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## Hold Onto Your Hats!

One of the hardest parts about writing these newsletters is trying to decide exactly what to write about, because there's always so much to share.

We had a great response to our Make Waves Campaign at the end of last year. From mid-October to the end of December we had over \$100,000 US donated. These are some of the things we've been able to do so far with that funding:

- Gave all of our staff much deserved raises.
- Hired 3 new filter technicians.
- Bought new tires for the work trucks – a much needed purchase.
- Renewed our Haiti Foundation registration, allowing us to operate.
- Finalized property taxes based on completed buildings, and paid our taxes.
- Stocked up on lids, sacks for sand, cement, paint, tubes and drop-pers – all important parts of building and installing filters.
- Did a bunch of maintenance work on our motorcycles used for filter follow up visits.
- Paid another year of insurance on several vehicles and all of our motorcycles.

Along with general funding, we also recieved the rest of the needed funds to purchase our new delivery truck, something we've been working towards for two years. It needs a custom box so we won't receive it right away, but sometime this spring our fleet will be growing!

We've been doing a lot of work in Ti Riviere, a community and outlying areas in the Artibonite Valley. In January and February we installed over 370 filters, exceeding our goal of 150 filters per month! We've also been working on five year follow up visits, checking on filters installed in 2013, and doing our regular repair work.

Your support is hard at work here in Haiti, and we can't thank you enough for being part of this. Between the filters we install and the jobs we provide, it's making a lifechanging difference to so many each and every day.

If you'd like to stay up to date on everything that's happening I hope you'll sign up for our regular email updates and follow us on social media. You can also join us on a Vision Trip and check things out in person. Our new guest house has gotten rave reviews and we'd love to share all of this with you!



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*"Water is life,  
and clean water  
means health."*

Audrey Hepburn~





## The Beauty of Empowerment

I share my perspective on empowerment a lot when I talk about Haiti. I believe with everything in me that if we continue to empower the Haitian people, they can raise themselves out of poverty. It is a word that is part of, and ingrained into, the motto of Clean Water for Haiti, and one that is close to my heart. I believe empowerment makes people stronger, brings confidence, and ultimately puts them in a place of control in their own life - every aspect of their life.

I love going out on deliveries. Yes, it's hot, and the days are long. The roads are difficult, and the workload is intense. Yet, going out on deliveries means I am with the people and that's a big part of why I'm here! I enjoy meeting the filter recipients, and seeing their excitement because the filters bring them empowerment. I play a role in this empowerment focus and I want to see it with my own eyes. These recipients take control of their water supply and their health when they have a filter for themselves and their family.

Most of my blog posts or social media shares for Clean Water for Haiti celebrate our employees. I am so proud to work amongst such strong, smart, and empowered men and women in Camp Marie. They amaze me with their commitment to solving the water crisis here in Haiti.

Being with the guys on deliveries also means some time to talk while driving to our location, sharing a quick lunch together, and getting to know each other on a personal level. I love hearing their stories and perspectives, and finding out about the roles they play in life outside of Clean Water for Haiti. They are fathers, uncles, brothers. They are husbands and friends. Some of them are church leaders. They have gardens and livestock. They go to English classes and attend university at night and on the weekends. They are funny, and respectful. They love the Lord and they love each other. They set an example every day - in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and purity - just as the Bible asks us to do. Some of this is a result of empowerment. Because of jobs, they become stronger and gain confidence. They are in control of all aspects of their life, and they live life well as a result.

I love this focus on empowerment. It's working here!

To support the work that Clean Water for Haiti is doing please use the enclosed donation card or visit our website to give online at [www.cleanwaterforhaiti.org](http://www.cleanwaterforhaiti.org).



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*Rigaud with the bottle used to measure the flow rate on newly installed filters. Our staff work hard every day to make sure our filter recipients have a well installed filter they can rely on.*

*To read more stories about what we do at Clean Water for Haiti visit our website to check out our blog and sign up for monthly emails.*

## 2018 VISION TRIPS

AUGUST 11-18  
OCTOBER 20-27

Come spend a week with us! Learn how to build a filter, go on a delivery day, and enjoy a life changing week in Haiti.

For more info or to register visit the Vision Trip page on our website.