, supervisors and all school staff so that they continue to engage with the students with skills and love
- That the school can reopen its doors in September, for a year without disruptions!

We thank you for your loyal support at all levels. Be blessed.

Heartbeats From the Field: Camille Weedmy

Q. When did your story with Water For Life begin?

A. My story with WFL started in October 2020. Today it has been almost three years; I can say that it is a very good experience. I work in an environment where there is good collaboration between all WFL departments. I work in the accounting department, and I owe a lot to Elsie, with whom I work the most. I work every day in an institution where there is an atmosphere of joy and tranquility.

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

A. The mission of Water For Life on the practical level is to make it possible for the communities located even in the most remote areas of southern Haiti to have access to water. In terms of values, WFL is inspired by the Bible to promote mutual aid and respect so that we can live better together.



From Leon's Desk

Greetings to all of you; we are so thankful for each of you! You keep helping even though the country of Haiti is in so much trouble! You are not giving up sharing God's love to the people whom you don't even know. That is truly God's love flowing through you to so many people who need His love in this very difficult time in Haiti! Please keep Haiti and its people in your prayers!! It is so difficult to work in Haiti during this time. Supplies are harder to get, prices of supplies and for shipping are double and triple what they used to be. We have containers in customs that should have been released weeks ago, but we are still waiting. So pray that the containers are released from customs because we need the supplies in them! I don't like to keep talking about the negative things in Haiti, but they are real.

Psalm 73:26 says, *"My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the rock and strength of my heart and my portion forever."* (AMP)

On the good side we are so thankful for being able to keep reaching out and touching thousands of people. *"Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we do not faint,"* says Galatians 6:9-10. We are so thankful the gangs are not operating in our area. The two problems we face most are getting needed supplies and paying so much higher prices.

Again—let's keep our eyes on Jesus, *"and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who^[a] have been called according to His purpose."* Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Thanks again!
~Leon

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

A. In my work in accounting, I do my best to do it well by showing seriousness and rigor.

I have learned and integrated many values that are practiced within WFL, and I try every day to apply them and transmit them around me wherever I am, whether at work or away from it.

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

A. My experience at WFL made me want to improve myself, to recognize my shortcomings and to work hard to fill my role in a professional and humane manner. Thanks to Elsie, whom I consider my mentor, this experience has given me a concrete and broad vision of how a finance department should always operate, in a disciplined and organized way.

******* ATTENTION IOWA GOLFERS! *******

Mark your calendars and sign up for our Water For Life annual golf benefit in Kalona, on August 11, 2023!! Have an enjoyable day AND benefit many people in Haiti! There will be both morning and afternoon slots, so if you have a preference, make sure to make it known! As before, lunch will be served at noon. Contact Merlin (319.936.7974) or Mitch (319.936.0749).

— June 2023 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 13
 Hand Pumps Installed: 0
 People Served: approximately 0
 Hand Pumps Repaired: 38
 People Served: approximately 13,300
 WFL School Meals Served: 9,896

FYI: You may have noticed last month that while we drilled eight wells, only one new pump was installed. For June it's even worse. There's a reason for that—a number of months ago, we ordered new hand-pumps and parts from India, to be delivered by container to Haiti. Those containers have been held up in customs, causing us to run out of needed parts for new installations and more pump repairs. **Prayers needed! We hope to have a better report next month!!**

— Attention! —

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