

Water=Life **Ripple Effect**

Update for friends and supporters. Vol. 1, No. 2

Water = Life was founded in 2013 by Rev. Elena Delgado and a group of friends living in the Western New York area. Concerned with the access to clean water by children in the developing world, Water = Life was created with the goal of “nurturing the human spirit through the gift of clean water.”

A message from Elena

Our commitment to bring clean water and health to children and families in developing nations is taking root in the Haitian communities of Kenscoff, Ft. Jacques and Boutillier south of Port-au-Prince. Building on the success of our January initiative with our three advisors Jimmy, Marie Estelle and Wadson, Water = Life returned in late June with the goal of distributing filter systems to 140 family representatives, one congregation and a children’s daycare center in these communities.

During this recent trip, we introduced a simple health assessment form to gain anecdotal information on the physical and financial benefits of safe water in the home. We’ll have information to share in the next few months. I was able to make home visits to previous recipients offering encouragement and support. We continue to assess our training program and follow-up visit protocol.

I assure you that your contribution to Water = Life is used wisely and for greatest impact. In addition to the purchase of the Sawyer SP180 filter and (2) 5-gallon buckets, your donation also goes towards ground transportation costs to these communities, paying our local Water = Life advisors for translation services during the week and, most importantly, paying them fairly for their time and commitment to conduct 30 and 90 day follow-up home visits. I cannot stress enough the critical nature of our relationship with the advisors and the importance their follow-up visits have upon long-term benefits to these families and children.

Our initiative in Haiti is growing and having an immediate, direct impact in the lives of thousands of people in these communities. Word of our mission to bring safe water and health to children is growing, too. Because of you, a ripple effect continues beyond Haiti as we enter exploratory conversations with projects in the Dominican Republic and Kenya.

Thank you for your past support. Won’t you join us in this life-changing mission to save communities one drop at a time? We are making plans now to return to Haiti in January 2017 and welcome your continued financial commitment. Together, we are making a difference.

— Rev. Elena Delgado, *President, Water = Life*



**Water = Life
advisors
Jimmy,
Marie Estelle,
and Wadson**





What happens in training?

- discuss health issues related to contaminated water
- explain how filter works and its benefits while assembling a system
- demonstrate system's effectiveness by drinking filtered water
- identify health and financial values of filter
- extend invitation to being an owner through an individual contribution
- group decides where this collected amount will go for a local concern
- reinforce on-going support through 30 and 90 days follow-up visits



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