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Helping the Most Vulnerable

Dear friends,

You who have been following us for years know the situation in Haiti well. The country is in crisis and the population is experiencing great difficulties daily.

Let us imagine the situation of those who are already weakened by life: orphans, widows, the sick and the most destitute.

For them, it is even more suffering and challenges, just to provide for their own basic needs.



At this Christmas time, we cannot help but think of Mary and Joseph who, close to the crucial moment of Jesus' birth, may have felt fragile and alone when they could not find a place to spend the night.

This leads us to two thoughts:

- First, let us continue to have compassion for the weakest and most destitute. Let us pray for them, use the gifts and means that God has given us to act concretely on their behalf. We believe that this is a powerful testimony of love.
- Then, our second reflection is that through difficulties, God is faithful.

For thousands of the most fragile Haitians, thanks to your support, access to water is possible and brings life. May God continue to act in this country!

We share with you the testimony of Lona; she is old and disabled; she received the new well in her community as a wonderful gift.

Testimony of Lona Augustin

Hello, my name is Lona Augustin, and I live in the area of Saint Médard, Port Salut. I am happy that the area can benefit from a well. It really brings joy to my life. Indeed, I am disabled with my foot which makes me suffer. I cannot move easily, and I do not have close family to help me. As the water was very far, I had to pay people to go and get me water despite my limited means. Today with this new well close to my home, I have gained autonomy, I can go and get water by myself.

Previously, people made fun of me because of my inability to climb the mountain to get water which was so far away. When I tried, I often had to sit down to take breaks because of the pain in my foot.

Today I thank God; it is a grace that He has given me through this donation from the people who financed this well. Thank you, thank you, you can't imagine what this means to me, it's really like the gift of a second life!



Meet Valine Lormélus

Valine is one of the students who completed her entire schooling at Divine Help School. From early childhood to her brilliant success in the Baccalaureate exams this summer of 2024.

She shares her experience with us after all these years:

"I really enjoyed my years at Divine Help School in Passe Bois d'Ormes. Especially all the support I was able to receive to succeed in my studies, from the sponsors, teachers and school management who were all kind. I have always favored scientific subjects, and I promised myself to do my best to



help and serve the Haitian population at my level. That is why I now want to start studying nursing. May God bless you."

Valine comes from an extremely disadvantaged background and her family does not have the means to help her continue her journey to learn the profession that is close to her heart. However, this is an encouragement that we want to share with all those who support the school and the students in a special way and also for all the little students at the school.

If you want to contribute to the continuation of her studies, for her or for other students like her, do not hesitate to contact us; your support will be truly welcome and a blessing.

From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends! What a wonderful time of the year! I never get tired to hearing the beautiful story of Jesus' birth. Matthew 1:21 says, *"She will give birth to a Son and you are to give Him the name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sin."*

Isn't that a beautiful picture of God's grace, that He would do such a thing that we have never deserved? To be saved from OUR sin. It's a gift He really wants each of us to receive. personally. Sometimes we have a hard time receiving something that is entirely free to us. Or perhaps a person might not yet understand that his sin separates him from the perfectly holy God. Our sin had to be punished, and Jesus came for this express purpose, that He would take upon Himself our punishment although He was and is perfectly without any sin, ever. Thank you, Jesus, for being willing to become a created being, a helpless Baby, to grow up here on planet earth, that all who put their trust in You and Your sacrifice can have eternal life, experiencing Your unconditional love and forgiveness of sin.

As I write this newsletter, more troubles than ever seem to be happening in Haiti. Days ago, three passenger planes were shot at by gang members, so the main airport in Port au Prince has been closed down, again.

But there is good news too! Our school has been functioning normally since it opened in early October. In contrast, most schools

— 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.

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in Port au Prince did not open this fall, due to gang violence and lack of resources.

Please continue to pray for the two containers waiting in customs, that they will be released soon. Pray also for our teams that as they serve the people, that God's love will be demonstrated through them. We praise God that they have continued to be safe as they go about their work. We really appreciate your continued prayers and financial support. So many villages are still waiting for a well. When I was living there, I told the people to pray for someone to provide the funds to drill a well. They seemed always to be willing to do that!

We are trying hard to keep the wells repaired; with only two trucks for more than 2,400 wells we are barely getting by. We eagerly await another truck so we can keep up better. I do have some very good news! Remember last month when I wrote about a donor challenging us to find donors that together would match his gift of \$20,000 towards the cost of the service truck? It has happened! Just yesterday, the challenge was met, for which we praise God! We gratefully thank those who participated in this!

The Bible tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Matthew 22:37-39 says, ³⁷ "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love

your neighbor as yourself." Jesus showed us



in His parable of the good Samaritan that neighbors aren't only people who live next door, or who look like us or even think like us. As we share our resources with others, we show His love to our neighbors.



God bless you all. I hope you have a blessed Christmas!

~Leon

— October 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8
Hand Pumps Installed: 0
Hand Pumps Repaired: 61
People Served: approximately 21,350
D.H. School Meals Served: 11,937

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