



# Ripple Effect

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*"Nurturing the human spirit through the gift of clean water."*



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## ***A message from Elena***

The pictures and frightening weather reports may have faded from our memory but for tens of thousands of Haitians the devastation wreaked by Hurricane Matthew in October remains a daily nightmare. Just when Haiti was starting to show some signs of recovery following the January 2010 earthquake, Hurricane Matthew crippled the nation in a particularly frightening way.

The need for clean water in Haiti has always been great but never more so than now. And our request for your generous support has never been more urgent nor will your gracious donation have a greater ripple effect than right now. *(Learn more about our urgent plan of action on page 2 of this newsletter).*

**Our goal is to raise \$10,000 by the end of December 2016.**

Please help us to reach our goal. Your contribution will have an immediate impact in the lives of children and their families. The memory of Hurricane Matthew's crippling impact is as fresh as ever. Together we can create new memories of hope and healing for Haiti *one drop at a time.*

Rev. Elena Delgado, President, Water = Life



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## Urgent Plan of Action

Water = Life Haitian advisors Marie Estelle, Wadson and Jimmy report that communities in the southern peninsula, the area hardest hit by Matthew, are suffering. Incidences of cholera are growing close to epidemic proportion. In response to their urgent pleas for assistance in this area, the Board is developing a community-wide clean water project. We are focusing our efforts in the villages of Borde in Jeremie and Bernard Gous at Pestel, the epicenter of the cholera outbreak.

The project begins with placing 125 gallon water barrels on raised platforms in safe and secured community centers such as a clinic, school and/or church. Several Sawyer filters will be fixed to each of these large containers allowing multiple families access to clean water at the same time. We plan to have at least 3 water barrels in each community site.

Among the multiple challenges of this urgent project are identifying local leaders to manage the project, purchasing supplies to build the platforms and finding masons to construct them, securing reliable transportation to the area.

**The greatest challenge right now is raising funds to make this project a reality - a reality that children and families in these villages will no longer fear drinking water or dying from cholera.**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE, donate today at [waterequalslife.org](http://waterequalslife.org) and help us reach our goal.**

**Thanks to your donations... these children now have access to clean water.**

These photos were taken by Water = Life advisor Jimmy during his follow-up visits to families who received a Sawyer water filter and training from Water = Life. **This is possible because of your support.**



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