



# CHALLENGE

## Let's Talk about Water

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Our Church, Myers Park UMC is spending some time learning about the issue of water around the world. Water is mentioned approximately 722 times in the bible. Water makes up more than 2/3 of human body and without it we would die in a few days. To know that 3.4 million people die each year from a water related disease and 780 million people lack access to clean water is something that we have deeply struggled with.

During our recent visit to Bayonnais, Actionnel helped us to understand the issue of water for our friends in Haiti. He took us to a community named Savanne Ronde to explain to us that they are situated in a very dry area. The community has about 30,000 people surrounding the school that was built there and when the school turns their generator on to draw water from their well, thousands of people stand in line for a bucket of water for their families.

It was overwhelming to witness the need for one of the most basic necessities for life. We noticed a young boy on our way up to Zoranje drawing water from a stream. The lack of clean and safe water increases the risk of sickness. The good news is that there are two water filtration systems providing safe water at OFCB now. One of the members of the community Pierrewander Alcicat, shared with us that he is able to draw clean safe water from either the clinic or the school. When we visited him the year before, he was preparing his water by pouring a small capful of bleach in it to kill the bacteria. I give thanks to the Water Missions International group for their work of bringing clean water to our friends in the mountains of Bayonnais [www.watermissions.org](http://www.watermissions.org).



# Find the True Spirit of Christmas



Do you have people on your Christmas shopping list that have everything they need? (*Parents, Minister, Teachers ...*)

Would some of these people prefer you give a gift to someone IN NEED in honor of them?

What would the impact be if we all selected 3 gifts for Bayonnais, Haiti this year?

Our friends in Bayonnais have created a list of items that are much needed (order form on next page). Gifts range in cost from \$10-\$40. Additionally, you can select an amount to give toward two of the gifts.

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<b>FABRIC FOR UNIFORM</b> <i>(parent sews the garment)</i>	\$10		\$	
<b>Shoes</b>	\$40		\$	
<b>RICE</b> <i>(50 pound bag)</i>	\$40		\$	
<b>BEANS</b> <i>(50 pound bag)</i>	\$40		\$	
<b>GOAT</b>	\$35		\$	
<b>HOE</b>	\$10		\$	
<b>MACHETE</b>	\$10		\$	
<b>OFCB SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND</b>	Any Amount		\$	
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Information Below

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# ...a bit of heaven was shown to me

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One of the highlights of my trip to Bayonnais was time spent in the schoolyard, viewing classrooms, and spending time with the children under the mango trees. Each school day begins for the children under the large mango tree on the schoolyard. They gather, thoughts for the day are shared, and then voices are lifted in singing their school song before off they go to school. One morning after they had reached their classrooms, I found a spot under the mango tree to listen to the hum of classes beginning. From Kindergarteners singing "This Is the Day" to older children reciting, the day was moving forward with positive energy. I spent a few minutes sketching and water coloring the scene. In my own classroom, I called this reflection time "noticing." You are quiet, really observe, and sketch or write about what you have seen, breathing in the moment.



Later that day after the children were dismissed, I was sitting on the porch of the Guest House when 9 little boys ranging from 3 to 9 years old came by to see me. They saw my watercolors and wanted to paint! I had no paper for them to use, so we used a material that is in abundance on site. We moved under the mango tree and I told them to go and find a smooth rock. They hurried off and came back with a rock in hand. I water colored a picture of the mango tree on a rock and then put the small watercolor set in front of them. They shared the 5 paintbrushes I had with me, and I showed them how to paint with their fingers if no brush as available. We even made one brush by fraying the end of a stick. For over an hour, these nine little boys found and painted rocks. There was sharing, applauding the work of friends, and pride in the beauty of their creations. Under that mango tree with those little boys, small rocks, and paint, a bit of heaven was shown to me.



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