



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

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## NEWSLETTER

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### The Blessing of Water!!

Dear friends,

As you know, the new wells we drill make a big difference in the communities. It is a blessing that they could never have afforded. This month, we want to share with you the testimonies of two beneficiaries. These two people speak on behalf of their entire communities. As you read them, we hope that you can feel the pain they endured before and the fantastic relief they felt after water became available.

All this is thanks to God and thanks to you, dear friends and supporters. We truly hope that we can always count on your help for this extraordinary mission that falls to us.

#### From Jean Louis of Kanpèch, Port Salut

I greet you! My name is Jean Louis but here everyone calls me Jean-Jean. I live in the locality of Kanpèch in the commune of Port Salut. I would like to express all my gratitude to Water For Life and its team because you have taken the community of Kanpèch to heart.

We were in an extremely difficult situation when it came to finding water for drinking and for our daily use (hygiene and domestic). It was the same difficulty to give water to our animals. When cholera struck the region again, many people unfortunately died because the water we had access to, several kilometers away, was contaminated. It was really a terrible time for the community. We had to walk for three hours to access a spring. When it rained, the path became impassable; even our goats could not use the path. In the case of bad weather, a ravine would suddenly form, cutting the road, and it became impossible to get clean water to drink. We had no choice; we were forced to use the impure water we found and try to boil it before drinking it.

But today, thanks to God, our situation has changed. You thought of us, you came to help the community. So, all of us, we say thank you and we ask God to bless you abundantly in all areas of your life.

#### From Patricia of St. Georges, Saint Louis du Sud

Hello, my name is Patricia Sainvilca, and I live in Saint Georges Hills. Previously, in our locality water was really a



problem. We had to buy water to drink and when we needed to wash ourselves, we had to use a little of this water. When we did not have enough, it was impossible to wash and therefore impossible to go to work clean, as normally expected. We then had to find water very far from home, in some distant sources. We had to carry this water from very far away to drink, wash ourselves etc. When it happened that the water supply ran out, it was impossible for us to cook as well, until we made the long journey again.



There is no greater gift for the locality than the water that Water For Life has made available.

Our community was denigrated by everyone; people made fun of us saying that we lived in a desert, that we would never have water in the region.

Well today, thanks to Water For Life, we have water in the community, and we are going to protect this well as if it were a newborn baby that had been entrusted to us. We say a big thank you to Water For Life!

### Computer Science Classes in Our Center

Dear prayer supporters!

In our mission to spread the love of Christ, we were thrilled to set up a computer lab in the Life Learning Center. This new learning space is more than just walls and computers; it represents hope and opportunity. Equipped with around twenty computers, the children now have a place to dive into various subjects. With the guidance of our IT specialists, they are exploring everything from English courses to computer skills for now, and before long they will be trained for a new program called "Opportunities Without Borders (OWB)".

Haiti is a country where most young people cannot afford to pay for university or professional training centers. OWB is an upcoming training program that we are preparing to implement in the Life Learning Center which can help train young people in technology professions without any tuition fees. This can pave the way for a brighter future.

Deprived of access to electricity, internet, and computers, these youth are extremely grateful for this opportunity to learn a little more each day, thanks to these computers. They never cease to express their gratitude for this new learning center.



As we continue this mission, we are deeply grateful for the prayers and support we receive. Your spiritual backing gives us the strength to push through the challenges we encounter. It reminds us that we are not alone in this journey. Together, we are creating a positive impact in these children's lives. Thank you for standing with us, enabling us to inspire a new generation of learners filled with dreams and aspirations. Your encouragement keeps us motivated to spread love and hope in every corner we can reach!

### Heartbeats From the Field: Clifford Orestal, Receptionist

#### *When did your story with Water For Life begin?*

I started working at WFL on November 6, 2023. At that time, I had submitted a resume because I wanted to work in this institution. Thank God, my application was accepted after the recruitment process, and I joined the team as a receptionist. I was touched by the welcome I received when I arrived.

#### *How do you understand and appreciate the mission of Water For Life?*



WFL's mission is a whole. Here, it is often said that among Haitians, there is disunity, that there is no understanding between people. But within Water for Life, it is a completely different experience. Everyone collaborates and works together to carry out the mission. WFL supports communities for access to water and for access to education. In my opinion, what Water For Life does is extraordinary. The service rendered to the communities is priceless.

#### *How do you understand your participation in this mission?*

When I joined WFL, I thought I had just found a job. But once I was in the organization, I understood that my role was to be as involved as possible in serving others. I try to be available to provide support wherever there is a need, beyond my role as a receptionist.

#### *What impact has this mission had on your life?*

For me it is a huge experience because it is the first time I have joined a real team. I learn here to live better together. It opened my heart to others, to listen to the needs of people close to me, to develop patience and love for others. My

experience as a volunteer in mobile clinics made me more sensitive to people's distress.

### From Leon's Desk

Greetings to you all, our wonderful friends! My thoughts go out to all people who've recently lost their homes and possessions in the fires in southern California. So quickly their lives have changed from all they'd ever known. Good reminder to all of us how disaster can totally change our lives! We need to keep these people in our prayers, along with those still suffering from loss in North Carolina, first, that they will put their trust in Jesus. It's very inspiring to hear of all the Christians who have rushed to be God's hands and feet in the midst of these disasters. Perhaps you have had a part in that!

It is very important that we keep our eyes on Jesus as we move deeper into this new year. There are so many hurting people all over the world today, and we need to have hearts that are sensitive to God's Spirit as He shows us how to pray for them and respond to their needs in the midst of their devastation.

Isaiah 41-9-10 tells us,  
*"I took you from the ends of the earth,  
 from its farthest corners I called you.  
 I said, 'You are my servant';  
 I have chosen you and have not rejected you.  
<sup>10</sup>So do not fear, for I am with you;  
 do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
 I will strengthen you and help you;  
 I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

God has called us to be His servants to His children all over the earth. What a blessing to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior! I especially like where v.9 says, *"I have chosen you and have not rejected you."* Isn't that precious? In v. 10 comes the reminder, *"So do not fear, for I am with you..."* We need to remember that He is always for us; He is not against us! God sent His one and only Son to come and to die and take all are sins away. That is true love!!! He is for us! I pray I will understand more and more of how much He loves me. Please keep praying for the Haitian people, that more will come to know this saving love!

Pray also for those two containers to get out of customs! It seems like we are getting closer to that point. And, of course, once they are released that they can make the trip safely out to our place, which will take anywhere from 5-10 hours including maneuvers to get around gang territory.

Thanks so much for all your prayers and support for the people of Haiti!

Joy and I would love to come to your church or meeting place and give you a more in-depth update on Haiti and the work of this ministry. Let us know by writing or calling our office. 😊

Let's not forget—God loves us so much!! So let us love others also. Let's stay in touch.

~Leon

### — December 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8  
 Hand Pumps Installed: 0  
 Hand Pumps Repaired: 21  
 People Served: approximately 7,350  
 D.H. School Meals Served: 4,171