

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

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Be Light in This World

As Christmas approaches, we remember the greatest gift we have ever received, the coming of Christ testifying to God's immeasurable love for us.

Christ Himself invites us to follow His example and to be light in this dark world. To be light for us is to bring hope, faith and love to those who need it.

Being light means getting involved in the lives of others for good change. This is what the teachers and management of the Divine Help School do every day.

They pass on to children the hope that, by being well trained, they will be able to contribute to helping their country and their families for a better future.

They pass on the faith by teaching children to know more about God through the Bible.

Finally, they transmit love through teaching that transmits discipline and kindness, when sometimes children do not have a model in those closest to them.



To encourage and continue training teachers, we were able to offer them a special in-service time. We shared with them the vision of Water For Life and our expectations regarding their responsibility towards the children.

It was a blessed time for them, and they left more equipped to handle their task.

This year, 620 children benefit from a quality Christian education, thanks to the Divine Help School.

There are also more than 26 teachers and members of the school's management whose lives have changed since their integration. In addition to regular income to support their families, they work in an atmosphere where the love of Christ is truly present. Therefore, they become a light not only within the school but also within their communities.

To continue school activities, we constantly need new mate-

rial (books, teaching materials, etc...) and we would like each "grown-up" to have their own Bible. We already thank you for your past financial support and are counting on you for those to come. Thank you for your loyalty and your light that shines so far from your home to us here in Haiti.



Cholera Alert

Perhaps you recall that after the terrible tragedy of the January 12, 2010, earthquake where several hundred thousand people lost their lives, that a cholera epidemic soon followed, affecting more than 352,000 people in 2011 alone, taking the lives of thousands. Cholera largely disappeared since then; no cases at all were reported for the past three years.

Unfortunately, it has once again resurfaced in the past several months in Haiti, and we see every day that the epidemic is spreading, causing more and more deaths.

Only access to safe drinking water can help the population effectively fight the epidemic. In Haiti, the need for drinking water is still enormous.

As we look at how far we have come since 1983, we thank God for allowing Water For Life to operate at this level. The situation would have been much worse in the South without the numerous wells drilled. This cholera tragedy reminds us that the task is still great and that we still have a lot of work to do together to make water accessible to the population. Dear friends, let us continue to tackle the task with courage! Your support and prayers are more welcome than ever.

Heartbeats From the Field: Jean-Claude Michard, Deputy Educational Director at Divine Help School

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

A. I had a classmate from my studies in Les Cayes who had become the director of the Divine Help School. She told me about the school and suggested that I submit an application, which I did in August 2010. That year, the road was really bad. I remember that the day I went



Finally, thanks to Water For Life, I have a lasting job that I probably would not have had that allows me to take care of my family.

From Leon's Desk

Joy to the world; the Lord is come!

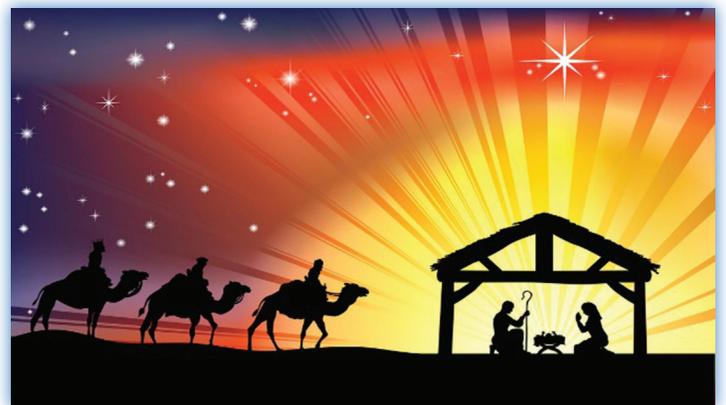
Truly, there is so much to be thankful for and joyful for! Having just celebrated Thanksgiving and now looking forward to Christmas, we focus now on the very reason God sent His one and only Son to live on this earth among us, as a demonstration of His love that only God knew at that time what it would cost Him. Thinking of the Creator of this world becoming a helpless baby who'd need his mama to care for Him is a mind boggler!! Think of His mother, holding the Son of God in her arms!!! We know God and His angels were watching over little Jesus, protecting Him. We can rest assured that He is watching over us, too. *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him,"* Romans 8:28 tells us. God had a big plan to rescue each of us from our sin because He loves us. John 3:16 tells us, *"For God so loved the world [that is, every single one of us] that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (NIV)

So let's never forget to keep on loving others—people we may not even know and those we do know—love them as Jesus loves us.

Thank you all so much for all you have already done to share God's love with many people. And thank you so much for your prayers! Praying is so powerful. Thank you for the little notes you send us, telling us of your prayers; that is so special to us!

I am asking for God's blessing on you as you celebrate Jesus' birth and ponder on God's amazing love!

~Leon



to submit my application, it was raining. I fell off my motorbike, into the mud, and I arrived all dirty! I lived very far from the school (around two hours) and I had no place to stay in Passe Bois D'Orme. Finally in April 2011, I met a contact from my childhood town, with whom I was able to stay until I was able to rent a place of my own. I started working at the school at that time.

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

A. I was able to appreciate the mission of Water For Life by seeing the situation of the population improve in relation to access to water. The school has saved several generations of people. If it hadn't been for this school in this deprived area, I don't know what would have become of these children.

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

A. My mission is to work to enable children to receive quality Christian training. It is important to give them knowledge and transmit to them the values of the kingdom of God.

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

A. I learned to be a more disciplined person. The Divine Help School values the Word of God, and I am happy to work in an establishment for which its slogan is "for God we train our children."

— Support WFL via Estate Planning —

This time of year is a good time to review one's estate plans. If you have already included a gift to Water for Life as part of your plans, thank you! If not, would you please consider joining other households who have done so? Our friends at Everence can assist you with ways you can support Water for Life.

Contact lyle.miller@everence.com
or your local representative for more information.

— October 2023 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 9
Hand Pumps Installed: 9
People Served: approximately 3,150
Hand Pumps Repaired: 24
People Served: approximately 8,400
Divine Help School
Meals Served: 10,692