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Message From a Well Sponsor

We recently completed a well project in Tè Wouj, a rural zone in the Grande Anse department.

The project was sponsored by a Christian organization named Feed My Starving Children. Here is their message:

On behalf of the people of Tè Wouj, I want to take the time to thank Water For Life for recently completing a Hand Pump well through FMSC's Project Based Food Assistance (PBFA) in Tè Wouj. The construction of this well aims to transform the community's access to clean and safe water. This initiative couldn't



have come at a more crucial time, as Tè Wouj was grappling with waterborne diseases from drinking untreated river water. The impact of this well cannot be overstated—it will not only improve health outcomes in this community but will also alleviate the burden of traveling long distances to fetch water. Before the well's construction, the residents of Tè Wouj faced significant challenges, relying on contaminated river water or undertaking arduous journeys for potable water. Water For Life's intervention through this partnership has brought about a tangible improvement in their quality of life, providing a sustainable solution to their water needs.

Feed My Starving Children is grateful for the partnership with Water For Life in bringing drinkable water to the Tè Wouj community. This project exemplifies the positive impact that thoughtful, community-focused initiatives can achieve. This well in Tè Wouj stands as a beacon of hope and progress, demonstrating their unwavering dedication to improving access to essential resources and fostering sustainable development.

New Community Wells

At Water For Life, thanks to your donations, we continue to reach remote rural areas where communities often lack everything. This summer, we were able to bless several communities, thanks to you!

We invite you to continue reading the testimonies of some of the beneficiaries through our newsletters. This month, we introduce you to Ruthsa, a young girl from a communal neighborhood in Port Salut, a city in the South.

Testimony of Ruthsa Noel

Hi! My name is Ruthsa Noel. I live in a place called "en Pleignaue" in the city of Port Salut.

I am happy to testify today about what Water For Life has done for us in the area. Before, we had to go and get water there, in a ravine that dried up as soon as there were several sunny days. In those cases, there was no longer any water nearby, so we had to walk very far to get some.

When I left school, I could not wash myself easily, we had to go really far to find the necessary water. Today Water For Life has given us a well and we have water nearby to wash ourselves, do laundry, etc. We are really happy and do not have enough words to thank Water For Life. Our words would not be enough to express our gratitude.



Serving Jesus While Serving Others

When did your story with Water For Life begin?

The first time I heard about WFL was when Edy [Gehy, Administrator of WFL Operations in Haiti] was considering starting a vegetable garden. We had a mutual acquaintance, an agronomist, who suggested that I come and help plant vegetables in this context on a volunteer basis and that is where I met Edy.

Edy introduced me to all of WFL's projects. I found them very beautiful projects. Two years passed and when the Life Learning Center project started, I had the opportunity to join the team of WFL collaborators.

I am an agricultural technician by training. I teach children the basics of agriculture and its practice. I also teach Spanish and provide logistics for the LLC's premises.

How do you understand and appreciate the mission of WFL?

In my opinion, the mission of WFL is to share the love of Christ by helping communities near and far through drilling, education and health projects. It is not easy to find organizations that have the same mission as WFL. I think WFL is trying its best to represent Jesus here.



How do you understand your participation in this mission?

By involving myself as much as possible in my role and in the tasks entrusted to me, and by continuing to work in unity with all the other collaborators.

What impact does this mission have in your life?

This is a great opportunity for me to serve others and learn from others. It helps me grow as a professional and live better with others. Before WFL, I didn't really understand what "learning to live together" meant; today, thanks to WFL, I have a different understanding of that. I have had experience within other organizations, and I am happy to work within WFL. I am in a caring environment which empowers me in the accomplishment of my tasks, an environment which favors my ability to love, share and serve, like Christ.

Iowa Golf Benefit

A beautiful day that was cool for August was the beginning of our golf event, held on August 9. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day, made even better knowing that together enough money was raised to drill two new community wells that will benefit hundreds of people. Praise the Lord! The picture below is of the first-place team. We are grateful for the support of businesses and volunteers to make this event a reality once again.



From Leon's Desk

Greetings to each one of you, our good friends!

God showed me a verse this morning, and I want to share it with you so you can also be encouraged! Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, *"Yet God*

has made everything beautiful in its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end." (NLT) Reading this verse reminded me of how we seem to think we know best how things should go; we think we can see pretty far out ahead of us. We have no guarantee of another minute or day or year. God CAN see from absolute beginning to absolute end; let's trust Him for the outcome and surrender everything to God. It is very hard many times to give up and say, God, please help me to give it all to You. But that's when we find the peace of God that passes understanding that will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! We each have different situations we are going through, some much more difficult than others. Thanks for letting me share this with you. It's what I myself constantly need to remember.

Again, I want to thank you for your faithfulness in prayers and financial support. It continues to be a wonderful blessing that our team in Haiti is doing well and has been safe. Please keep praying for the country of Haiti!

At this moment we are really focusing attention on raising money to purchase new textbooks for our 1st-9th graders. This was done five years ago, and now most of those books are worn out. Altogether, books for these grades will cost about \$20,000. If more than that is raised, the rest would go to continue supporting the school. Each and every dollar counts! \$10 purchases one book, \$50 purchases five, and so on. We still have a little time left to get this done, as the Education Department has decreed that school won't begin until the beginning of October, Lord willing!

I remember how, long ago when Joy and I were first there with our family, most of the community couldn't read or write, but they knew the importance of education and asked us please to consider starting a school. Our board realized that not being able to read meant people couldn't even read a Bible or a tract. For many years our school went as far as 6th grade after which they took a state exam to get a certificate upon passing. Today it is much different; our school goes to the end of high school. There are two state exams that happen—after 9th grade and after completion. We are so glad that our school has a reputation as a good school, plus it is a Christian school. If you can, please respond to this urgent request, as we must move on it soon.

Many times, people tell me, "You just have to tell us what the needs are, and we'll see if we can help!" So, this is one of those times.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine up on you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." -Numbers 6:24

~Leon

— July 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 4
Hand Pumps Installed: 13
People Served: approximately 4,550
Hand Pumps Repaired: 109
People Served: approximately 38,150

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