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We are now into August. Time sure does fly doesn't it?



This is Barb MacLeod again. I'm feeling a little sad today because I am leaving Haiti in a couple of days. I have very mixed feelings; I'm looking forward to seeing my family and friends again, but there is something sad about leaving a place I love so much. I can't explain how Haiti and the Haitian people get such a hold on your heart. There is so much to love here. Hopefully I will be back in October.

This morning I was watching a little girl and her older sister at the well we drilled for the community. The little girl was only about three and her job was to hold the container so her sister could pump water into it. I wish I had gotten a picture of it. You should see the size of the containers they carry back home. I don't think I could carry them.

Some people in the community have mentioned how grateful they are to have a well so near. It feels good to know that we have made some people's lives easier. Living in Haiti generally isn't easy.

Since last month we have finished training a third World Vision group as filter technicians. In September and October we will be training another two groups. We are getting more and more phone calls and emails regarding filter training. It is exciting to see how things are unfolding here.

From July 16th to the 31st, we had a group of youth from Tal and Adele's home church in Vernon. It was great to have them. They learned how filters work and had hands-on training in making them. They also helped build pumps for the wells. We have starting making our own well pumps because pumps are difficult to get in Haiti and costly if you can get them.

The youth group also went to a poor community called Theard where they helped with installing the filters and they taught a class in sanitation and hygiene to the local children. I went with them also and really saw, for the first time, the importance of making these filters. This community was so grateful to have them. Children die without clean water.

While teaching the class on hygiene, we stressed the importance of using the cleanest water they could to wash in, but found out that many of the children in the community; it is a very spread out community; still do not have filters to use. That was so hard to know.

We are working with this community to try to get sufficient filters there.

While they were in Haiti, the youth group also went to a local orphanage to work with the kids for a day while Tal volunteered his time and the truck so that they could bring water up the hill for the

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children. They usually do this without a vehicle. It's a lot of work.

I have really enjoyed to chance to work with Tal. I see that he is here not only to build filters and drill water wells, but he is here to work with and encourage the people. Many evenings and weekends I see people pop by to talk with Tal. He will spend a lot of time talking with them (in Creole) and trying to get them to think of better solutions for themselves. He really loves the Haitian people and is committed to them.

So this will be my last letter for a little while. I imagine Tal will be writing the next. I have enjoyed writing you about what it is like at Clean Water For Haiti.

Love,
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