



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

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Going Where No One Goes

Dear friends,

A new year begins in Haiti with its share of challenges and problems that leave the population desperate. When it comes to helping the most destitute to have access to the water that is life, Water For Life is one of the two organizations that remains and continues to act in the great south of Haiti.

We know that more than 270,000 people have fled the violent areas near the capital to the far south in recent months. We also know that more than half of them are children. These displaced people are in addition to nearly 2.5 million people who live in areas that are already extremely disadvantaged.

So, very often, when Water for Life trucks arrive in an area to drill new wells, it is the only help the community has received for a long time. And it is sometimes the only testimony of love they will receive for a long time. This reminds us of the encouragement left by Jesus in Matthew 25:40 *“The King will*



*answer: Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”*

During these difficult years, several aid organizations have left the country. Thanks to your donations, your prayers and your support, we have remained. It is with faith and perseverance that we approach this new year, and we pray that we can continue to act for the weakest for many more years.

### New Books to Learn Better

For several months, it has been impossible to take the road between the South and Port-au-Prince. Previously, even if it was dangerous, people and goods traveled daily, even if tolls had to be paid to gangs, and the risks of kidnapping were real.

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This makes the transport of equipment and materials more expensive and more complicated since it is necessary to find carriers who go by ferry to a seaport.



So, we have to be patient very often, but we have good news to announce to you: The books and materials for the Divine Help School have finally arrived from Port au Prince! They were eagerly awaited! Unfortunately, many schools still do not have all the necessary books at the present time. Thanks to God, the books were able to leave Port-au-Prince by boat and continue their journey to the school!

On behalf of the schoolchildren of the Divine Help School, we thank you again for your generosity, which made it possible to buy the books and transport them.

### Mobile Clinic Held Near Jacmel

From December 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the mobile clinic team left Les Cayes to join a group of volunteers in Jacmel to serve the community of Zoranje. This village, located about 5 km from downtown Jacmel, has no nearby public health center. We have organized mobile clinics here in the past, but with the worsening conditions in the country, we have not been able to serve this community since 2021, despite their repeated requests.

The welcome in Zoranje was warm, and the community



## From Leon's Desk

was eager for the different types of care we offer through our mobile clinic. During the visit, 530 people were able to receive care in general medicine, eye care, pediatrics, dental, sonography, and tests to detect pre-cancerous cells of cervical cancer. It was noted that a higher number of women in this community had pre-cancerous cells detected compared to the other communities we are used to serving. These women received treatment, reducing their risk of dying of cancer in the future.

A pregnant woman in Haiti faces challenges in accessing essential sonograms during her pregnancy due to financial constraints. At least 3 sonographies are crucial in monitoring the health of the mother and child and detecting any potential complications early on. Unfortunately, many women in Haiti cannot afford the fees for these important tests.



Thanks to the generosity of a donor, we received a sonogram machine. This donation has already made a significant impact. With this machine, more than 50 women received a gynecological evaluation. Some of them were able to know how their pregnancy is progressing.



As we reflect on the words of Isaiah 40:31 (NIV), we are reminded of the power of hope in the face of adversity. By continuing to support and pray for those in need, we can make a difference in their lives. Let us hold onto hope and trust in the Lord's provision, to bring about better days for all so that we may continue to serve communities in need.

Greetings to all our wonderful friends as we start a new year together. Sometimes we might feel like it's not good to look back over the last year when hard things have happened, or we love to reminisce on the good things. Regardless of how our last year has gone, God is good all the time, even when we don't understand His ways or why He allowed certain events to happen. God is in control, and we will do good to yield to His ways and to trust that He has the best in mind for us. Always remember—God is for us, not against us. The enemy will tempt us to doubt His goodness and to blame Him when things don't go as we would have chosen. We need to rest in His love and be at peace as we learn from Him. Hebrews chapter 4 focuses on entering into His rest as we cease from our own works to earn salvation. Only the blood of Jesus could ever pay for our salvation! So, find rest in Him, and experience His peace in your life!

Our teams have been able to drill and do some pump repairs, but supplies held in customs keep us from doing new pump installations and pump repairs as much as is normal. Our statistics for November bear that out. Please please keep praying these will be released very soon.

As for the Divine Help School, things have been going well, besides the time last month when there was so much rain. What would you do if your children had to walk several miles to school, with no umbrellas or rain boots, on gravel or muddy paths and roads, in the rain?

We look with excitement upon this new year and pray we each will bloom where God has planted us! Please pray with us that THIS year will see the change that the people of Haiti long for, change that can allow them to thrive.

~Leon



### — November 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 2  
Hand Pumps Installed: 0  
Hand Pumps Repaired: 36  
People Served: approximately 12,600  
D.H. School Meals Served: 7,682

### — Mobile Clinic Statistics —

Total People Served: 530  
Sonography: 75  
General Consultations: 363  
Eye Care: 166  
Pediatric Care: 58  
Dental Care: 109  
Pre-Cancerous Cervical  
Cells Screening Tests: 101

### — Support WFL via Estate Planning —

Would you consider making Water for Life a part of your estate planning? If you have already done so, 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 and other ministries you care about.

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