

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This year will certainly be remembered for two unusual events: the Chicago Cubs won their first World Series since 1908 and a presidential campaign that was.....unconventional. As these events unfolded they captured the news headlines and mesmerized the public. Did you know that 2,000 years ago, God captured the news headlines for eternity as He spoke concerning the birth of a Savior?

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”  
— Matthew 1:21

God’s gift to humanity: forgiveness of sin through faith in Jesus. Christmas is not about shopping, it is about a Saviour! Our prayer is that you have received God’s Christmas gift and are telling others about the Good News! (Receiving God’s gift is as simple as exercising Romans 10:9)

Water for the Oppressed (WFTO) thanks each individual, church, and organization for providing ministry resources and prayer so that we could tell others of God’s gift to humanity. Faithful donors enabled multitudes of impoverished people to receive clean water, shoes, Jerry cans, feminine hygiene kits, and bibles. Thank you Lord...You are Jehovah-Jireh!



## NO FURTHER DELAY FOR THE KIDS

The lack of water, as a result of broken hand pumps at community schools, is not uncommon in rural Zambia. The lack of water leads to delays for the kids coming to class because they are standing in lines waiting to fetch water. You have to remember that the schools share the wells with the surrounding community, so it is normal to find lines of people waiting to draw water. The kids draw water as a part of their daily chores. This water is used to wash out toilets, clean classrooms, and replenish water coolers at the school site. Below are a couple of examples of how WFTO provides relief to the community schools.

During the course of the year, WFTO repaired broken hand pumps at several schools. We visited Mugoto Primary School and found two hand pumps on site with only one of them still functional. The school has 795 students and a staff of 12 teachers. We investigated the broken hand pump and found that someone had attempted to repair the hand pump in 2015. During the attempted repair, the hand pump was accidentally dropped into the well.

WFTO managed to “fish” out the old hand pump, install a



Water well found with no hand pump at Kachembele Community School



Completed hand pump repair at Kachembele Community School

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new hand pump and repair the concrete apron surrounding the well. At the end of the day, a clean water source was once again available to the school and community.

Another school visited by WFTO was Kachembele School. This school, located in the Kachembele community, is comprised of 500 students with a staff of six teachers. During our visit we found two wells with just one well having a hand pump. The one hand pump was functioning but the water would “stop” while pumping, due to the low well production. This caused a problem because the kids would have to wait for the well to replenish itself before continuing to fill their water containers. The waiting meant the kids were either delayed for class or missed class—all because of the lack of water.

Remember, we found two wells but only one had a hand pump. WFTO investigated the second well and agreed to test the well to ensure its water production would be sufficient. The well was found to be acceptable, and WFTO installed a new hand pump, chlorinated the well, and poured a concrete apron around the well. We know the teachers are happy for the hand pump repair but not sure if the students can say the same—they now have no excuse for missing class!



Mercy begins her second year of Journalism Studies in January 2017

## REALIZED DREAMS

Over the past several years, WFTO has assisted several individuals in fulfilling their dreams of a college education. WFTO has been blessed to locate donors and match them with students in Zambia. Two of these students will graduate from college in December: one with a degree in the education field, and one in the medical field. The path for these two students has been difficult, but they

have completed their studies. We asked one student how the college degree would impact their life and the response was, “I will be able to find a job, assist my family financially, and give back to the rural community as I pass on what I have learned.”

One story that stands out from this year is that of a young lady by the name of Mercy. She lost both parents early on in life and was raised by a relative. Mercy completed high school and struggled to secure tuition for college. In January 2016, she began college, but by May a financial shortfall was realized and the prospect of college appeared to be slipping away. Mercy, unbeknown to her grandmother, planned to withdraw from college due to the financial strain being placed on the family. On the very day she prepares to tell her grandmother of her plans, WFTO informs the grandmother that a tuition sponsor has been located. You call it what you want but I call it...a God thing. Words cannot express the joy that was on the faces Mercy and her grandmother as they



*Before and after:*

A very happy gentleman in Shacinyama Village is able to toss his old, worn out sandals after receiving new shoes

learned of the tuition sponsor. This young lady is a strong believer in Jesus and will make an impact regardless of her surroundings.

WFTO currently has three students in need of college tuition assistance, and four students in need of high school tuition assistance. If you are able to help please contact us. Our contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter.



Excited students at the African Vision of Hope School

## COMMUNITY DONATIONS

WFTO continued to go beyond our general ministry of providing water and the Word by meeting common, everyday needs in the rural communities. For example, in Mwemba Village, we distributed 137 Jerry Cans which blessed approximately 75 families. The Jerry cans are five gallon plastic containers which are used to collect water from the hand pumps. So often, we see old anti-freeze and motor oil containers being utilized to fetch water. The new containers will definitely improve the hygiene in the community.

In rural Zambia, it is common to find children without



A few of the 247 **HAPPY** students who received shoes!

shoes. WFTO distributed 204 pairs of shoes in Shacinyama Village, and 247 pairs of shoes to African Vision of Hope School. The headmaster at the school commented, "Now the kids will not have to enter the outdoor toilet barefooted." The shoes will certainly improve each child's hygiene.

This year marks the first time WFTO has distributed feminine hygiene kits to girls between the ages of 12 and 22. The distribution reached out to grade school and college aged girls with one goal in mind: enable the girls to remain in school during their monthly cycle. In many countries, young ladies cannot afford to purchase such feminine hygiene items and miss school as a result. It is estimated that young girls miss up to two months of educational opportunities each year due to their monthly cycle. WFTO distributed 70 feminine hygiene kits and the girls were ecstatic! It is unbelievable what we take for granted in our country and how we fail to understand the simple needs of people. WFTO is thankful to Susan Carroll, along with the volunteers, for providing this valuable ministry and bringing this need to our attention. The feminine hygiene kit ministry is in need of available space to be used for a sewing room. If you feel led to assist them or need further information, please contact Susan at (434) 447-7898.

## THE WORD

Yes, the Word is still priority one. WFTO continues to evangelize the rural community through integrating the Word into our hygiene training programs, ministering the Word during our weekly discipleship meetings, ministering to students at a nearby school using the chronological Bible story cloth, and in Sunday school.



Discipleship students at Chanyanya Harbor



Teaching the kids HIStory using the chronological Bible Story cloth

According to Romans 10:17, “so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” We witnessed just that as 66 individuals made professions of faith as the Word was presented. Each new believer received a Bible in their respective language.

## THANK YOU!

On the behalf of everyone at WFTO and a multitude of

individuals in Zambia, thank you to all who have made 2016 a very blessed year! As we enter 2017....let our purpose be to glorify God.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” — Matthew 5:16

Leslie and I are available to speak more in detail about the ministry in Zambia. Please contact us to schedule a time to learn more about missions in Zambia.

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### May God richly bless you!

*Making Disciples and demonstrating God's love to the oppressed, by bringing physical life through clean water and spiritual life by proclaiming the “living water” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

There are many ways that you can become a part of the ministry outreach in Zambia. Listed below are the critical areas of need for the WFTO ministry in Zambia along with the associated cost of each. A donation of any amount is appreciated and will be applied toward the cost of each project.

If you prefer to use a credit or debit card, visit our website to donate online via PayPal.

### Jerry Cans for Improved Hygiene \$100

Includes purchase of 12 five-gallon containers that provide a sanitary way to transport water from the local hand pump

### Hand Pump Repair \$1,800

Hand pump replacement  
Concrete apron replacement (if needed)  
Health and Hygiene Training  
Evangelism

### Bibles for Evangelism Outreach \$275

One case of twenty Bibles

### Discipleship Teaching \$175

Provides for a three-day teaching session

### Most Needed Area

Provides for equipment, personnel and materials to meet the ministry needs in Zambia

## PROJECT DONATIONS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to support the following areas:

- Most Needed Area
- Jerry Cans for Improved Hygiene
- Hand Pump Repair
- Bibles for Evangelism Outreach
- Discipleship Teaching
- Yes, I would like to sign up for the WFTO Newsletter

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