



Lifewater: Training & Drilling....

The Year in Review

We are excited to report that the Liberian team drilled a record 15 wells during the year! These wells were drilled at orphanages, clinics and schools which drew unsafe water from rivers and swamps. Photos of the villages, their old and new water supplies and details on the wells can be seen at: www.lifewater.ca/communit.htm



Here are examples of what a difference these wells made:

"We were drinking from a pond near our village and that water caused problems for our children. Every time our children were dying from running stomach"

"You have saved us from sharing drinking water with the town's cattle and other animals by providing us some safe drinking water"

Philippines Geophysics

Lifewater helped a drilling crew in the Philippines by giving them a DC resistivity meter. Thanks Mike in the Yukon for building and donating it! The meter will help the team increase their drilling success rate by enabling them to interpret geological conditions and water table position before drilling.

El Salvador Water Testing

15 year old Jesse Hamilton met her high school volunteer hours requirement by traveling with a church group to El Salvador. She tested the quality of drinking water and found that half the samples had unsafe levels of bacteria. The group is now looking at starting a grass-roots business building small slow-sand filters.

Drill Manual In Spanish!

Earlier this year, we were received an e-mail from Panama asking for a Spanish copy of our drill manual to train local people. When they learned that it was only available in English, they translated the entire manual into Spanish! This translation was done by hand and is not yet available on the web.

Water Level Meters

50 water level meters were built for Lifewater. They will be used by teams in Asia, Africa and Central/South America to measure the amount of water in wells and assess the yield of newly drilled boreholes. Thanks Bill!

Welcome Aboard!

Last year we advertised the need for someone to help with our web site. Thanks Stan for stepping forward to fill this need! If you have any links you think should be added to our site, please email our webmaster: sroy@tbaytel.net

Letters from the Web

Our web site continues to be used by visitors around the world, every hour of the year. Even while we sleep, our site helps people obtain safe drinking water. Here is an example of the e-mails we receive:

"Greetings from Burma.... We really appreciate your site. It is one of the best and most generous we've ever seen... it has helped me do good projects in His name. May the Lord bless you guys heaps in this good work. Alan Toole, Director, Living Water Enterprises (Australia)."

The Year Ahead

The Liberian team plans to complete another 15 new wells in 2003. 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.

This past year, one family focused on those in need in a special way. Their children's birthdays were well celebrated with friends, cake, games and fun. But rather than receiving gifts of toys, the children collected money. Together with their friends, they saved enough to help sponsor a well (see www.lifewater.ca/2002-8.htm)! Something to think about next time you sit down to plan a party!

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

Come to Liberia With Us!

During the coming year, Lifewater is planning a trip back to Liberia. This trip is tentatively scheduled sometime between February and May 2003. During this period, the Liberian team will complete its **100th well!!!!** We

hope to be there to honour the crew, help dedicate the well and celebrate with the villagers all that the Lord has done in Liberia since we first began working there in 1995.

We are looking for someone to come along to obtain GPS coordinates for completed wells. This person would also use field test kits to confirm that well water is still safe to drink.

We could use a Contractor or Mason to help the team improve the quality of their cement pads.

We would like to have someone along who is able to take high quality slides and video. It would be wonderful to produce a new, high quality video chronicling all that has been done and capturing the 100th well celebration.

Finally, we need an accountant or business person to help the Liberian team learn business skills such as budgeting, estimating project costs, preparing annual reports, etc.

Please contact us if you are willing to share your skills and raise funds for your airfare.

Other Goals for the Year

Angola: A group called Operation Blessing has a drill rig in Angola and needs help training their crew to start a water project there. Glenn Stronks and Jim Gehrels are willing to help do this if the country remains stable politically and logistical arrangements can be completed.

China: Franky, a Civil Engineer from Vancouver is planning to travel to China. The purpose of his trip will be to help cap a spring that has the potential to provide an abundant supply of safe water to a local village.

There is currently so little water in this village that children are not able to wash their hands once a day! If you would like to help sponsor his trip, please email Franky at:

artic_tomato@hotmail.com

Nigeria: We hope to be able to sponsor a few new wells that are planning to be drilled in Nigeria during the coming year. If you would like to help sponsor one, please email Glenn at:

gstronks@northroute.net

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