

Water=Life Ripple Effect

Our 2015 update for friends and supporters.

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

Welcome to the Ripple Effect the occasional newsletter of Water=Life! In this inaugural edition, we are providing a brief overview of the highlights of 2015. It has been a busy and exciting year.

Water=Life has been blessed with donations from numerous churches as well as friends and family from New York, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and California. Your continuous support is having a ripple effect in the lives of thousands of children, youth and their families.

We hope you'll join us in providing encouragement and financial support in the coming year.

Rev. Elena Delgado, President, Water = Life



Welcome to our new website!

Learn all about Water = Life, our mission, our goals, the Sawyer water filter and our past initiatives. We are presently taking on-line donations through our website for our latest initiative, the Haiti Water Filter Project. Visit us at:

www.WaterEqualsLife.org



Haiti Water Filter Project 2015

Churches in Action, a consortium of congregations in the communities south of Buffalo, began a clean water project following the 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. In 2014, CIA approached Water = Life to join them in this ongoing initiative to bring clean water and health to the students of the Devaise Pamphile Coed School in Thomassin. The school was founded by Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti to provide education to the children of the community.



Our mutual goal included providing training and delivery of the Sawyer filter systems to the families of the high school students. In addition to the school,

Water = Life and CIA received an invitation from two congregations in the southern highlands to assist them in their goal of accessing clean water. An adult literacy center, sponsored by FLM, also asked for this support. In total, 270 filters were distributed to these four groups. We believe each filter would benefit five to eight people in each family, meaning between 1,350 and 2,160 people received the gift of clean water.

Water = Life continued to include in its training a conversation about the importance of having clean water in the home and the power of ownership. Each group was invited to agree upon a common pledge that each family would contribute. The groups then decided where their collected amount would have the greatest impact on their community. As an example, the literacy group decided to make a microloan to benefit its members and foster their hope for a brighter future.

Our present initiative!



Haiti Water Filter Project 2016

In January 2016, Water = Life will be returning to Haiti to work with four local community groups to bring clean water to the families of Pétion-Ville Province in the southern highlands.

Our goal is to raise the necessary funds by 12/31/15.

Your donation of \$50 will purchase a water filter that will clean up to 1 million gallons of water!

To make a donation, visit WaterEqualsLife.org to donate via PayPal, or make out your check to **Water=Life** and mail to P.O. Box 295 Alden NY 14004.



Photos from the 2015 Haiti trip



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