

## Well Drilling Professionals Make a Difference!

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Fortunately, when most of us want a glass of good, clean water, we simply turn on the faucet. A lot of times, it's easy to take access to clean water for granted. Consider these points:

- 1 billion people don't have access to clean water.
- It is estimated 70 million people will die of preventable, water-related diseases by 2020.
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, 43% of children drink from unsafe water sources.
- 5000 children worldwide, under the age of 5, die every day because they lack clean water.

Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of meeting C.W. Bing. He is a well drilling professional who uses his drilling abilities and skills to provide good, clean water to those in Africa.

C.W. is a very down-to-earth, regular guy who had a successful well drilling business in North Carolina. After volunteering for a couple of mission trips to Mexico and Sudan, he and his wife Leslie realized the need for clean water in developing countries. In 2005, a friend who was a missionary in Zambia, Africa, told the couple of the dire situation in Zambia. C.W. said, "We prayed about it, and felt Zambia was where the Lord wanted us to go." In October 2005, they dissolved Bing's Well Drilling, Inc. and by December, they officially closed their well drilling business to become full-time missionaries in Zambia.



*My thanks to David Hutson for introducing me to C.W. at the 2012 Virginia Water Well Association Winter Conference. WWR photo.*

In 2006, the couple started Water for the Oppressed, Inc. (WFTO), a nonprofit organization. Since they had no drilling equipment, they began by installing and repairing hand pumps. Leslie teaches local residents basic health and hygiene. The organization helps provide water to several villages thanks to the support of various churches, people, and organizations.

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Eventually they were able to purchase a drill rig and begin drilling wells. In addition to drilling wells and repairing hand pumps, C.W. takes the time to teach the local people how to perform repairs and how to drill a well. They have completed over 130 projects, serving over 65,000 people in Zambia since 2006.

*Water for the Oppressed is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.*



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The couple's ministry has faced many obstacles, but 2010 proved to be especially difficult. C.W. became extremely ill in the later part of 2010. Extreme pain caused the couple to drive to a health clinic in Lusaka, Zambia, where he underwent immediate surgery. The doctor said C.W. was suffering from necrotizing pancreatitis and was just hours from death. Once his condition stabilized, he returned to the U.S. and went to Duke University Hospital where doctors determined his

gall bladder was the cause of his illness. It took nearly a year for him to recover and gain enough strength to continue his mission. At the time of my interview, C.W. was preparing to travel back and continue his calling to provide clean drinking water, as well as spiritual living water to the impoverished villages of Zambia.

After listening to his story, I asked C.W. what has been his biggest challenge. He didn't mention the primitive living conditions, the extreme heat he faces daily, or even the \$7 per gallon\* he pays for diesel fuel; he said the biggest challenge is finding supplies and then getting them to such remote locations.

WFTO's goal for 2012 is to provide water to 45 villages. There are 30 villages which need repairs to their existing hand pumps. They also plan to drill 15 new water wells in villages which have limited or no access to clean drinking water.

Whether it be time, materials, or money, all donations are appreciated. C.W. and his wife are making a difference ~ so can you!

\*(1 gallon ≈ 3.78 liters)

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