

FaithBIT



Tears...well up!

Reflection by John and Jennifer Urbanski

During a recent visit to Haiti, we witnessed the amazing impact Rotary International and Haiti Outreach are having on local communities as water wells are installed or refurbished. During the inspection of a recently inaugurated well, we asked how this well has changed people in the community. The committee treasurer eagerly jumped at the chance to speak. She wore a lacy, crisp white dress and her face was beaming with pride. She spoke in Creole, but our translator shared her words of how this clean water was making life much better. Their source of water used to be a small river that is not very close. She explained that they used to have cholera in their community. People had died from this disease. But now that has stopped. Tears welled up in her eyes. She stopped in mid-sentence. The committee president finished by thanking God. Every person present felt both the pain and joy of this woman's story in spite of the language barrier. It was a testimonial to the value of this fresh water project for this village. People in this Haitian community gave thanks to God for the blessing of fresh water.



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John 4:14-15, Jesus said "those who drink of the water that I give will never be thirsty. The water I give them will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty..."

Like the woman at the well, these people know, first-hand, clean water gives life!



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