



Lifewater: The Gift of Life....

7,000 Get Safe Water!!

The highlight of the year was the successful drilling of wells in Liberia. Last year, the Liberian crew indicated that they hoped to drill new 12 wells during 2001.

We are thrilled to report that they exceeded this goal, successfully drilling 13 wells! As a result, safe drinking water is now provided to 7,000 people that formerly drew water from swamps.



Former water source for Sarkpa Wein Town

This brings to 74 the number of community wells Lifewater has constructed in Liberia since 1995. With an average of 500 people using each well, almost 40,000 people now have access to safe drinking water!

Program Director Writes...

Mr. David Wolo from Lifewater Liberia writes... *“Greetings from Liberia! It is saddening to see children and elderly die from bad water. During the dry season, it is difficult for people to get safe water. We just drilled two wells in Beo Yolar because the 3000 people living there drank from a swamp and many were sick from bad water. Please appeal to brothers and sisters in Canada to sponsor more wells for our rural dwellers.”*

Volunteers Visit Liberia

Marvin and Cynthia Bozard are currently in Liberia with the drill team. They are documenting work sponsored by our donors in the past year and visiting communities that do not have safe water. Special thanks to this couple who are doing this work at their own expense!



New well for Sarkpa Wein Town

Other News

Supplies Shipped: During the past year, the Liberian crew's truck began breaking down regularly. Finally, it became clear that it was beyond repair. In addition, nearly all their water quality testing supplies and well casing was used-up. We were overwhelmed by the need, the cost and the logistics of how to get a truck and these supplies to Africa.

In a truly amazing string of “co-incidences”, a Mazda dealer supported the drilling program by giving Lifewater a 1998 heavy duty king cab truck with 64,000 miles for only \$5,000 US! The truck and 1,000 feet of well casing, 20 handpump cylinders, 500 water test kits and thousands of dollars of other supplies were shipped on a crate directly to Liberia at no cost to Lifewater! What a blessed answer to prayer!

DC Resistivity: Three portable DC Resistivity meters were built and donated to Lifewater. Thank-you Mike in the Yukon! These geophysical instruments are designed to help interpret geological conditions and water table position prior to drilling.

World Wide Web

The Lifewater Canada web site is visited by about 100,000 people a year, with visitors reading over 30,000 pages per month. We have had visitors from more than 130 countries!

People around the world have been printing the on-line well drilling and handpump tutorial manual and using it to help construct wells. However, many told us that they found it difficult to use as a printed reference because they could not tell where the hypertext links pointed to. In response, all sections were renamed, more subtitles were inserted, all titles were numbered and hypertext references for all internal links were updated to reference specific titles.

The on-line well construction reference manual can now be easily downloaded and printed. All necessary files are contained in a manual.zip file and in a self-extracting "manual.exe" file available at: http://www.lifewater.ca/Section_Tutorial.htm

Donor Dollars

We are pleased to report that administrative program costs were again less than 5% of our budget. Our unpaid volunteers continue to ensure that donor dollars are put into the ground to make safe drinking water come out!

The cost of sustaining the African well drilling program is \$2,000 US per well. This covers the cost of worker salaries, a fund to

replace the truck and drill rig, and the cost of supplies such as steel for making pumps, cement, well casing, pump cylinders and fuel.

The funds needed to sustain this program during the past year were raised as follows:
50%: Individuals + United Way
39%: Churches + Other Agencies
11%: Corporate

If you thought your contribution would not make a difference, think again. Donations from people like you helped save lives in 13 Liberian villages this past year.

The Year Ahead

The Liberian team plans to drill another 14 new wells in 2002. You can make a lasting difference in the lives of Liberian villagers by helping them obtain what we take for granted - safe drinking water.

You can help sponsor a well by writing to us at our address provided below or by visiting: www.lifewater.ca/donate.htm. Another easy way to give is through the **United Way**. On their donation form under the heading "Giving Options" simply designate:

Charity Name: **Lifewater Canada**
Address: **PO#44 Kakabeka Falls**
Charitable #: **885420737RR0001**
Forwarding United Way: **ON40**

During the coming year, Lifewater is also planning to:

- Help the Liberian team learn business skills such as budgeting, estimating project costs, preparing annual reports, etc. Please contact

us if you have these skills to share.

- Respond to a need for training a new drilling crew in Angola;

- Put together a list of people who are willing to pray for project needs as they arise. If you are interested, please E-mail Lynda at: moffatt@hotmail.com

- Acquire two motorcycles for the Liberian crew. **Please help us find 100 cc Yamaha/Honda's.**

- Find someone to help update our web pages. To help, contact Jim at: gehrelji@yahoo.com

- Complete flip charts to be used as overseas teaching aids.

- Finalize the curriculum used to train new volunteers. If you want hands-on training, visit: www.living-water.org/pump.htm

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