

Where There is Water There is Life Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land

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Continuously Improving Access to Water

Soon we will prepare for the end of our fiscal year, which is September 30th. This allows us to take stock of the activities that have taken place this fiscal year.

We want to focus today on drilling activities.

Let me share with you the information provided by the Haitian Drinking Water Office concerning the entire Great South of Haiti.

In two out of four departments that are part of the Great South, less than four out of ten people have access to good drinking water. (See map below.)

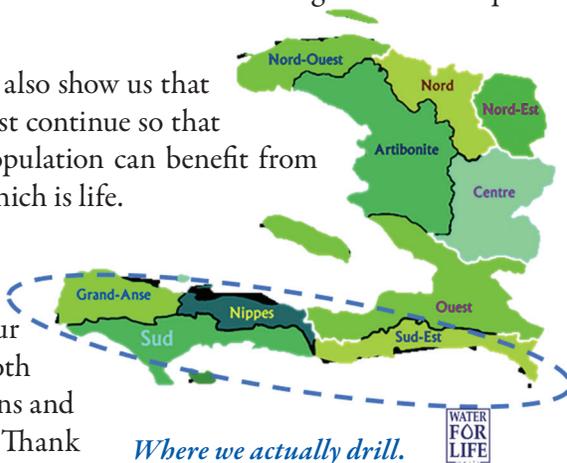
In the other two departments, this figure rises to five out of ten people, i.e. half of the population of these two departments have access to good drinking water.

And guess what? These are precisely the departments where Water For Life has worked the most since its beginning.

These numbers speak to our hearts. They tell us that the action of Water For Life over time has made a considerable difference in terms of access to drinking water for the poor population.

These figures also show us that the work must continue so that the entire population can benefit from this water, which is life.

This work is possible thanks to your support— both your donations and your prayers. Thank you for continuing with us for this work which “...is true, ...honorable, ...right, ...pure, ...lovely, ...of good repute, ...excellent and ...worthy of praise.” (inspired by Philippians 4:8).



Where we actually drill.



Cataract Program is Back on Track

On many levels, a lot has changed in the past two years. The Lord allowed us to meet various challenges related to the instability of the country, we had some organizational changes and finally, through this whole process of adaptation, we had to put the cataract program on hold for a while.

What is it about? During the mobile clinics, we identify patients whose eyesight is significantly affected by cataracts. This pathology can be easily treated by surgery here in Haiti, but unfortunately, the people from the backgrounds we meet do not have the means to access it. Sometimes some people completely lose their sight without ever being able to fix the problem.

So, for several years, we had been supporting them to be able to do this surgery by covering the medical costs and the administrative follow-up for them.



We are happy to announce that we are re-starting this program and have already identified several people who can benefit from it.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.” Matthew 6: 22

We look forward to sharing with you more about some of the individuals after the whole medical process has been completed.

Your support will allow us to be able to support as many people as possible.

Heartbeats From the Field: Junior Desgranges

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

A. In 2014, there was a church in my town of l'Asile which had requested Water For Life to drill several wells for the community. I was very involved in my community, so I helped to identify the beneficiaries' areas. Pastor Beaulière was the one who managed the requests and held the community meetings at that time. A year later, Troy and Pastor Antoine came to drill with a whole team. I followed all the drillings as a member of the community. I also followed the pump installations.

After that, there was a mobile clinic that took place. Leon, Joy, Edy, Winnie and Vadna participated in the clinic. Leon and Edy noticed me and initially asked me to help collect water samples for testing. Then I was given the opportunity to do pump repair and installation training in April 2015. I became an employee on the pump repair team in June 2015. A few years later, I was asked to join the drilling team, and since then I have been doing this task with joy.

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

A. Since I have known WFL, the mission has always remained the same: to demonstrate the love of Christ wherever we go, within all the communities.



I think that all WFL projects, health, education, providing access to water, irrigation have a very strong impact on people's lives to witness our vision.

- Q. How do you understand your participation in this mission?
- A. Whatever the tasks entrusted to me, whether repairing pumps in the past or being part of a drilling team today, I carry them out with great enthusiasm, with all my heart and energy.
- Q. What impact has this mission had in your life?
- A. I have learned a lot since I have been in Water For Life. Professionally I have had training and also acquired a lot of experience. I live as if I were in a second family; we all live and work together in harmony.

It is not always easy in the field, but I've learned patience and love towards the communities we serve.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! As children of God sometimes we have troubles and discouragement in our walk with Jesus. But always remember—He is walking right besides us on our journey. It's not like He leaves us when the going gets hard. He is always right there with us, holding our hand.

It is definitely more difficult working in Haiti right now. Even so, we have so much to be thankful for! We are told in I Thessalonians 5:18, *"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."* (NIV)

It is God's will that we learn to be thankful in everything, to praise the Lord and be able to say, "Lord, You know more than I do. You see the big picture, so I choose to thank You."

In 2 Chronicles 20, we have this story— *"⁴Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, ..., as he stood in the assembly. ¹⁵He said: 'Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. ¹⁶Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in*

the Desert of Jeruel. ¹⁷You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.'"

²⁰Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in His prophets and you will be successful.' ²¹After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise Him for the splendor of His holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

*'Give thanks to the Lord,
for His love endures forever.'*

²²As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated." (NIV)

What a wonderful story of God's faithfulness as we praise Him and thank Him! He's still doing miracles today! Keep praying and thanking God that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is over Haiti and the whole world! Hallelujah!

We are certainly thankful that we had a golf benefit here in Iowa. Predictions were for rain in the forenoon. But rain came early and was over by 7 am. Enough money was raised to drill three wells to bless more people in Haiti. Many thanks to those who sponsored the event in numerous ways!

Blessings!

~Leon

Congrats to the Iowa Golf Benefit 1st Place Team



— July 2023 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8
 Hand Pumps Installed: 0
 Hand Pumps Repaired: 31
 People Served: approximately 10,850

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