



Deep Springs International (DSI) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that saves lives in rural Haiti by incubating safe water social enterprises under the brand Gadyen Dlo.

Where there is water, there is life™

Technician Monitors Water Safety to Improve Health



Ritter offers address at CINCH meeting

Michael Ritter, President of DSI offered an address at the recent Central Indiana Churches for Haiti (CINCH) meeting. CINCH formed in 2002 in order to bring together 21 catholic parishes who supported safe water in a sister parish. The purpose of the CINCH meetings are to share ideas, opportunities and experiences with regard to Haiti. Each parish in the United States supports a unique parish in Haiti.



Special points of interest:

- Ritter speaks at CINCH
- Community Profiles
- Goals for 2012

Community Profiles

Jean

Jean-Yves Alliance, a coordinator for Deep Springs International since March 2010, lives in Leogane with his grandmother. As a coordinator, Jean enjoys the opportunities to visit technicians throughout Haiti because he says, "they teach me a lot about what is going on in the field." During these visits, he also meets firsthand with families in the community who are using Gayden Dlo. Jean says that his position has impacted him personally, by making him proud to be "part of the solution rather than looking at all the problems the country is facing."

Jean-Yves Alliance checks for Household Chlorine Residuals



In 2011, DSI produced 500,000 bottles of chlorine which are being distributed by DINEPA and the Ministry of Health to over 260,000 families in the North of Haiti.



Rona

"Water is life. Water is a part of everything," says Rona, who used to be a primary school teacher before she saw the need for clean water services in her community and took her position as a water technician. If anyone in her community understands the vitality of water, it's Rona. She likes her job because it makes her feel good to give back to her community by serving the population and providing clean water for families. Since taking her job, she has noticed several changes in her community in northern Haiti. For instance, there has been a significant drop in cases of typhoid and diarrhea at the nearby clinic run by missionaries. Rona hopes that the program will expand across the entire country of Haiti, spreading the fruits of good health to all.



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Our Vision: To improve public health while creating jobs through an integrated and sustainable safe water program that can be scaled throughout underserved communities in developing countries.



Distributions	2011
Safe Storage Containers	21,302
Gallons of Chlorine	41,208
Liters of Water Treated	445,049
Estimated Beneficiaries	1,906,787

According to the Proctor & Gamble index, these distributions translate to approximately 2,400 lives saved this year by DSI.

Cholera Response and Expansion

After the cholera outbreak began in October 2010, the work of DSI water technicians took on an even more important role. Technicians were responsible for distributing Gadyen Dlo systems to new families through DSI's partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition, UNICEF and DINEPA (Haitian Ministry of Water and Sanitation) contacted DSI about our capacity to produce large quantities of chlorine for bulk distribution in the northern region. DSI produced 500,000 bottles of Gadyen Dlo chlorine which are being distributed by DINEPA and the Ministry of Health to over 260,000 families in the north. Families received one or two bottles of free chlorine, each of which provides safe water for 1.5 months as part of the national cholera response strategy.



Goals for 2012– Leogane and The North

Promote family transition (from free chlorine available in emergencies) to longer-term solutions to purchase chlorine from technicians or community health workers who generate income in each sale

- Increase rate of family chlorine purchases
- Streamline and target household visits with cell phone monitoring
- Promotion campaigns
- Piloting various models in the north

DSI is seeking funds to:

- Compensate the technicians and health workers
- Conduct a promotion campaign through radio, events, and incentives

Future Projects: Help Needed



Promotion campaigns include banners, radio spots, instructional calendars, t-shirts, and events.

Your donation provides safe water for about \$1 a person.

