



Bien Venue! Fred Schilling comes through with the gift of Tools!

An exciting new day for Haiti's future Plumbers! Fred recently returned from Haiti (June 2013) continuing his work to advance the development of safe and hygienic plumbing and sanitary systems, so urgently needed by this beautiful island country, also the poorest and most populous in the Americas. On this, his second trip, Fred packed his additional carry-on luggage with lots of new



tools for the graduating plumbing students of Haiti Tec - who are so grateful and eager to implement their newly achieved education. They hope to establish the framework for sustaining best practices, while developing a local network of skilled tradespersons to help Haiti build a healthy and reliable plumbing infrastructure.

Thank you to all who helped make this possible!
Your generosity means improved health and well-being to the people of Haiti.



A huge Thank you also, to World Water Partners, of Seattle University, led by Dr. Phil Thompson and Patrick Cummings, who coordinated and managed this effort to bring critical water filtration systems to a clinic near St. Marc (Haiti) capable of purifying 8000 gals of water per day! <http://worldwaterpartners.org/>

World Water Partners has taken a lead role in finding effective methods of collaborating between various humanitarian organizations and the many professionals in the water and sanitation fields. Engineers, plumbers, hydro-geologists, doctors, and many other specialists all have common concerns regarding the most basic of human rights: access to safe

water and sanitation. Not only is this basic right the first critical necessity for human health and safety, but economic development can only happen when communities are healthy enough to thrive.

This is from their website:

<http://worldwaterpartners.org/#sthash.yncfgGHO.dpuf>

“Our approach is to build a government-led, regionally-scaled and financially sustainable program that relies on the coordination of bottom-up, grassroots efforts for fundraising and implementation. After success is achieved in Haiti, the model can be replicated throughout the world so that the water and sanitation crises are permanently buried in history.”

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Master Plumber FREDERICK
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Ing. PATRICK CUMMINGS
Of World Water Partners



Fred testing the drinking water at a hospital in Marchand Dessalines, Haiti.



Patrick teaching “How to test the water” at a school in St. Marc.



These two beautiful young students appreciate the benefits of their now safe water!



How much more crucial can things get than a hospital without clean water? Note from Fred on this photo: "This is what a Hospital Ward in a Cholera ravaged area of Haiti looks like. I discovered a valve that was open and was by-passing the purification system for the entire hospital water supply. Being a "pretty good" plumber can sometimes be very rewarding."



Photo caption from Fred:

“ Master Plumber..... It's the title I've proudly had for almost 40 yrs.

It's a skill that allows me to quickly understand the problem with a maze of pipes and provide a solution.

We are at one of Sean Penn's Clinics in a very rough section of Port au Prince (rocks were being thrown at our Jeep while we tried to find the clinic)

This Clinic has served tens of thousands since the earthquake. I was here last year, so I knew what to expect. Still.... it's hard to maintain.

Babies are screaming, hundreds of sick people piled on top of each other.

I'm pointing to a section of pipe that needs to be removed.

It's causing the water supply to by-pass one of our purification sys.

It's a simple fix. One that will help thousands. Yes, that's Thousands!!!!

The staff was so grateful for our help. Of all that I've seen in Haiti..... this Clinic really got to me!”

Please continue to follow Fred's efforts in Haiti, and his adventurous life, utilizing his skills and leaving a positive impact toward improving lives for so many.

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Inquiring minds want to know:

We often hear many similar questions, so I thought I'd ask Fred:

PWB: So Fred, on the whole, what struck you as the most urgent need the people you visited with had, that you felt you could make a difference with your skills?

Fred: Without question the most urgent need for the people of Haiti is clean safe drinking water. Our skills as Plumbers are needed to install water purification systems in as many locations as possible and to ensure that they are installed correctly.

PWB: If you could broadcast any one message to the leaders of our industry, what would it sound like?

Fred: The message I would like to send to the leaders of our industry: Manufacturers of Plumbing products and the Plumbers who install those products need to stay focused on the worldwide need to both conserve our Drinking Water supply and to seek out new means and methods to harvest and capture Rain Water.

PWB: Is there anything that Plumbers here in the US can do that has an effect on people suffering from water and sanitation poverty?

Fred: I think that the Plumbers here in the U.S. can help promote the idea and concept of conserving our valuable water supply. Plumbers are in the best position to make the world aware of the need to conserve our drinking water and at the same time offer innovative solutions to do so.

PWB: What kind of mental guideposts or life rules if any do you follow or use that encourage you to do what you do?

Fred: I'd say the mindset that drives me and encourages me is just simply wanting to help out my fellow man that I can see is in dire need. In this case, I just happen to have a skill that can make a difference. I'd like to think if the situation was reversed, someone would offer their skills to help me out.

PWB: Why do you do what you do? what makes you tick? what inspires you?

Fred: I'm inspired because I can clearly see that what we are doing is making a big difference. I also believe that you don't have a right to complain or judge what you think is going on in a country like Haiti if you're not willing to participate in the process of doing something about it.

PWB: Can the average person do anything to help create change for people everywhere who suffer from the lack of access to safe water & sanitation?

Fred: The most positive action that the average person can do to help the people of the world with water and sanitation issues is to make a donation to one of the many groups that are currently involved throughout the world. We are aware of the need as well as solutions. A multi-pronged approach is needed to help build among

other things, new cottage type industries that local communities will implement, to ensure their own self-sufficiency. To borrow a thought from Dr. Bernard Amadei, the Founder of Engineers Without Borders, the solution goes beyond “teaching a person to fish”, we must now help to build a “fishing industry”!

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