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Let Us Do Good for All People

As many families continue to flee Port-au-Prince to escape gang violence and because some areas of the city are inaccessible, we praise God that we can continue to drill wells in many places.

Yes, we are facing an unstable situation, but we are amazed at how God ensures that Water For Life can continue to bless entire communities with life-giving water.

So, dear sponsors, let us not lose heart, but *“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those*



who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10. (NIV)

When we see the smiles on the faces of the community members when the wells are finally functional and when we can share the love of Christ through this medium, all the efforts are worth it.



In the communities of K-Patron and Vilas where we recently finished two wells, we were able to hear the thanks of the population who praised God for this gift.

As a thank you for your unfailing commitment, receive the smiles of the children of Vilas and K-Patron.

Please continue to support us with your donations and your prayers; the Lord acts so that they bear fruit.

Meet Abigail

Abigail is a little girl almost like the others in the community of Charrier, next to the compound of Water for Life. She is studious at school and has dreams for the future.

She is eight years old and the youngest of four children. Sadly, Abigail recently lost her mother, Gina, to cancer. Water For Life accompanied Gina during her last months; we helped her pay for her medical care. But the cancer had already progressed too far, and Gina died, leaving behind four orphaned children, without a father to help them and without resources.



We give glory to God that we had the opportunity to pray with Gina who gave her life to Christ during her illness.

We were touched by this family whose 19-year-old big sister has become the head of their household now, without having been prepared. So, we decided to help Abigail continue her education by paying her remaining tuition fees for this school year. Despite the tragedy of suddenly becoming an orphan, little Abigail finds comfort in being able to continue her studies.

Water For Life gives entire communities access to water, education and healthcare, and sometimes we also support certain families so that they do not fall into total poverty. If you too would like to participate in this action, do not hesitate to contact us!

Interview with Vanesca Célestin

Vanesca Celestin is a 19-year-old girl, and a former student of the Divine Help School. She brilliantly passed last year's end-of-cycle official (state) exams and stood out as the student who obtained the best result on this examination for the entire area of Aquin. It is a great honor for the school, and we thank God for its good results (first out of 826 students from 35 schools).



We caught up with Vanesca and asked her to tell us about her journey through school and her dreams for the future.

Tell us about your journey within the school.

I joined the Divine Help School in my first year of pre-school when I was two-and-a-half years old, and I stayed there until the end of my schooling last year (a total of 16 years).

What memories do you have of your time at school?

I really have good memories of all these years. I worked hard to be at the top of my class during my 16 years of study. I thank the Director and the teachers who have always supported me and who did not hesitate to take the time to explain things to me that I did not understand.

I thank God for the grace He has given me.

And now, what would you like to do for your future?

I hesitated a lot between medicine and agriculture. Ultimately, I want to study nursing because I want to help the people around me. I found a school where I could continue my studies and I hope I can afford it.

Vanesca is a young girl who comes from a family with little means; her father is a small farmer, but it did not work well this past year because of the drought. Her mother no longer lives with them, and she has a little brother who is also a student at the Divine Help School. Vanesca is courageous, determined, and she loves God. She hopes one day to put her gifts at the service of others to show this love. At Water For Life, we would like to

help her continue her studies. Would you consider joining us in supporting her in prayer and financial assistance?

From Leon's Desk

Greetings again to our friends! Isn't it wonderful to know that God is for us, and not against us? I keep praying that I will understand more and more just how much God loves me and the whole world. When I understand more of His love, I can trust Him and surrender to Him, knowing He will guide me and show me the way. It may seem like we are on a journey that isn't easy. But I want to keep trusting that all things will work out for my good, even when I am not seeing it. Someday, He will make all things plain! I want to encourage each of us to trust Him. He is smart enough and old enough to be trusted! He created the world and each of us!

With the things that keep happening in Haiti, sometimes I am tempted to wonder if things will ever settle down.

Some days it sounds like Haiti is going to get on track, and then other days it's terrible again. We are so thankful that our teams can continue their work and are safe.

Prices continue to rise for supplies and for customs fees. As a board, we have seen that we are going to have to adjust the price of donating for a well up to \$7,500. We've waited as long as we could, but it has become necessary. You all have been so understanding, and we pray that continues, along with your prayers for WFL's work and for the people and needs of Haiti. We trust the Lord to keep providing the funds we need.

In more personal news, Joy and I have been married 50 years as of June 8!!! Amazing!! God is so good! After our first six months of marriage, we went to Haiti for the very first time, to live and serve for a year. God touched our hearts, and we were never the same. 😊 Eight years after returning from that first stint, we returned to Haiti, this time with our young family, and have been involved ever since! So many stories and experiences in these 50 years! (I know that's true for all happy couples, really.) We were both quite young when we got married; we adapted to life in Haiti and were able to learn the language. So here we are, still learning of the goodness of God. His love and kindness are amazing! His grace, His mercy and His long-suffering are forever!

Philippians 4:6 keeps repeating itself in my mind at the moment—*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* (NIV)

I pray that by God's help I will rest in Him and not be anxious. Thanks again for your prayers and support. May God bless all of you!

~Leon

— April 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 4
Hand Pumps Installed: 5
People Served: approximately 1,750
Hand Pumps Repaired: 36
People Served: approximately 12,600
D.H. School Meals Served: 7,538

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