

# Water=Life Ripple Effect

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## Haiti Water Filter Project 2016

### A message from Elena

I am pleased to let you know that our recent initiative in Haiti is having a ripple effect in the lives of some 1350 people in Petionville Province (southern highlands). Because of your financial support and your commitment to the fundamental human right to clean water for all, 120 family representatives of the area received comprehensive training of the Sawyer SP180 filter system. And now their future is brighter — a future flowing with health and hope.

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

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.”

[WaterEqualsLife.org](http://WaterEqualsLife.org)

## Meet the Haiti team of advisors!

Working with us again were Marie Estelle, Wadson and Jimmy who enthusiastically said yes to our invitation to be W=L advisors this year. In this role, they did more than merely translate. They each identified community members to attend the two-part training sessions and located sites for the training. With good humor, intelligence and love, they ably facilitated the training and invited potential recipients into a conversation about value and ownership of the filter system. Because the advisors have the same filter system in their home, they could speak with integrity to the filter’s reliability, health benefits and ease of maintenance. Over the days of our work, the advisors generated several creative and challenging ideas such as...

- establish 3 follow-up home visits within a 12 month period (rather than only one)
- develop better record-keeping
- identify an assistant to go on follow-up home maintenance visits
- establish a Water=Life center from which our work may grow

Just as a stone dropped into water causes ripples to move outward across the surface, these ideas challenge us to expand our work in Haiti.

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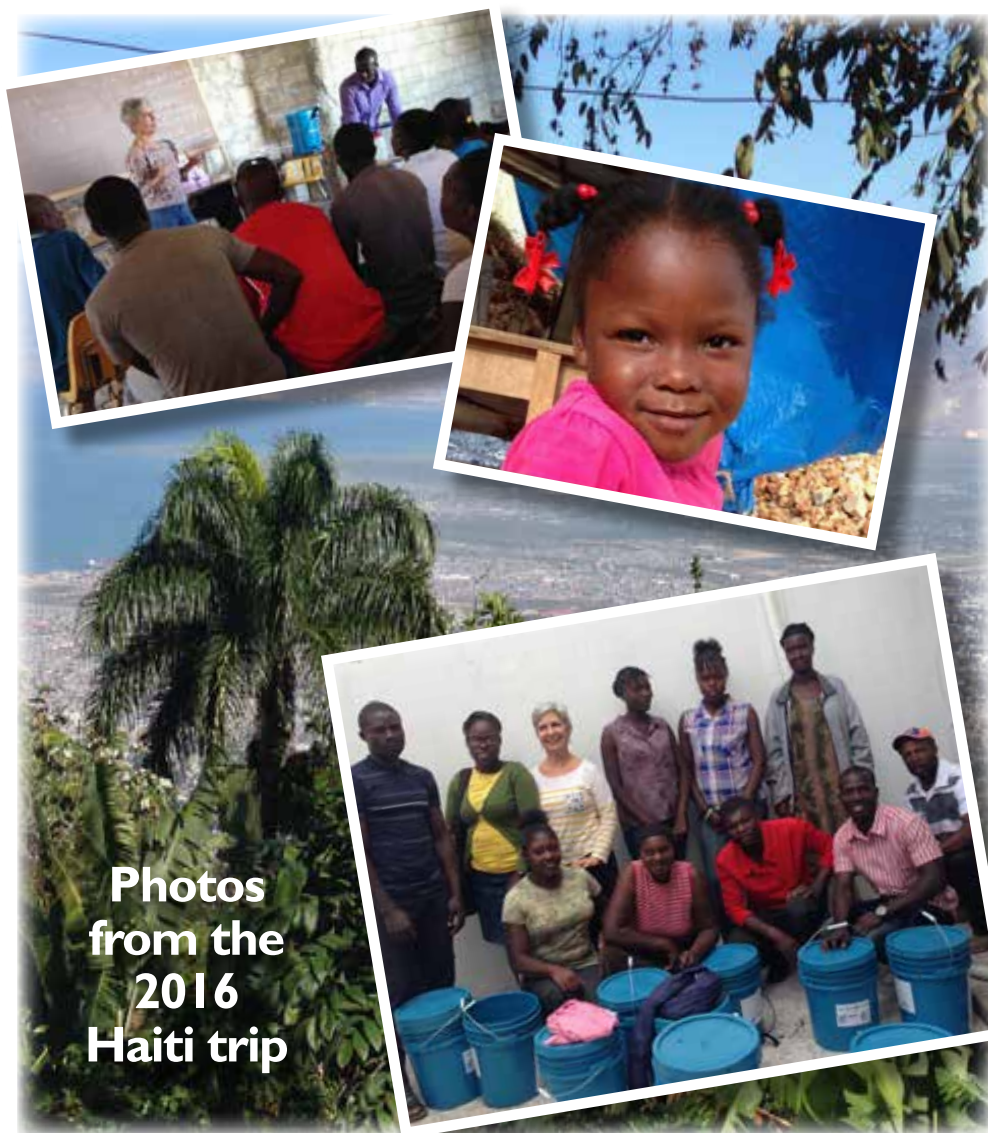
Water=Life advisors Marie Estelle, Wadson and Jimmy with Elena

## Meet the Haiti team of advisors! *continued*

These passionate community leaders are convinced that dirty water is the source of countless problems in their nation. They are equally convinced that access to clean water for all Haitian families can be a reality through Water=Life. And they are committed to being partners in this formidable goal.

What does this mean for W=L? At minimum, it means we have life-giving work ahead of us, stories of hope and self-reliance to share, inviting others to join us in changing lives through the gift of clean water. Thank you for your on-going support “to nurture the human spirit through the gift of clean water.”

*For more information about this recent trip, please go to our webpage at [waterequalslife.org](http://waterequalslife.org) to read the entire summary report. Check out my sporadic blog postings as well as photos of the families we met and the communities where we worked.*



**Photos  
from the  
2016  
Haiti trip**

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