



# CHALLENGE

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## Life's Essentials: Water

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On March 27, 2019, a new team headed to Bayonnais - 13 in all, representing [SouthPark Church](#), [Light of Christ UMC](#), and [Ballantyne Rotary Club](#). We were the first to go to Haiti in weeks, due to the recent civil unrest. I was excited to take my second trip with my fiancé and bring family along so they could see first hand why we fell in love with this country.

It was a busy week - our primary objective was clean water. Our first stop when we landed in Port Au Prince was to visit [Water Mission](#) and get an update on the status of clean water in Bayonnais. We learned a lot about the organization and it's programs.

Over the course of our trip, we visited:

- Guimby: This site is in it's final stages - clean water should be available in the next month.
- Zoranger: The application to begin drilling is being submitted as I write.
- Capity: A new site with a great need for water - their source is almost 1.5 miles away and the pump handle is broken.

We also visited the World of God office to share gifts with students from their sponsors back home. So awesome to see the joy on their faces! My daughter and I got to meet our student, too!!



Other highlights included a visit to the medical clinic, assembling care packages (manmans) to be distributed to pregnant women, and watching Actionnel and Kenold receive the Paul Harris Award for service at a Bayonnais Rotary meeting, As always, we spent a lot of time playing with the kids and making new friends.

I walked away feeling thankful for so many things. Thankful to experience Haiti again. Thankful to serve with others from my church family and

grow closer to them. Thankful for Actionnel's leadership. Thankful that we can be bold and courageous for Jesus!

At SouthPark Church we pray at 1:09 everyday, inspired by Joshua 1:9. I love this verse: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

And all the people said Amen! See you in 2020, friends in Bayonnais!!



### Actionnel's May Schedule

- Sun May 5: SouthPark UMC
- Tue May 7: Mineral Springs UMC
- Wed May 9: Montreat Pres
- Thu May 9: Southpark UMC
- Sat May 11: LN Baptist
- Sun May 12: Sardis Pres
- Tue May 14: South Meckl Pres
- Wed May 15: First Pres Florence
- Sun May 19: First Pres Florence

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