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## LIFE-GIVING WATER



**Lina Village, St. Raphael,  
Haiti**

*A “Gift of Life” from  
Mr. & Mrs. John Billiard*

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*“As often as you did it to one of the least of my brothers  
and sisters, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40*

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### **Lina Village, St. Raphael, Haiti**

*John and Judith*, thank you for joining *Food For The Poor's* humanitarian mission of providing life-sustaining essentials to the poorest of poor throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Because of your commitment, *Food For The Poor* is able to bring pure and plentiful water to areas plagued by infected and inadequate water resources. Your generous support has installed an artesian water well in the **Lina** Village community of St. Raphael, where it is benefiting approximately 920 needy families.

With a population of 9.6 million, **Haiti** is the poorest nation in the Americas (UN, 2007). Decades of poverty, environmental degradation, violence, instability and dictatorship have left it struggling both economically and socially. Widespread unemployment and underemployment are prevalent and more than two-thirds of the labor force lack formal jobs (CIA Factbook, 2002 est.). Consequently, Haitians are forced to seek work and a better life in the US or other Caribbean nations, including the neighboring Dominican Republic, which is home to hundreds of thousands of Haitian migrants.

**St. Raphael** is one of seven districts of the Northern Department. It is located on the heights, approximately 42 miles from the city of Cap Haitien. St. Raphael has a population of over 65,000 residents, living in very primitive conditions with a severe lack of sanitation facilities and indoor plumbing. The village survives on the production of vegetables, corn, rice, peas and sugar cane. Irrigation canals can be found throughout the area. However, due to the scarcity of potable water, residents get their daily supply from the rivers.

Now more than two years after the earthquake, Haitians still struggle with the challenges of daily survival, homelessness and hunger. The need is everywhere – if an area was not directly hit, it has been affected by the migration of those looking for food, water, and more than a tarp over their heads and dirt under their backs when they lay down at night.

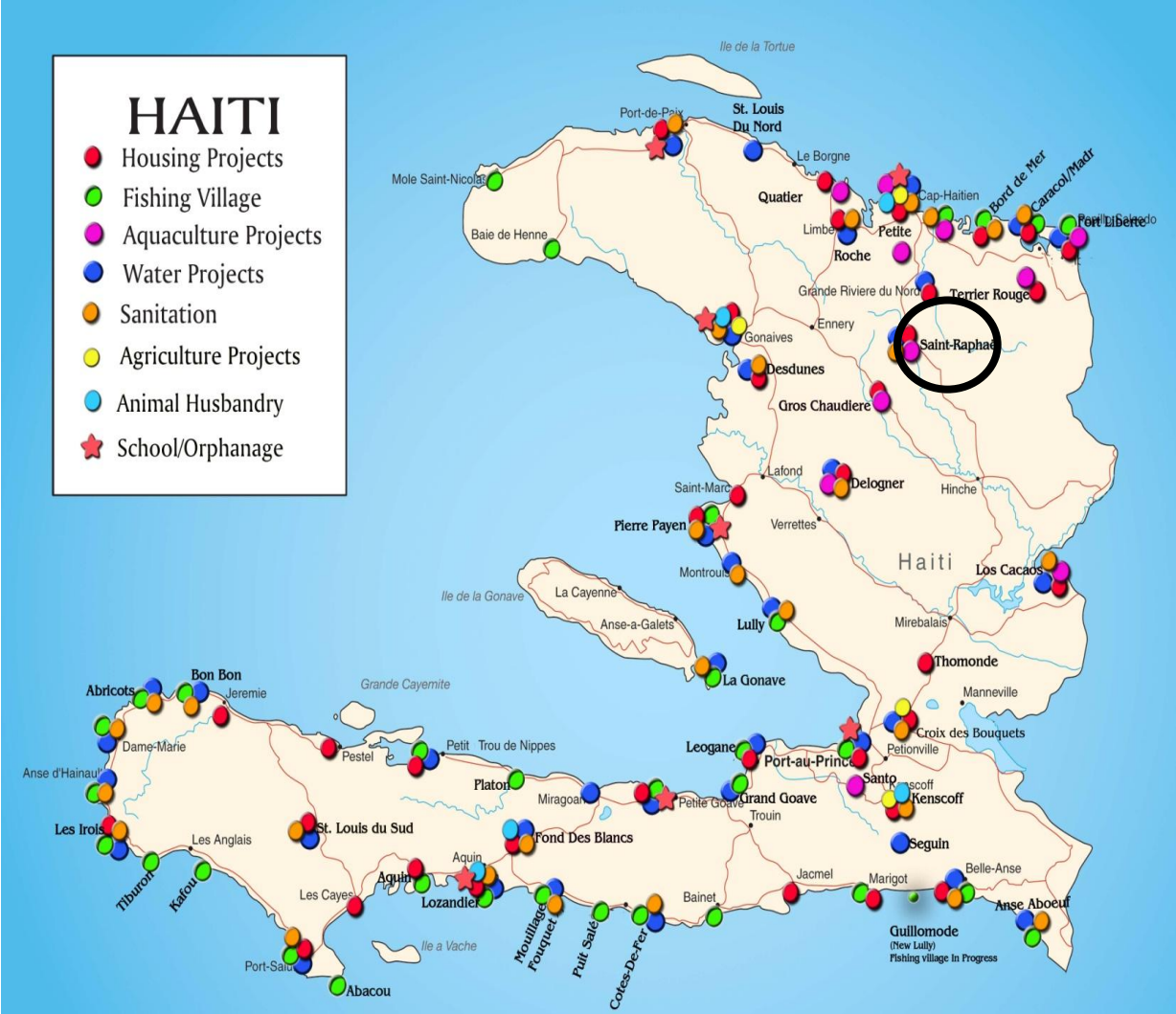
In the best of times, only a small percentage of the Haitian population has had access to safe drinking water. Water is a life sustaining resource and impossible to live without. In Haiti, it is generally the children and women who are forced to walk many miles every day to collect and carry enough water to meet their family's daily needs. They spend hours making the journey to a water site, and this usually prevents children from attending school. Much of the territory is rough and mountainous and a dangerous trek, as it forces the individuals to walk along rocky and, many times, flooded terrain.

Without intervention, many will continue to die or suffer from preventable diseases. Clean, potable water will change the overall health of the community. It will relieve those who are in constant distress every day in search of water far away from home. Children will be able to spend more time in school.

*John and Judith*, your loving gift in memory of your beloved father, **Francis E. Billiard**, has come at a time when the residents of Lina Village are in desperate need of clean safe water. They are so grateful to you for your generosity!

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*The families of Lina Village, St. Raphael are so grateful for your gift of clean water*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
*Francis E. Billiard*



*“With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation ....  
Give thanks to the Lord.”  
(Isaiah 12:3-4)*