



## Tilorier, Haiti

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The community members of Tilorier faced an unrelenting water crisis. “The situation was dire. Our hand-dug wells often ran dry during droughts, forcing our women and children to travel 40 to 60 minutes for water. Relying on these wells led to widespread waterborne diseases like typhoid and diarrhea. It was a tough time, and many in the community suffered. Especially children,” shared Mompremier Benjamin, a 44-year-old resident.

“We frequently had to buy drinking water, but those who could not afford to do so had no choice but to rely on the wells or the help of others,” he added. Unaware of safe storage practices, residents unintentionally contaminated the water they purchased by storing it for several days to ration its use. Coping with disease led to missed work, absenteeism, and low morale, while expensive medical bills increased financial strain.

Community leaders were committed to breaking this cycle of scarcity, illness, and loss. Determined to find a sustainable solution, they reached out for help as soon as they heard about Living Water International's work in the region. Living Water Haiti responded swiftly, drilling a borehole and installing a hand pump. The Living Water staff equipped residents with essential skills to maximize the lifesaving impact of safe water through several sanitation and hygiene workshops.

At last, residents have access to the basic resources they need to thrive. With a smile, Mompremier continued, “We are thrilled to have safe water. This project is transforming our community. We can save money and live healthier lives.”



These hand-dug wells provide residents with an unreliable and unsafe water supply, leading to scarcity and waterborne disease outbreaks.



Mompremier [left] shares his community's experience with the water crisis with a Living Water team member.