

Well # 30 – Nan Chanpay

Nan Chanpay is a remote community on the treacherous coastal road running to the westerly tip of the Haitian peninsula. The severe drought of 2013 caused the people here to have to walk five miles in either direction to find water. In May 2008 HMI had drilled a well near Nan Chanpay at the site of a defunct fountain which had been installed in the 1950s. The water at that well was useful for cleaning and cooking but had too much salt in it for drinking. The community leaders begged HMI to please come drill another well at a site that they would donate for community use and that they were sure would have good water. Thanks to a generous donor and with funds from the annual HMI golf tournament, HMI was able to get its equipment there and drill this well. “There is no way I could describe what I saw that day” is the response of Fr. Joe when sharing the joy of the people when they dedicated the well and pumped good, fresh, potable water. The community build a security fence around the well in order to control the people coming to it and to protect the well from any vandalism. All of the wells that HMI has drilled have been a blessing to the families that surround them but this well has been a particular blessing because Fr. Joe also said, “There was not a drop of water anywhere near this place!!

Pumping fresh potable water and Fr. Joe dedicating the well with Nan Chanpay families October 2013.



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