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(Getting to Know Rev. Lambert Mtatifikolo,) Lifewater Partner, Tanzania



For each project that Lifewater works on overseas, there is an amazing national partner with vision and leadership who lays the foundation for the project. We want to introduce you to our colleagues overseas; these are the people who invite us to come and train because they understand that clean drinking water will bring life to their communities and open hearts to Jesus.

Lifewater has been working with Lambert Mtatifikolo with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania for about one and a half years. Recently, the first trip of Lifewater volunteers went to train in well drilling and hygiene and sanitation. Lambert took the time to share about himself and the project in Iringa, Tanzania.

"My name is Lambert Mtatifikolo and I was born November 5, 1960. I am the second born and we are nine in the family, two sisters and seven brothers. I grew up in the countryside called Image about 76 kilometers from Iringa Town. I went to school at the same village. My parents are peasants and keeping a small number of cattle. From the small farms and cattle my parents were able to pay the school fees for my studies to high school.

My profession is a pastor; I was ordained a pastor in 1994 July. From there I was a Bible translator, then a district pastor. After my Masters degree in Missiology, I was appointed the head of Planning and Development Department of the Iringa Diocese. In this department we are working with the community, trying to help the community in poverty alleviation. In the process of community development there, I discovered that people are poor because they have no access to clean water, once they drink unsafe water they end up being sick and spend all their money for treatment. Then I felt a need to have a water project. It makes sense to have this project go through the local church. The church is serving the human being in totality, physically supplying water and other needs, and mentally providing education and spiritually preaching the Good News.

Before Lifewater comes to train, we prepare people to own the project. It should not be owned by us as implementers or by Lifewater International. The community has to prepare some of the facilities such as some bags of cement, the place to be drilled, local contribution for sustainability if in case the pump is broken, etc. We first surveyed and found the area where people are most suffering. There are some people walking about seven, eight to nine miles. Those areas, we felt, should be the first to be considered for this work with Lifewater.

Working with Lifewater, so far we have managed to drill two wells since we started with the crew. It is a blessing; our team is cooperating very well with the trainers. [Lambert wrote us while the Lifewater team was training in Tanzania in June-July.]

After the trainers have left, we plan to continue with the project by sharing with the community because we realize that people are drinking mud instead of water. Just today we were with the Lifewater team surveying the place of drilling a well and we discovered that we don't even need chlorination because the ground water is safe. We are planning to continue drilling and sharing what people find out all the way through.

I would like to say to all of the readers that we need your help. Our people are suffering because they don't have access to clean water and safe water, and some of them walk miles as I have mentioned above. We need your support to support the community here in Tanzania especially Iringa Diocese.

Thank you once again for letting me share with you."

With thanks,

Rev. Lambert Mtatifikolo

If you would like to support Rev. Lambert and his Lifewater-trained crew in Tanzania, please mark the appropriate box on the enclosed envelope.

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From The Desk of Dan Stevens, Executive Director

Over the past few years, our nation's economy has undergone a downturn, creating a ripple effect on the lives of individuals, families, companies, and government programs. Yet, as I listen to friends express pain over lost jobs or decreasing 401(k)'s, I also hear resiliency and hope for the future. I am reminded continually of God's ability to bring life in the midst of difficulty.

Although Lifewater has felt this ripple effect, we continue to experience God's provision. Our projects are moving forward, and we remain committed to being good stewards of the resources God gives us. We want to honor your gifts to us, gifts that often come with sacrifice. I want to share with you one story of how your investment in Lifewater yields hope and life. Liviu Neagoe is Lifewater's faithful Romania representative. Recently, he shared this with us:

More than just doing a hole and putting a pipe is actually the ability of making a factory of life. This is how I call [wells] now, factories of life, because the water is life. Starting this year, I baptize each well, and I give them a name and write it down in a book. For example, this year I drilled a well in a mountain area, and after we passed 180 feet in rock, we gave that well the name "The Tear of the Rock". It doesn't have very much water, but it is very pure... We are doing much better than a few years ago and the heavenly God is with us!!

I hope that you are encouraged by Liviu's story, along with the many other stories of hope found in Lifewater's newsletter. As we continue striving to be good stewards of our resources, we need your help and feedback. In the next month, we will be sending you a brief survey. When you receive it, please take a few minutes to update your contact information, let us know if you would like to continue receiving our mailings, and help us understand how we can better earn your support.

Lives continue to be touched and changed as a result of Lifewater's ministry. It is because of your support that "factories of life" touch more and more lives each year!

In His Name,



Dan Stevens, Executive Director



Spring Jazz



A Garden Event with the San Luis Jazz Benefiting Lifewater International

By Carol Nowlin

For those in the market for handmade snakeskin drums, delicious food, and Lifewater hats, there was only one place to be on Sunday, May 4th: Spring Jazz, a luncheon to benefit Lifewater.

Nestled in the gardens of a local fruit ranch, Spring Jazz offered San Luis Obispo County, CA, residents a gourmet luncheon, beautiful sunshine, and live music by the San Luis Jazz Band. Many guests also found time to purchase a Lifewater hat or polo, examine the LS-100 drill rig set up for the occasion, and visit the silent auction table for a chance at a Cambodian drum or hand-carved bowl.

After lunch came the most important part of the afternoon: hearing from those who represent Lifewater. Guest of honor and long-time local Board member Tim Cleath shared about his recent trip to Central Asia. Next, Lifewater affiliate Moses Pulei, a Kenyan Maasai, gave a gripping account of the vital role safe water has in preventing disease, blindness, and even death. Lifewater's Executive Director Dan Stevens ended the afternoon by reminding us of the pressing need for Lifewater's services around the world, and how much a gift to Lifewater can accomplish.

In the weeks and months following Spring Jazz, Lifewater continues to hear from volunteers and supporters who enjoyed the event and pledge new or renewed support for our organization. Many have even begun to tell their friends and families about us! These relationships are what enable Lifewater to bring safe, clean drinking water to those in need.

Children Helping Children

Recently, the elementary school children of Grace Point Church in San Antonio, TX reached out to bless other children in a lasting way. Studying the Bible story about the woman at the well, they learned about the Living Water that Jesus offers and the ministry of Lifewater International. They researched our organization on the web at www.lifewater.org, and decided to help raise money for a water development project. Each class made a table fountain, which was then raffled off to the highest bidder. God blessed the children's efforts, as they raised a total of \$598.90! Children's lives around the world will be changed as a result of other children learning more about the "Gift of water . . . Gift of life."



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Lifewater Partnership in Mozambique Takes Off

"The Lifewater training seminar in Mozambique has been blessed with lots of success, productivity, and with great enthusiasm, the result of which, two teams were created; one specialized in hygiene and sanitation, and another one in pump repair skills, which will include drill training skills in the nearest future.

During our training, two pumps that had been broken for more than one year were recovered. The beneficiary communities are extremely happy and invite the United Methodists to establish a church if they wish to.

Today, is our last seminar day when we will conclude all our studies and training. And because of the enthusiasm that the students have, they keep asking us what the next step will be, for them to perform and exercise the skills they achieved in this training. Only God knows and will show us the way."

-James Humbane, Overseas partner, United Methodist Church, Maputo, Mozambique



After receiving Lifewater training, James Humbane and his crew test out a new hand pump.

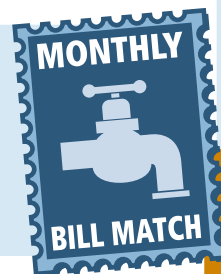
In May, Lifewater volunteers, Walt and Marge Rau (team leaders), Bori Boda, Dwayne Lee, and Keith Olson, traveled to Mozambique to train members of the United Methodist Church. The volunteers trained in hygiene and sanitation and hand pump repair. It was Bori Boda's first Lifewater trip. She helped teach the hygiene and sanitation seminars. Below is a short account of one of her experiences on the trip.

"I was really affected seeing the women and children walk hours to get water and carry heavy 20L buckets on their head. The second week we went six hours north to the countryside where a lot of people were invited from different regions to be trained in hygiene and pump repair. We had invited some of our initial hygiene students to come with us and teach. Just as it says in II Timothy 2:2, the students themselves became the trainers. The hygiene and sanitation class had 11 new students and three students from our first class. By the end of the second week, our old and even our new students were teaching and demonstrating what they had learned. As a part of the hygiene

training, each student was in a small group where they had to prepare a lesson. The last day of our classes, our new students taught 65 villagers how to prevent diarrhea, and cholera. They talked for almost an hour and they retained all of their listeners' attention. I was impressed! After the lesson, the audience could ask questions, and they asked a lot. Our students did an amazing job! I was so proud of them. It was just incredible to see the fruit of our efforts."

Walt, Dwayne, and Keith, taught hand pump repair seminars. They were able to install a new well, and fix several others, allowing their students to have hands on experience. Their students did the last three pump repairs successfully. The villagers were so excited about their new water well that they killed a pig and celebrated with a feast. The villagers and the students felt so blessed that God helped them that they worshipped Him with dancing and singing. Praise God for the successful start to this Lifewater partnership in Mozambique.

Give the "Gift of Water... Gift of Life" each month by matching your water bill.



Education Corner

By Patricia Klever

Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge. Prov 23:12

Have you ever wondered how to design a roof catchment system for rainwater harvesting? Or how to construct a structure to capture spring flow? The Water for the World technical notes cover all aspects of rural water supply and sanitation. The notes were originally published in 1982 by the former Development Information Center of the US Agency for International Development (AID).

These technical notes are intended to provide assistance to a broad range of people with field responsibility for village water supply and sanitation projects in developing nations. Concise and topic focused, the series are divided sections on Human Resources, Rural Water Supply, Sanitation, and Disease. Rural Water Supply is further divided into methods, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance. We believe it is essential for community groups to understand each project component early on in the development process.

The Water for the World technical notes are now out of print. However, Lifewater International has made all 160 of these technical notes available online at the Lifewater website, www.Lifewater.org. They are in Adobe Acrobat "Portable Document Format." To view this amazing resource for yourself, go to www.Lifewater.org and click on Water for the World notes.



“Gift of Water, Gift of Life”

Lifewater Upcoming Training Trips and Overseas Partners: Sept. - Oct. 2003



Evangelical Church of Tanzania, Iringa Diocese, Tanzania.

Berle Taylor (team leader), along with Gary Mitchell, Harry Hatters, and Mark Peterson will be traveling to Tanzania in September to teach national crews to repair handpumps. Several Diocese in Tanzania will be sending students to the training so they may return home and continue the work in their home areas. The team will also look at improving springs for drinking water use.

United Methodist Church, Maputo, Mozambique

Keith Olson and Dwayne Lee are considering a return trip to Mozambique to further the training they began in May 2003. On their first trip, they primarily focused on hand pump repair, while other Lifewater volunteer's trained in hygiene and sanitation. In September, drill training and small business management will be the team's primary objectives.

Regional Training Center, Haiti

Dan Stevens, Lifewater's Executive Director and Joe Troester will be returning to Haiti in October. Lifewater is working collaboratively with several other water development agencies in Haiti to establish a training center for nationals.

Thank God for Lifewater Volunteers!!

We truly appreciate the time, effort, and dedication of Lifewater volunteers going out on trips. The training they provide multiplies to provide clean, safe water to thousands every year. Please remember Lifewater volunteers in your prayers as they serve the Lord overseas.