



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

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Let's Talk About Hope

The situation in Haiti has rarely been so uncertain. For some time now, the neighboring Dominican Republic has closed its borders, preventing essential foods from arriving on Haitian soil. At the same time, gangs have further gained ground in the capital and some other cities in the Artibonite department, forcing thousands of people to leave their homes and move to safer cities. Poverty is increasing every day.

And yet life goes on. Millions of Haitians experience daily dependence on God and trust Him for a better future. Even though the situation may seem impossible, every day they live the day that God grants them and hope for a brighter tomorrow.

At Water For Life, we are aware that the circumstances are very difficult. However, we are also very aware of the grace God showers on us every day.

We thank you for your prayers for the safety of our teams and equipment, which allows us to keep serving the population every day. We do it, of course, to help them but also to keep hope shining in their hearts. When the situation in certain localities seems desperate, and one day the Water For Life team arrives to drill a well, the population sees with their own eyes that God has answered their prayers. It is a powerful testimony, and thus their hope is nourished for a long time.

While we waited for needed materials to install hand pumps, several communities where we had already drilled were eagerly awaiting access to water. The days and weeks passed, and the dream of having accessible water close to home seemed like it would never come true. But God made it possible that the materials could finally be recovered and in recent weeks, drilling, installation, and repair teams have been diligently back at work.

We thank our Lord that our hope in Him is never in vain; it is the daily life of many Haitians and a testimony that speaks to those who do not know Him yet. *Through the difficulties of life here, water brings hope.*



Did You Know?

Often it is children who are responsible for fetching water for their families. Although young, those small and frail beings carry large buckets or cans on their heads or at arm's length. When the drinking water point is far away, these children must travel great distances with a heavy burden to transport on their heads.

Having wells close to home allows them to:

- Reduce the physical impact on their immature bodies from carrying such heavy loads.
- Improve hygiene conditions for this more vulnerable population!
- Arrive on time at school or even be able to go to school because they will not have to walk so far to fetch water before classtime.
- Even have time to play like all children in the world should have.

When you provide resources and your prayers to drill a well in an area, you bless hundreds of children with good health, joy, hope and trust in the Lord for a better tomorrow.



Heartbeats From the Field: Mrs. Ceres Labady, Assistant Preschool/Kindergarten Manager

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

A. I was a student at the school until 1999, and when I was in 4th grade I had a small job cleaning at the school. I continued my upper-grade studies, then went to a teacher's college in Port au Prince. In September 2009, I applied as a Preschool/Kindergarten teacher, and I was accepted; I started teaching the same month! Since then I have worked in the school and am now the assistant head of the Preschool/Kindergarten section.

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

A. What first comes to mind is of course WFL's activities around water. WFL provides a great service to the population by allowing them to access drinking water. Especially in Passe Bois D'Orme (Pasb-wadòm), I grew up in the area, and I see the great difference WFL has made for the people. The school has also changed the lives of the residents in the area.



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

A. I find myself in the education mission, because I participate in meeting the needs of children in the very same area where I grew up.

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

A. I think my experience at the school helped change my mentality and learn more about working as part of a team and practicing mutual aid.

I hope that WFL can continue the task and that we can have ever more impact in people's lives.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings to you, our wonderful friends! It is so wonderful that our hope can be in Jesus! There is so much trouble all over the world, even as Jesus said: *"In the world you will have trouble, BUT be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* Praise the Lord, He is in charge. The wars going on in Ukraine and Israel are no surprise to Him. So we keep our eyes on Jesus. Our Bibles tell us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) so let us pray for peace there and elsewhere in the world where there is strife too!

Although Haiti continues to be in an unrestful time, we really praise God that our teams can continue to work. But more work means more supplies are needed! So we have recently loaded another container. We just hope and pray it doesn't take as long as the last ones. We ask you to pray about that with us.

Once again, thank you so much for your prayers and financial

support. It sure takes a lot of both of them right now—prayers and support. We need to keep on demonstrating the love of Jesus through our words and our actions!

Each of you is such a valuable part of the picture so we can do just that.

When funds get low I have a little conversation with the Lord something like this: "Father, I know Your Word says You own the cattle on a thousand hills. Would You be willing to sell a few of them and send the money our way?" I do know that our loving Father knows what we need before we even ask Him. I keep saying this is God's work; He's in charge. He has brought it this far, and I believe He is going to keep it going! Praise the Lord!

Thanks again for letting the Lord use you as you follow Him.

~Leon



— Share Your Prayer Concerns With Us —

We invite you to share your prayer concerns with us; we'd count it a privilege to keep you in our prayers.

— Attention! —

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Your donation can now be taken directly out of your checking or savings account automatically each month. This saves you a stamp and Water For Life the processing fees that accompany PayPal and credit card donations. Contact our office at 319-656-5433 to sign up. Of course, we will be happy to continue to receive checks or online donations as always.

— September 2023 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 4
Hand Pumps Installed: 8
People Served: approximately 2,800
Hand Pumps Repaired: 35
People Served: approximately 12,250
WFL School Meals Served: 6,449