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*Gift of Water, Gift of Life!*



*"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."  
William Carey*

## Upcoming Trips

Please be praying for the logistics of these trips

### Ghana and Togo - November

John Nadolski (CA), Ayanna Ragin(OH), Paul Peterson (MN)  
and Ron Petersen (NV)

The action agency that we will be working with is called 'Eau de la Vie (Water of Life). This trip will focus on advanced drill training, hand pump repair, and hygiene training.

### Bangladesh- Bengali Evangelical Association - November

Dan Klein (CA) will be leading a team to train in participatory hygiene and sanitation techniques, sand filtration and hand pump repair.

### Ecuador - November/December

A Lifewater team will be working with Cesar Cortez and HCJB Radio. The return trip will focus on advanced drill training and hygiene and sanitation training.

### Eritrea - Society of Eritrean Engineers for Development

We are praying for a Lifewater team to come together. It is a great opportunity to help lay the foundations for water development projects at the government level.

### Kenya- Rabondo

A Lifewater team is needed for the initial start-up drill training in the Southwest part of the country. A rig has arrived and the community is eager to learn how to use it. Please pray for volunteers for this project.

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## *An Outpouring in Chibebe, Zambia*

*"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people, Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." Acts 2:17*

Terry Steinhoff and his wife, Ginny, along with Sarah Vlachos and Don Anderson, traveled to Zambia in July/August. With the help of Helmut and Esther Reutter, our in-country contacts, Lifewater has been working in Zambia for over fifteen years.

This Lifewater team trained and equipped a crew that was able to drill and case three bore holes in two weeks, using the LS-200. They trained others using Lifewater's hygiene and sanitation techniques near the drilling sites and at a traveling nurse's clinic. They also joined Helmut and Esther in distributing food in a remote bush area of southern Zambia, which is stricken with famine.

The team got off to a slow start drilling in the village of Chibebe. "There the ground was so hard and rocky that it took three days drilling to get to thirty two feet depth, where we hit solid rock that the rig could not dent. It was hard going, and it was a good training exercise," Don commented. Despite the difficult conditions, the group saw a breakthrough.

On their final workday, 50 or more villagers gathered in their best clothes to watch as the crew put the finishing

touches on the well. A local pastor held a dedication service after the work was completed. He shared about Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. At the well Jesus' told her about the Living Water. At the conclusion of his sharing, children were encouraged to be the first ones to work the handle on the well.

"It seemed like dozens of pumps later when the first water came, but something happened then; it was like a release, or maybe an outpouring, if you will, on everyone there! The adults, the kids, our crew, our team, everyone!" Terry remembered with enthusiasm. The group broke into song; a praise song to God in their antiphonal response style of singing. Terry commented, "I could see in the faces of our drilling crew a realization: why they were doing this and what was at stake here. It was beyond words."

After returning to the base, Terry held a debriefing and ceremony for the drill training crew awarding them with a training certificate and a small gift. Please pray with us that the outpouring of God's blessing will continue to spread through the trainees and the villages, as they seek to bless others with the gift of water and gift of life.



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## Lifewater's Training Comes to You



Lifewater is expanding its Participatory Hygiene Training opportunities by becoming mobile!! We are ready to bring the training tools of Participatory Hygiene Education to your church or organization. If you are interested in training your people and can host this four-day seminar, please contact our Lifewater office to find out more.

Recently, a church in Seattle hosted the seminar for several of its own members who were preparing to go on a mission's trip as well as for anyone that was interested. People came from as far away as Tennessee and Hawaii to attend. At the end of class, one participant remarked, "I can do this. Now I've found something that I can do to really make a difference in people's lives overseas." The response was so enthusiastic that the church is considering hosting another seminar. This time the past participants would help as trainers. That is what Lifewater is all about- training others to train others (II Timothy 2:2).

## Global Opportunities for 2003

*Here is a small sample of trip opportunities from more than forty projects that we brought to the Lifewater Volunteers Conference this year...*

In southeast **India**, we have the opportunity to help a community-based organization that has requested Lifewater's training in hand pump repair, and hygiene and sanitation training. *PREPARE* started twenty years ago and has a network of village workers already in place. Their hand pumps are broken down and they are very interested in training their people with hygiene education.

Work in **Indonesia** presses on as our partner agency, *International Friends of Compassion*, continues to drill wells in the refugee camps on the island of Sulawesi. They hope to purchase a second drill rig and need your support.

In Africa, the people from the *Rabondo Community Project* in Kenya, are overjoyed to have received their drilling equipment, a donation from Rotary in Minneapolis. They feel truly blessed to have this help from America. We are in the process of putting together a Lifewater team to train the community on how to use their new equipment.



Eritrea lies north of Kenya along the Red Sea. The *Society of Eritrean Engineers for Development (SEED)* brought a request to us for water in the rural areas. They have purchased a drilling machine and have asked we work with geologists and technicians from the Ministry of Local Governments. They want to focus on water development in this newly formed nation.

This fall, Lifewater staff member, John Nadolski, will travel with Ayanna Ragin, Paul Peterson, and Ron Petersen to West Africa, to work with "Eau de la Vie (Water of Life) in Togo, and the *Full Armour of God* in Ghana. Both teams of nationals will receive advanced drill training and small business management training.

In South America, drill-training trips are being scheduled with *Amazon Outreach* in Peru and *Latin American Indian Ministries* in Brazil. *God is blessing us with many wonderful opportunities to help the poor and share the Good News of the gospel. We need your help, your prayers, and financial support, as we stand beside Lifewater's volunteers and our friends overseas.*



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The team examines  
the stuck bit.

## Hopefully Stuck in Haiti



All peoples of the world, in every condition, God knows about them all. This is important to remember when we set out to accomplish our plans and fail. He has forgotten no one.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Fewer than 25% of the Haitian people have access to uncontaminated water supplies. The domestic water use in Haiti is estimated to average 4.5 gallons per day per person.

Despite these statistics, Mike Turvey, Tommy Bickel and Bruce Clardy, Lifewater volunteers, showed Christ's love to the people of Lavaud, Haiti through a well drilling effort. The ten-hour ride, a distance of about 140 miles from the capital, on bumpy, unpaved roads and across streams, served to reinforce the isolation of the area.

On a previous trip, the LS-100 drill rig was successful in an area about 20 miles from Lavaud, although with great difficulty. This motivated the team to try in Lavaud, despite the potential for failure. As the process unfolded, the team learned the real meaning of the Haitian word, "degaje"- making do with what you have. A shoelace from a volunteer, the top of a Haitian broom, and a plastic paint drop cloth became the means with which the team could proceed. The pilot hole was drilled to 20 feet with great effort. The larger hole reached to a depth of ten feet when a combination of circumstances resulted in a stuck bit.

The team felt discouraged, but they saw God's hand at work in the community. The villagers recognized the extravagant effort spent on drilling the well, which helped them see God's extravagant love. They witnessed the unity and teamwork between Lifewater and the Haitian crew. And through connections made with the community, the team learned about a contact in the area that could finish the well. The team's account of the trip humbly reminds us that our ways may not always be God's ways, but somehow He still uses our efforts to communicate His love in miraculous ways.

## Financial News

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

We thank you for helping Lifewater serve the poor. Without your gifts, Lifewater is unable to provide the physical gift of water and the spiritual gift of life.

We thank God for people who believe and act on the premise that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Lifewater offers many different ways to give financially. You may send a check, give by credit card, donate a car and give appreciated assets. Please go to our website for more details or email/call me if you have any questions David Hartz (david@lifewater.org) Phone: 949-388-7273.

Did You Know? There are 2.8 billion people living below the international poverty line of \$2 per day. (The World Bank, "Global Economic Prospects and the Developing Countries Report 2001)

## A thought from Dan Stevens

Recently, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the keynote speaker at the 2002 Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain, spoke about the relationship between poverty and conflict in the world.

"If anyone thinks that we can retain the status quo in the world while half the population, almost three billion people, subsist on one or two dollars a day per capita – if someone thinks that they can improve life in their own countries and the rest of the world without addressing that particular challenge – well, that is a naïve mistake. We need first to address the problem of poverty. . . . Poverty feeds international terrorism. Therefore, if we want a world that is stable, we must really and truly address the challenge of poverty."

After such a defining moment in our lives as 9-11, I feel fortunate to partner with you in alleviating poverty around the world. We are empowering people to see that there is hope beyond the poverty they experience daily. Lifewater equips nationals with the tools needed to reach clean drinking water; access to clean water is the beginning of the transformation from poverty to stability and hope.

