



Bois Savane Morne Rouge School, Haiti

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In the heart of the Bois Savane Morne Rouge community, the local school struggled for access to water. When their hand pump broke due to poor upkeep, the residents relied on a hand-dug well that was open to the elements. However, the water from this well was contaminated with dirt and debris, making it undrinkable. This desperate situation forced the students into a daily ritual of scrounging for money to purchase safe water from vendors. However, some students couldn't afford to purchase water, so they resorted to risking their health and consuming water from the open well.

Glitha Toussaint is a 63-year-old teacher at the Bois Savane Morne Rouge school. She shared, "This school had a lot of problems with the children during their recreation time. The children were always around the community and in the streets, looking for water. However, the water they collected was not drinkable."

Their precarious situation was further exacerbated by the absence of water in the school's sanitary facilities, leaving them without defense from bacteria. One by one, many students fell ill as a result of the contaminated water. The diagnosis was alarming; typhoid and other waterborne illnesses were running rampant throughout the student population. The lack of basic sanitation facilities became a breeding ground for diseases, transforming the school premises into a precarious environment where sickness loomed. Without the means to wash their hands properly, students and staff inadvertently exposed themselves to a multitude of harmful pathogens every day. The school staff knew that having safe water at the school would interrupt their cycle of sickness.



Construction begins on a new well at the school!



Glitha [right] shares her students' struggle for safe water.

When the school principal heard about Living Water's work in the region, he felt hopeful for the first time in months. He reached out for assistance and invited the Living Water staff to visit the school and witness their great need. The staff returned later with a drill rig to construct a brand new well on the school grounds, one that the students could trust for years to come. Not only would the students now have plentiful access to safe water, but they also gained access to sanitation and hygiene facilities at the school. The students could finally begin to heal from their water crisis.



Young lives are transformed when they gain access to safe water and sanitation facilities!