## Bec's Well

## **Milestone**

As with all things that are inspired by our special little saint, Rebecca Claire Fakier, the first water well drilled with the new drill truck was completed just in time for the water to flow for the World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Just as the spring began from the cave at Massabielle outside of Lourdes, France as a small trickle and has now grown into a river of healing life-giving water, so we, too, are hopefully confident that the waters from the Rebecca Claire well at the mausoleum site in Numero Deux, Haiti will help and heal families there for many years to come.

What joy it was to receive the official news from Father Joe, *Habemus Aquam!* We have water! As with all journeys worth taking, this one was difficult and treacherous, strewn with many challenges. It began with our leap of faith when HMI decided to sell our original rig to another group wanting to drill wells in Haiti. We did so not knowing exactly how we would find the funding to build the type of rig that was needed to get into the more remote and difficult areas of the mountainous Haitian terrain which had restricted our capabilities to drill in villages and communities that needed water as much or even more so than communities in easier to access areas.

Romans 8:28 tells us "We know that all things work for good for those who love God". As difficult as it was to see good happening through a horrendous earthquake, a devastating hurricane and a deadly cholera epidemic, throughout it all, God's guiding hand was being tugged at by a cute little eight year old girl we fondly refer to as "Bec" has brought us to this day.

A new water well in Haiti is a precious gift, more precious now than ever before. The people of Haiti are flocking to our wells in ever greater numbers because well water is the safest water in a public health crisis of this magnitude. There is no possibility of cholera contamination in deep water wells.

The site where we selected to drill the first water well with the new equipment is a hallowed site where many Haitians were massacred in one of the "cleansing genocides" of the dictator period of Haiti's troubled past. What better way to give hope for the future than to bring life-giving water from a place that has been blessed by the shedding of the blood of martyrs.

Thanks to Dr. David and Laura Fakier, their wonderful friend Tom Morrison and all their friends and associates who continue to persevere in this endeavor to bring hope and help to families in Haiti, one water well at a time.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.:" (Psalm 118:24) Yes this is the day the Lord has made. Let it be a source of consolation and encouragement to all of us who search for ways to share our blessings with those less fortunate wherever we find them.