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## NEWSLETTER

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### The Love of Christ Constrains Us!

LIFE LEARNING CENTER is a new Water for Life ministry in the village of Charrier, adjacent to the WFL compound near Les Cayes, South of Haiti. This ministry, like all of our other ministries, is to fulfill the last command of our Lord Jesus before ascending to the Father in Acts 1:8—*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* (NIV)

As the Lord had commanded us to do in the area of Passe Bois d’ Orme (our Jerusalem) for the past 40 years through our well drilling program, the Divine Help School and the church, LIFE LEARNING CENTER’s purpose is to continue with the same mission to witness and demonstrate the love of God through our Lord Jesus Christ to the children and families of the village of Charrier (our Judea) and fulfill the word of God in Acts 2:42. We are doing it through different activities such as Christlike family and community relationships, premarital and family counseling, and an after-school program for the children: assistance with their school homework, Bible teaching, foreign languages, computer, agriculture, and sports.



We are very pleased to express our grateful thanks to the donors who are helping us through their prayers and their financial support to bless the community of Charrier with the mission of LIFE LEARNING CENTER. May the blessings of God to Abraham rest upon you and your descendants from generations to generations. Genesis 12: 2-3. ~Edy

### Resumption of the Cataract Program

Mr. Buteau is 59 years old, and he could no longer see much. This greatly handicapped him in every aspect of his daily life. Recognizing people, moving around or carrying out specific tasks became very complicated for him.

The first blessing for him was that during a Water For Life mobile clinic, he was able to meet an ophthalmologist and

learn that his illness was not irreversible, as he’d assumed. Mr. Buteau suffered from severe cataracts in both eyes.



The second blessing was Water For Life financially supporting an operation that he could not have afforded, and accompanying him throughout the process.

The ultimate blessing: the operation is a success! Mr. Buteau finally sees the contours of life redrawing, and he is truly grateful for that.



Dear sponsors, thank you for your donations. We are counting on you to continue to help restore sight to people in need. Thanks to all of you who in unity with Jesus Christ are making provisions for us to fulfill the word of our Lord Jesus Christ to the needy Haitian people. “The blind see... and the Kingdom of God is preached.”

### Heartbeats From the Field: Dr Hensie Petit-Frère, LLC and Mobile Clinics Coordinator, 12/08/2023

- Q. When did your story with Water For Life begin?
- A. I didn’t know about WFL. A friend who had volunteered for the Mobile Clinics told me about it. At that time I was not in Les Cayes, but I was interested in joining the list of volunteers when I returned.



When Edy invited my friend to visit the Life Learning Center and then share its vision, she immediately told me about it. I met Edy and came once to speak to the kids at the center. I really liked the concept, the fact of mentoring young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and helping them to start life better. I started getting involved as a volunteer every Friday at the center. I am a general practitioner and I always knew that I did not only want to consult and see patients, but also defend a cause and in particular the cause of children.

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

A. WFL's mission is to serve others with the goal of sharing God's love the same way Jesus did. This mission of sharing God's love applies to beneficiaries even in remote communities, and also inside the organization. When we join WFL we join a workspace of course, but different from the others; everyone acts with kindness and when we recruit a new employee, we emphasize the vision of WFL.

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

A. From my point of view, WFL gave me an opportunity to do something else than practicing clinical medicine. I believe that I am accomplishing more of what I have in my heart within my mission for WFL. At the end of the day, thanks to this mission I feel that I am useful to others. My mission is really aligned with what I wanted to do.

Whatever challenges I may encounter personally, I therefore carry out all the activities assigned to me with professional conscience, a sense of responsibility and with love so that the beneficiaries feel that this is also what we are transmitting.

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

A. Thanks to this mission within WFL, I see others with much more kindness.

#### — November 2023 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 6

Hand Pumps Installed: 10

People Served: approximately 3,500

Hand Pumps Repaired: 36

People Served: approximately 12,600

D.H. School Meals Served: 10,303

I am also learning from a professional point of view, which is a big change from the work space to which I was accustomed as a Doctor. I work more in a team and this forces me to improve my relationships with others with the goal that everything works well.

#### From Leon's Desk

Greetings to our wonderful friends! We just passed a special time, Christmas, and now a New Year lies before us. No one of us knows what this year holds. We make plans, which is good, like it says in Proverbs 16:9—*"The heart of man plans his ways, but the Lord establishes his steps."* We will never stop making plans, but perhaps a lesson for us is to hold our plans lightly. Let's always remember to keep resting in the Lord, knowing that He has the best plan for us. When things don't go according to our plan, we can rest assured that there are no surprises for God, and He wants us to trust in Him through all the trials and circumstances that we face.

I want to remember Romans 8:31, which tells me, *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* It seems like right now in Haiti the customs people are against us, keeping us from receiving the container that's arrived! Yet we know that God is more powerful than those problems, and He is able to move mountains when necessary.

Problems in Haiti continue to make it harder to work than ever. Getting things out of customs, increasing prices, and unavailability of things are three main problems in a nutshell. These problems affect all who live in Haiti, especially the last two of those!

So we'll keep pressing on. God is always faithful and makes a way. That is why as His children we can look forward to this New Year! We will plan to see the goodness of God shine forth!

Seeing this as God's work, we want to continue demonstrating the love of God to everyone we meet. You have been such a blessing to many people in Haiti. I am so thankful how God has used you to do just that!

Thank you so much for your support! We saw God provide last year and we rest assured He will do so again through you this year. We are also so very thankful for our team in Haiti, and how they literally are demonstrating God's love in a concrete way as they do their work and touch many people's lives.

Please keep us and the people of Haiti in your prayers!

And pray that our equipment will not break down so often! Breakdowns explain the low number of pumps getting repaired in the past several months, although we now have pump parts. God knows.

~Leon

#### — Support WFL via Estate Planning —

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