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Southeast Asian kids enjoy a downpour during the rainy season.

Lifewater Training Program 2003 Update: Hygiene and Sanitation, Well drilling, Hand Pump Repair

As 2003 comes to a close, we are blessed as we reflect on the progress that has been made through Lifewater's overseas training programs. We want to share some of these successes, which are the direct result of your generous giving and prayer support. Lives are being transformed through safe water and the gospel working together.

This year has been a benchmark year for Lifewater's Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Program. In 2003, Lifewater volunteers and staff have trained seventeen overseas national teams. In Central Asia, school administrators have seen how teaching people to improve hygiene practices translates directly to saving lives. Teachers are now incorporating these teaching into their school curriculum. Volunteers have had opportunities to share the spiritual messages incorporated within the hygiene activities, planting seeds for the gospel in many remote places. In Southeast Asia, one hygiene national team received advanced training and reported that they had presented the hygiene lessons to over 6000 people since their

first training just one year ago! They also informed us that several hundred people made commitments to Christ through this program. They are planning to take this training to thousands more students and villagers in 2004.

In Africa, eight new hygiene teams were trained this year. In Zambia, Mozambique, and Tanzania, Africans are continuing to reach out to their communities by sharing the activities in market places, churches and schools. As a result, villagers are learning how to prevent and treat many sicknesses, such as dysentery, that they had previously thought

would require a trip to the clinic. Since an estimated 3-5 million children die from dehydration caused by dysentery each year, this component of the training is saving many lives daily.

Lifewater has also had a successful year with its drill training and pump repair programs. In 2003, twelve overseas crews (about 100 people) received introductory or advanced training in shallow well drilling. In Uganda, the drilling crew trained in 1992 continues to bring the life-giving water to refugees and people displaced by war and fighting. These drillers are committed to sharing the gospel at every opportunity to bring eternal hope to the oppressed. In Southeast Asia,



A contraption called a Tippy Tap efficiently uses precious water to wash hands in remote areas.



A hygiene lesson called Oral Rehydration Solution is a simple way to keep children from getting dehydrated and dying when struck with dysentery. Mothers everywhere feel empowered by this life-saving knowledge.



Southeast Asian Lifewater-trained crew next to their cable rig, which they will be using to begin their business and ministry.

a Lifewater-trained well drilling crew has developed a plan for operating a Christ-centered well drilling and pump repair business. Their goal is to become completely self-supporting. They will be drilling wells for poor villages at a discounted price, subsidized by profits earned from drilling wells for commercial interests. Lifewater is helping them with the subsidized village wells until they are able to generate enough commercial business. This project demonstrates the employment potential national well drilling crews have as a result of Lifewater training programs.

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Lifewater's hand pump repair program has continued to provide clean water to thousands of villagers – with each repaired pump serving between 200 and 400 people. Five national hand pump repair crews were trained in 2003. Each trained team was outfitted with the tools and spare parts to keep working. One of the most successful pump repair training trips this year took place in Zambia. Lifewater trained a group of 16 young people from a church in California, who in turn, trained two Zambian crews. During the training, eight village hand pumps were repaired in eight days! Francis, our overseas partner, has started a church in the community where the training took place. They plan to teach hygiene lessons in partnership with pump repair in 2004.



Repairing hand pumps on wells such as this one in Zambia greatly reduces the number of children dying from unclean water.

Countries Served in 2003

Lifewater volunteers helped transform communities through our Clean water/Living Water strategy by training nationals in these countries in 2003

Africa:

Benin
Burkina Faso
Eritrea
Kenya
Liberia
Mozambique
Nigeria
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia

Asia:

Bangladesh
Cambodia
Central Asia
India
Southeast Asia
Philippines

Central & South America, Caribbean:

Brazil
Ecuador
Haiti
Mexico
Peru

2003 Volunteers' Conference



Each year, Lifewater holds its annual conference to train and equip volunteers for cross-cultural ministry and to plan overseas projects scheduled for 2004. This year almost 160 Lifewater Volunteers gathered in October in Pasadena, CA for the training. It was a very successful conference as people networked, planned, prayed, and responded to the need for clean water around the world. Thirteen of these special guests came to represent water development crews, which have been trained in past years by Lifewater volunteers. Our guests from Romania, Laos, Kenya, Haiti, Asia, Ecuador and Canada retold some amazing stories of God's faithfulness in providing support and opportunities to bring safe water to the needy in Jesus name.

The conference is a busy 5-day event filled with technical workshops, trip reports from volunteers who've traveled in the previous year, and project planning sessions. This year, Lifewater is offering 38 trip opportunities to volunteers qualifying to work on overseas projects in 2004. The geographic range of partner countries spans from Central and South America, to Africa and Asia. From our efforts at the conference, project planning is underway for 27 overseas volunteers trips scheduled for the latter part of 2003 and 2004.



Team huddles brought the volunteers together to plan the project trips for 2004. Seasoned team leaders and the Lifewater Volunteer Handbook facilitated the planning sessions.



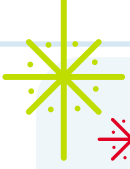
Many Lifewater overseas partners came as guests to bring insight about the water conditions in their regions and the need for more help. This helped the volunteers see the bigger picture and the urgent need.



During the plenary sessions guest speakers spoke on worldview, community development, and cross-cultural training. These topics are an integral part of each Lifewater project trip.



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From The Desk of Dan Stevens, Executive Director

Over the years I have collected crosses from the places I have visited. These crosses - wooden, metal, plain, or colorful - now cover my office wall. Each one is a beautiful milestone, and taking time to remember these milestones is important. Lifewater has several milestones from the past year to celebrate, and I want to share them with you.

- Recognition of water's importance. For more than twenty-five years, Lifewater has understood the vital importance of water, and we have dedicated ourselves to bringing safe water to millions of sick, dying people around the globe. This year, people such as Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist have propelled the case for water to the forefront of American and international policy. Through Senator Frist and his colleagues' fact-finding mission to southern Africa, Congress now understands water's foundational value in addressing the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa. This October Bill Frist, Lamar Alexander, and others endorsed the efforts of the Millennium Water Alliance and its member organizations from the Senate floor. When I saw this, I knew water's importance had been recognized and we had reached a significant milestone.
- Training of ministries and churches. This year Lifewater formed and strengthened creative partnerships with local and overseas churches and ministries. In each situation, we have come alongside the group to offer training and technical assistance in water development, thus laying the foundation for them to meet practical needs and share the gospel. These churches and ministries understand that, like Jesus, water is the cornerstone for life in their communities; without water, they cannot continue reaching out in other areas of community development. One such partnership in China has seen tremendous results. Through Lifewater's training, this local ministry has helped their community access safe, clean water and built trusting relationships as a result. People steeped in Buddhist tradition for thousands of years have begun seeking the God who cares for them in such practical, life-giving ways.

• Strong operating support. In addition to supporting our projects this past year, many of you recognized the importance of bolstering our general fund. In the midst of a turbulent economy, you have signaled your confidence and support of Lifewater through your gifts, and we are grateful. This year, your giving has helped raise over \$45,000 for our organization. I want to thank you for remembering that we need you to keep the lights on and the doors open throughout the year. Such dedication in 2003 was truly a milestone.

Through the powerful combination of clean water and the gospel, Lifewater has achieved many milestones in 2003. Throughout this year we have highlighted various needs around the world and asked for your support, and you have responded. **I want to say thank you!** We could not continue serving the poorest of the poor without you.

Now, as you think of year-end giving, would you consider supporting us again? As costs rise yearly, we would like your help increasing our November-December year-end income by 20% over last year. Lifewater wants to end the year on strong footing and continue our work with over 60 partners worldwide. Please consider increasing your gift from last year by 20% or give a first-time gift of one of the amounts suggested below. What can your gift accomplish? Consider its multiplication factor:

- A gift of \$500 can provide a lifetime of safe water to 25 villagers in places like China, Liberia, or India;
- Just \$300 has the power to bring life instead of death to 15 people through Lifewater training programs;
- \$100 can give safe and living water to 5 people.

No matter how much you choose to give, you are making a world of difference. Now, that's a milestone worth remembering!

Your Co-laborer for the Kingdom,

Dan Stevens, Executive Director



May you recognize God's blessing this Christmas season and through the year as you use your resources to help those in need.



This Christmas Give the Gift That Will Not Be Forgotten Honor someone special with the life-giving gift of water!

This Christmas you can give the foundational gift of clean water by donating to Lifewater in honor of your friends and family. Donate \$25 to support hygiene and sanitation or \$50 towards providing safe drinking water and receive a gift card to send to your loved ones this Christmas. Why not honor several people on your list with this lasting gift?

On the enclosed envelope, check the "gift" box and indicate the number of gift cards you wish to receive. Please indicate the total amount enclosed. When we receive your donation, we will send your Lifewater Christmas cards to your address so that you can personalize them and send them out to your friends and family. It is a great gift idea for those hard-to-buy-for people on your list!



"Clean Hands, Clean Heart"

Inside Message
A \$25 gift has been given in honor of you this Christmas to Lifewater International! This gift will help train families how to prevent disease through hygiene and sanitation training.



"Abundant Life"

Inside Message
A \$50 gift has been given in honor of you this Christmas to Lifewater International! This gift will help provide clean water for the thirsty through indigenous well drilling programs around the world.



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because of your support.



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and your loved ones
this Holiday Season!