

# September 2010



## Be His Witness



### “NOT GROW WEARY”



**Isaiah 40:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and **not grow weary**, they will walk and not be faint.

Looking at the work ahead and the outcome anticipated I will not grow weary. I notice this verse refers to “young men”, that encourages me..... I do admit that there have been some times of weariness, times of feeling faint and then as I turn back to God and His Word my feet are light and my desire to serve Him is renewed. If you are working for the best boss ever, one who provides the greatest of benefits, it matters not what the task may be, the weariness is gone and the finish line is ahead where the benefits are eternal. No matter what your calling do not be weary, the rewards are great.

I encourage you, lift you up and remind you what we are: “not be weary”. Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

We are preparing for the final construction phases of the water purification facility at Batey#3. The exterior building construction is complete and the finish work is moving ahead. By the end of September the ceramic tile work will be complete. We are preparing for 2 trips in the next 3 months. The first to install the electrical systems (including emergency battery backup) and the control systems for the water well pump. It will automatically keep the water storage tanks full while the electricity is on. Two water tanks supply all the water needed. One for both the school and church, another 1100 gallon tank, on the roof for the water purification facility. The electronic control system will send the water to the correct place to keep the



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tanks full. This equipment is easy to operate and easily by-passed if need be. The company from Santo Domingo is going to provide technical support and service for all our equipment. As we prepare for a visit to the cane fields I always am reminded of how



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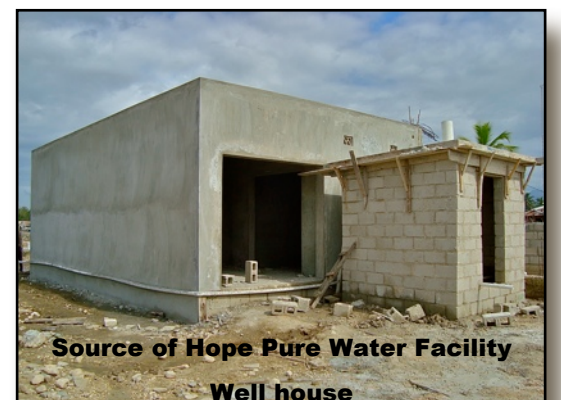
**“The Boys”**

blessed we are here in America. The photo of “the boys” drinking water from the ditch along the roadway near Batey Santa Maria reignites the fires to keep us going. Our efforts in providing access to clean water will impact several thousand people for years to come.

The new pump house provides a secure place for the well and the control valves necessary. The well has a continuous flow of water with no pump needed. This “artesian” well is piped to the front of the building for public access and will remain so. We plan to add a concrete slab with a metal grate which will provide a place to wash clothes and children too. It is serving about 150-200 people daily with reasonably clean water. We define reasonable clean water (RCW) as untreated but from a deep well with minimal contamination. Not for drinking but good for all other uses. This is their only source of RCW. Most people have no idea of the levels of bacteria in the irrigation canal water.



**Source of Hope Pure Water Facility**



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Well house**

# FUENTE de ESPERANZA

translates "Source of Hope" - the water represents the Living Water of Christ and provides hope of freedom from dependency by providing employment, income for the Church and community, and the beginning of self reliance - in short, a cure for the disease of dependency.



I have committed to maintain our focus not on bottled water but on the message it represents. I know how easy it can be to get so focused on a water well, a control box, a chlorinator and all the other "stuff" needed to produce pure water. The real project is about growing the Church and bringing a life changing message to all who have ears, supporting the local church, and helping grow the school. We are working to involve other ministries to grow the church, to provide pastoral insight, to plan and expand the reach of the message. We are working to recruit a teams to provide education regarding water use, sanitation, and hygiene as well as education for families so they understand the urgency of clean water, especially for infants and children. Our work is just beginning, pure water is a means to the end, a means to show our love and lift the heads of those we serve. Pray for a new appreciation for life and a desire for spiritual growth among those who have so little. We thank God for allowing us to make a

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**Our construction team we provide work for men in the area**

TAKING TIME TO PRAY AND REFLECT ON THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE ARE CRITICAL. WE ARE TO BE MINDFUL OF THE NEEDS AND NOT OF THE WANTS. OFTEN THEY, JUST LIKE US, GET THE NEEDS AND WANTS MIXED. **We strive to be a partner in change that lasts.**



The "RCW" is great for doing laundry



**Source of Hope Church Batey#3**

The "Fuente de Esperanza" name is now official - we received the national permit. The next step will happen after we are producing water. The health inspector will do the necessary inspection and issue our permit to operate and sell water.

In the book of James it says we are to consider our trials "pure joy", well we found out that the septic system for the school and church has collapsed and will need to be repaired or replaced. Just a trial and we do consider it pure joy to face these challenges and continue on. We are getting an evaluation of the situation so the best course of action may be taken, please pray.

We have two trips remaining for 2010 one for September and one in early November. When we get a better idea of the opening date more short term trips will be announced. We will have a better idea of when we will be ready to promote water and do community outreach after the September visit.

As we move ahead with the project the costs continue. The septic system is an unknown at this point but we cannot get our permit without sanitation facilities for the workers. That will be an extra expense. We still need about \$12,000 to finish the water part. I'd like each of you to think about something you pay for each month and commit to send a check for a years worth of whatever it is to provide water and life to those we are serving. Cell phone, cable tv, water bill, you get the idea. Please write a check equal to a years worth, you will bless others and you will be blessed. No more "boys in the ditch"!

*Blessings,  
Bob*

**WE PRAY FOR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION TO CONTINUE THE TREATMENT FOR THE DISEASE OF DEPENDENCY - PLEASE PRAY THAT WE CAN STAND FIRM AND LEAD OTHERS TO FUTURE HOPE**

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