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Grateful Praise!

Dear friends, through the difficulties and the challenges we know that we are sustained by your prayers.

We had requested your prayers, particularly concerning the subject of the drilling and pump supplies which we were unable to clear from customs.

Lots of formalities, negotiations and talks and yet we couldn't get back the containers we were waiting for to continue the projects. They had arrived in Haiti but were blocked in customs without us really being able to understand why. The weeks went by, and our hope was put to the test.

We entrusted that to the Lord, to Him who knows everything and can do everything.

What a joy to share with you the good news today: we were finally able to recover all the containers!

The teams worked hard to unload and store what we received, and now we have the equipment needed to drill new



community wells and to install and repair hand pumps for awhile. 😊

We invite you to join us in reading Psalms 100. We want to praise and thank God for opening the doors that were closed!

Psalm 100

A psalm for giving grateful praise.

¹Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

²Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

³Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;



we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

⁵For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Heartbeats From the Field: Antoine Joseph

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

A. I already knew Pastor Beaulière and Edy because we had worked together in another organization in the past. When Beaulière and Edy joined Water For Life, they asked me to join them; it was in 2013. I started in Port au Prince and followed the team when the office moved to Les Cayes. In the beginning, I was on the drilling team with Troy, out in the field serving the communities. After two years, I joined the Logistics team where I have been working ever since.



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

A. The mission of Water For Life is to help the needy and in particular to give them access to good drinking water. It is also to announce the good news of our Lord Jesus and to accompany the greatest number to learn to live with each other, in love. Water for Life also helps people in the areas of health and education.

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

A. It is to work wholeheartedly, to help and encourage others. It is doing all I can to help in this mission and to share the love of God.

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

A. I really had a lot of experiences within Water for Life; how to support each other and how to love each other.

For me it is a school of life. It has helped me personally—it has helped make me a better father, a better husband, a better head of the family. It also allowed me to improve in my role within my community where I am also a pastor.

I hope for the future that we continue to move forward in the love of Christ, with humility, and that Water For Life can continue its action to meet those who are suffering here in Haiti.

Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Since the 1980s, Water for Life has blessed many people in need through our various programs: giving access to water which is life, giving quality Christian education to several generations of children, making basic health care accessible to the neediest and socially helping people from our closest neighborhood.

This last part is perhaps the most discreet of all so we decided to share with you the story of a young man from the locality of Charrier, next to the premises of Water For Life.

Guillaume is a young father; his family recently welcomed a baby. No longer able to afford the amount of rent that is often paid annually in Haiti, he embarked with great courage on building a small house on family land. But the economic crisis has been there, he has lost his job and is struggling to find one.

Comfort is minimal in the small construction, but it is enough for this humble family. All that was missing for them to finally be able to move in were two doors, to guarantee protection for them and their few belongings.



Water For Life therefore purchased these two doors that Guillaume was able to install for his home.

“Maybe for some, two doors is not a big deal,” he says, “but for me it is a huge and unexpected gift! You cannot imagine what this means to my family and me. Thank God and thank you, Water For Life, for what you have done for us!”

As you know, Water For Life’s actions concern several departments in Haiti. It seems even more fair to support some people when difficulties come knocking on their doors within the community where we are located.

To all of our sponsors, be blessed to help care for those in need, rest assured that this is a tremendous testimony of the love of Christ in the lives of these people.

From Leon’s Desk

Greetings to all our wonderful friends! God is so good! I love the song sung by CityAlight, from Australia, “The Goodness of Jesus!” When I look back I can see the goodness and mercy of God in my life. I can’t see anything in front of me, but I know by faith that He will keep His promises and I will continue to see the goodness of God before me.

I was listening to a sermon by Tim Keller lately; he was talking about how we tell God how much we love Him (which is important) but to think of how much He loves us makes our love pale in comparison! When I reflect on how much He loves me, I know He is working all things for my ultimate good as I rest in Him, even when going through very difficult times. Heaven is our eternal home for us who have been His disciples here on earth. So focus on how much He loves you, and you will be amazed at the rest you will experience!

This week Joy and I are at a county fair here in northwest Iowa, with a booth for Water For Life. This is a first-time experience for us; we sit in a booth for 11 hours a day, waiting to engage with people as they pass by. It’s in an area that has never before heard of Water For Life. No one in this area is personally familiar to us. One of us must be always in the booth, which means we aren’t free to go eat lunch together or leave to explore the surroundings together; we must take turns. We have met some nice people; those who stop tend to do so because they have some connection to Haiti, whether having visited at some time or knowing someone who has. They’re all aware of how difficult life in Haiti is at this time and that the American government has advised Americans to leave.

We are so thankful for our team in Haiti; in the large area where we work there aren’t all the dangers that exist closer to Port-au-Prince. We want to keep working as long as we have the supplies necessary to do so. But we do ask that you pray for their safety and that they can use opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.

God’s blessings to you!

~Leon

— August 2023 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 10
Hand Pumps Installed: 14
People Served: approximately 4,900
Hand Pumps Repaired: 23
People Served: approximately 8,050

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