

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

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### **NEWSLETTER**

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### Fifth Mobile Clinic This Year

Dear friends, we are happy to announce that we were able to hold our 5<sup>th</sup> mobile clinic this year. What a reason for gratitude! Indeed, it has been almost four years that circumstances have limited us, and we were not able to reach this number.



For this 5<sup>th</sup> mobile clinic, it was in the locality of Poste Avancé near Camp Perrin, where we served for three days. Thanks to the combined efforts of doctors, nurses and volunteers for logistics, we were able to offer health care to more than 650 people. During the afternoon of September 5<sup>th</sup>, we took





the time to make contact with the population and took the opportunity to raise awareness about the most common diseases in Haiti, and basic prevention techniques to protect themselves. It was also a time to share about the love of Christ. The next two days were devoted to screenings, basic dental care and gynecological, general and ophthalmological

consultations for children and adults, as well as the distribution of medications.

All this has been possible thanks to the volunteers who gave their best and thanks to your valuable support, dear sponsors. Once again, we have taken up the challenge of making the Mobile Clinic a success and treating the inhabitants of the chosen locality, thanks to the support received that allows us to finance the equipment and medicines necessary to offer these services to the most vulnerable. There is still a long way to go to serve all the communities that we have already identified, and we pray that in the months and years to come we can help as many people as possible in the name of the love of Jesus Christ, for a future full of hope.

### Meet Doctor Sylvérie Lafontant, Volunteer Dentist for This Clinic

I know the concept of mobile clinics, because my father was a doctor, and I remember that when I was a child, he participated in mobile clinics. This is one of the memories I have of him. My brother is also a doctor, and he also participated in mobile clinics.



In Haiti, health care is very expensive; as a result, the population often neglects their health. Mobile clinics are the only way for many to access the minimum in terms of health.

I wanted to participate for a long time, because they are truly enriching moments on all levels. And finally, I was able to serve as a volunteer dentist in this Water For Life clinic and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet people in need. I advise all health specialists to participate too!

### — Share Your Prayer Concerns With Us —

We invite you to share your prayer concerns with us; we'd count it a privilege to keep you in our prayers.

### Trust in the Lord and Lean on Him

Beyond our experience, our understanding and circumstances, we desire to entrust all that we do to the Lord as we are encouraged to do in Proverbs 3:5-6.

Every Monday, the entire team begins the work week together with a time of devotions. We praise the Lord, learn to know Him better through the reading and studying of His word and



entrust the week to Him. We encourage you to pray with us so that we can continue to develop this vision that He entrusted to us from the beginning: that of bearing witness to the love of Christ by empowering the Haitian population.

## Testimony of Phanel Louis, WFL Employee and Volunteer in Mobile Clinics

In addition to your role as an employee on our pump repair team, how long have you been doing mobile clinics with Water For Life?

I have been a volunteer at WFL clinics for five or six years.

#### What do you do at the clinics?

I am part of the clinic logistics team; I participate in loading the trucks, disembarking, setting up the equipment on site and tidying up after the clinic. I also participate in accompanying people from the population when they are waiting (such as when they are waiting for medication); I talk to them about the love of Christ, I bear witness to my faith, and I encourage them to learn from God, especially for patience!

I also help in the distribution of medications to patients.

### What is your opinion about these mobile clinics?

When I see what donors contribute to help a country that is not their own, it touches me and encourages me. I tell myself that as a Haitian, I must also give my time to serve others.

I hope that we will always continue to bring relief to the most vulnerable through these mobile clinics.

### Share with us a meaningful memory.

I remember a few years ago at a clinic in a place called Dory, a woman had a severe asthma attack. She couldn't breathe. Fortunately, Dr. Winnie was able to quickly get an inhaler pump and take care of this lady. Shortly after, she was much better and could breathe normally again. I wondered what would have happened if we hadn't been there at that time with the right medication. I understood even more the need for what we do in these clinics.

### — August 2024 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 8
Hand Pumps Installed: 1

People Served: approximately 350

Hand Pumps Repaired: 43

People Served: approximately 15,050

### From Leon's Desk

Greetings to you all, our wonderful friends! I greet you like this because you are such a blessing to us as friends and a wonderful blessing to many many Haitian people. You are very special!

I want to share a verse with you from Colossians 4:3— "And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains." Paul wrote this letter while he was in prison. Now, I am not in chains, but like Paul, I ask you to pray! Pray for our team in Haiti and us here in the States that the message of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed to all people! Please pray that as people drink clean water and go to school, they also will find Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Paul continues in verse 6 to say, "Let your conversation be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." We always do need to check our speech and ask ourselves, Is my speech full of grace? Jesus shows us His grace every day! We are to follow in His steps and ask for His grace that we can speak graciously with others, and especially those with whom we might disagree.

Along with that pray also for the containers that we have once again on their way to Haiti—pray they can be released from customs in a short time! Things have not calmed down yet in Port-au-Prince. But since our team is safe and busy at work, they will be needing these supplies in the containers shortly. You have been so faithful in your prayers for us; I just want to encourage you to keep it up!

As Joy and I are in the States, we are available to come speak in churches, giving an update as to what is happening in Haiti.



Recently we had three brothers from Illinois come down and help us do some repairs on one of our drill rigs, replacing a huge cylinder. It was a complicated process, and they had already done a job exactly like it on another rig for another organization in Haiti, so they were well qualified to get this job done, and they did it in short order! We are so grateful for their willingness to come and help us out! It is wonderful that we can work together for the cause of Christ!

I certainly wish you God's blessings. Let's stay in touch! Thank you always for your gifts of love!

~Leon

