

THERE IS A PROBLEM IN HAITI AND TURNING POINT MISSIONS IS GOING TO HELP SOLVE IT

"That is the American's hand pump or the Americans' water filter system" was a common statement made to mission team members and now our Haitian team when they visit a broken filter system or hand pump that could have been fixed for a few cents. But rather than fix the equipment so they could have clean water, the local Haitians were waiting for us to repair the equipment. The question on everyone's mind is how do we change that attitude, and get the locals to take ownership of a hand pump or filter system. We believe that can be accomplished through the empowerment of the Haitian people.

TPM has recently been introduced to the founder of Water4, an international clean water provider who is helping to eradicate the world's water crisis by putting the solution in the hands of the men, women and children it affects most. Water4 does this by creating water utility companies that are owned by locals, and employ other locals in the business of providing clean water. The water crisis will not be solved with charity alone. It will only be solved by locking arms with the people affected and empowering them to continue the work we start together. TPM is excited to have Water4 partner with us acting as active consultants for our work in Haiti, and being able to draw on their extensive expertise of successful enterprises in several African countries and other locations around the world.

Many in Haiti agree with this approach. Haitian author Daniel Jean-Louis in his book "From Aid to Trade" writes about how NGO's (Non-Governmental Organizations, which includes Christian non-profits), always treat Haiti as if the country is in need of aid just to stay afloat. But "aid" keeps the Haitian people poor because it creates no employment opportunities, which causes continued

dependency on free goods from the NGO's to survive. Haiti needs to develop businesses (trade) to serve its own people rather than depending on others. Haiti is one of a very few countries where water is free. Almost everyone around the world pays for the water they use. Since TPM and our Haitian water team know a bit about water we thought a water utility business would be a great place to start.

Has this been done before in Haiti? Yes, there are independent Haitian water sales locations. Most of these are selling water at \$0.75 for five gallons of filtered water. That is a higher cost per gallon than anywhere in the US. We expect to be able to sell filtered water for \$0.40 - \$0.50 per 5 gallons, and provide jobs in doing so. Jobs will be created like filter operators, system maintenance men, salespeople, distribution people, etc. The average person needs 5 gallons of water a day to meet their basic needs so demand for water is there in any mid to large village area. TPM will not build/operate these businesses where there is already a Haitian water sales operation because our goal is not to compete with existing businesses but to rather create new Haitian employment opportunities.

Will TPM stop drilling new wells and building filter systems at no charge? No, where the need is great, clean water unavailable and the local economy poor we will of course provide clean filtered water to those in need. This will especially be the case for water needs at schools and churches. We will also continue to fix broken hand pumps while trying in all these cases to teach the importance of maintaining and taking ownership of the new wells pumps and filters.

The capital cost of our first water sales operation is estimated at \$25 to \$30,000 which includes the land, building, elevated storage tank, filter, pump and disinfection equipment, plus piping and metering costs. The Haitian people need your help!

First and foremost. Turning Point Missions is asking for your prayer support in this endeavor. We believe we have an unprecedented opportunity - an open door the Lord has granted us in this very troubled region in Haiti to make a real impact in the physical and spiritual lives of the people. Please prayerfully consider a gift at this time to the Haitian people.



PROGRAM UPDATE

Please keep each of these mission outreaches in your prayers.



New India Mark II Hand Pumps Arrive Soon! Your Haitian Water Team will be receiving 125 new hand pumps with 100 feet of pipe each within the next couple months. In addition individual spare parts have been purchased which will enable the team to repair more than 100+ broken

hand pumps. The new pumps are being shipped from India directly to Cap Haitien.



Irrigation Equipment and Submersible Pump Have Arrived in Haiti for the Farming Project! The pump and irrigation equipment needed for the farming project described in our summer newsletter have just arrived in Haiti. The control/security building is under construction and the acreage

has been cleared. The next steps will include installing the irrigation piping and the solar panels needed to power the submersible pump. The farming team is hopeful that a first crop will be planted late this fall.

TPM UNVEILS A NEW LOOK



Turning Point Missions is proud to unveil its fresh and vibrant brand design, reflecting a profound connection to the natural world, the people TPM serves, and a steadfast commitment to its mission. The new brand's color palette and imagery beautifully reflect the rich and diverse people who turn to Turning Point Missions for support. With a focus on water, a universal symbol of life, the brand's logo icon features a hand with a warm, brown skin tone delicately catching a water droplet. This powerful symbol embodies Turning Point Missions' enduring dedication to supporting and aiding the communities and individuals it serves. Just as water sustains life, the organization remains unwavering in its mission to provide essential assistance and hope to those in need, embracing change while preserving its core values of compassion and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Incorporating the essence of the natural work into its brand design, Turning Point Missions not only signifies a fresh visual identity but also underscores its commitment to nurturing and uplifting communities, just like the life-giving properties of water. This brand transformation symbolizes the organization's aspiration to create positive ripples of change in the lives of the people it touches, making a lasting impact by addressing pressing humanitarian needs with empathy, innovation, and dedication. With its new brand identity, Turning Point Missions stands as a beacon of hope, ready to continue its essential work of supporting and empowering those facing adversity, one drop of compassion at a time.

Difference: A point or way in which people or things are not the same.

That is exactly what is happening in the physical and, more importantly, the spiritual lives of the Haitian people. Your prayers and financial support has been doing just that.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the Haitian people in Northern Haiti!

Water is Life!!

Tom Doane, Turning Point Missions



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