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Three Blessed Communities

In the city of Maniche, not one, but three communities were blessed last month. People of the area had been waiting for our team for a long time. Representatives of the three communities went to the Water for Life office in Les Cayes to check on the status of their respective requests.

We were thus able to explain our approach to them; bringing water, which is life, to those who need it is also a powerful testimony to the life that Christ gives us.



Then we went to drill and install these three new wells, which are now changing the lives of the inhabitants.

At Water for Life, when asked why we get involved in areas that are often forgotten, why we continue to help people we didn't know before, we say that everything we do is to show the love of Christ. Mark 9:41 tells us, *“Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.”* (NIV)

We thank you for your participation in this good work, and we look forward to continuing to bless more and more communities like those of Maniche.

Letter of Thanks

In 2022, we drilled a well in a remote area of Grande Anse, called Morne Haut. Grande Anse is the department in the deep south of Haiti where there is the greatest need for drinking

water; less than 40% of the area's inhabitants have access to good water, and it is even worse in rural areas.

There were so many people coming to use the well every day (more than 400 people daily) that the pump regularly broke down. Recently, we had the opportunity to return to drill a second well in the area.

What joy for the residents of the neighborhood, to see that they have not been forgotten! We share with you the letter from one of the people of this community, as an encouragement to continue to support the actions of Water For Life. Be blessed!

On behalf of all the local populations of Morne-Haut, the members of the committees and especially on my own behalf—I would like to thank, once again, all the staff of Water For Life in general, the technicians and you in particular, for the dedication and diligence you have shown in providing this second well, this precious gift to citizens throughout the region;

Indeed, since the breakdown of the first well, the ordeal of the inhabitants of the third communal section of Jérémie had started again. Fortunately, the technicians arrived in Morne-Haut this Monday, May 13 in the afternoon and got to work without delay. The drilling work was completed yesterday morning, to the great joy and satisfaction of all the beneficiaries. I hope the technicians had a safe trip back to Les Cayes.

Thus, it seems to me a moral duty to formalize the words of thanks that come from the depths of the hearts of the beneficiaries, and I will ask you, in all modesty and humility, to transmit these words of gratitude to the other managers. and technicians from the institution that made the trip, each as far as they are concerned.

For the community of Morne-Haut: a son of the land.



From Leon's Desk

Greetings once again to all our wonderful friends!

What do we do or where do we turn when we face all kinds of trouble and discouragement, with sickness and cancer and trouble in this world? What is our reaction to all the things that are happening close to home and all over the world? I could go on, talking about trouble. But as I read in Hebrews 12:2 it says, *“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”* Jesus came so we can rise above the things of this world. He suffered when He was here on earth and went all the way to the cross and is now sitting at the right hand of God, interceding for us as our advocate.

As we surrender to the Lord and keep our eyes fixed on Him, we will also be with Him in glory someday. So don't lose heart, but rather let us fix our eyes on Jesus!

The reason I am saying all this is because this is what I need to remember for myself! There is still so much trouble in Haiti, with gangs doing terrible crimes and creating instability. Having those three missionaries killed by gang members in Port-au-Prince shows us it's not over yet.



Our team in the South seems to be much safer due to the distance from Port au Prince, at this point, but it continues to be hard for us to receive the supplies we need. On some days, it sounds like it's on its way to getting better, as there is now an interim prime minister in office who has named new Cabinet members. There is some concern that if foreign troops come to Haiti that the gangs will simply melt away into the country-

— May 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 9
Hand Pumps Installed: 1
People Served: approximately 350
Hand Pumps Repaired: 66
People Served: approximately 23,100
D.H. School Meals Served: 8,251

side, perhaps causing havoc there. So we really appreciate your continued prayers for Haiti and for the gang members too, that they would be convicted of sin and repent. Many of you have told me that you are praying for WFL and for the country of Haiti, for which we thank you so much. Your words of concern and support mean so much to us.

It's really good to hear that our teams got more wells drilled in the past month than they have for a while. That translates into several thousand more people who will be able to have good clean water at their disposal. Without your prayers and support this could not happen.

Please keep our 9th grade and seniors in your prayers also as they still await their official exams, to be taken at the middle to end of July. So, they need to keep reviewing their lessons into the summer months so they can do well. Till you receive this newsletter, the rest of our students will have finished with their final exams for the '23-'24 school year.

May God bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you; may He be gracious unto you and give you His peace.

~Leon

Indiana Golf Benefit • First Place Team!

We had a wonderful time and raised funds for the people of Haiti!



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