



# Water for the Oppressed

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## LORD'S PERFECT PLAN



**Gathering water from the new borehole**

It is hard to believe that it has been 30 years since I first worked on a drill rig. The year was 1980, at 14 years of age, I moved that first shovel full of dirt and rock cuttings from a drilled well. It was my grandmother's advice that I had best learn the drilling trade if at all possible. I thought about it and said, " she may just be on to something." After working with a firm in North Carolina for 3 years, I started work with a drilling company in Virginia where I learned the commercial side of the drilling business including public water distribution and large submersible pump installations. After working there 6 years, the Lord presented the opportunity for Leslie and me to enter the drilling business for ourselves. In 1995, Bing's Well Drilling was born and by the time we completed our tenth year we had drilled 2,500 wells (commercial & residential), installed 2,000 submersible pumps, numerous water filtration units along with hundreds of geothermal projects. The Lord has blessed me with the health, safety, wisdom and favor which allowed me to be part of over 3,000 water projects since 1980. I would have never imagined the events of that June day in 1980 would lead us to serve the Lord in Zambia, Africa. However, the most important part of those years was meeting Leslie in 1986, marrying in 1987, and having a son, Claude (C3), in 1988. The Lord has put together a perfect plan with imperfect people. The Lord prepared us for today through the experiences of the past. We are able to give insight to other married

couples and to counsel those who may be hearing wedding bells in the near future. As parents we are able to help other parents but also to speak to young people from a parental perspective. By having the owner/operator drilling experience we are able to teach the drilling business trade to the people here in Zambia. The Lord's plan is always perfectly complete.

## MINISTRY NEEDS

Our goal for 2010 includes the repair of twenty hand pumps to be funded by Water for the Oppressed. So far, we have repaired nine hand pumps with available funding for seven additional hand pump repairs bringing our 2010 total to sixteen funded repair projects. Thank you to all who have given in the midst of the economic times we are facing. The people see the hand of the Lord moving in their midst as they are able to drink from a repaired chlorinated bore hole instead of a dirty river or shallow hole in the ground. It is our prayer that we can repair beyond the twenty hand pumps we anticipated at the beginning of the year. The Lord will provide our needs so we will see how He leads people to give and to Him be the glory regardless of the number.



**Previous village water source**

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## MINISTRY

What is ministry? Today, there are a number of answers to that question. It was just recently that Leslie and I read about Abraham, Mary, and Philip as they fulfilled the Lord's calling in their lives. They were ordinary people becoming vessels for the Lord's work. As you read along in the New Testament you find the disciples preaching repentance of sin and faith in Christ. If you continue to read, particularly in Acts 2:41-47, you find



**Broken hand pump back in service**

the apostles involved in fellowship and the breaking of bread. In v.46 do you notice that the fellowship moved from house to house? This struck a chord with me when I think about how much today we focus more on telling people about Jesus but what about spending time in people's lives? I am not against telling others about Jesus but what does faith look like while interacting with others? How has it changed you? The movement today is in telling but Jesus commanded us, "to make disciples and teach them to observe all things that I have commanded you." To make a disciple requires time and commitment. Jesus took time to eat with sinners! He confronted people and said, "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life" - "if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."(John 5:40/John 8:24). Leslie and I find that spending time with people and building a relationship is of supreme importance. It is not a 'speaking to' relationship but a 'speaking with' relationship in which all parties are respected and valued. People are looking for faith that is fleshed out in day to day

transactions. It is amazing that so little of what Jesus teaches actually reaches into our daily interactions with other believers or unbelievers and yet the quality of these interactions are what most people base their opinion of Christianity upon. Are there signs of Christ in our daily interactions? I have, and sure some of you have also encountered believers who don't have time to lend an ear to someone who needs to be heard? Should it be this way? As we move forward please be in prayer for our daily interactions with those whom we cross paths with. Also, please remember, the bible study with the local community near our home and for the ministry at each new well/hand pump repair site. Pray that we can be an example in both word and deed.

## 2010 SO FAR!

We have been busy since returning to Zambia. At the end of April we started with pump repairs and by the middle of May we had completed 9 repairs. Thank you to all who prayed and gave financially to make these repairs possible. We do have more repairs scheduled and will do these once we return to Lu-



**Drilling at Kamfumfula Village**

saka. At the moment we are drilling in northern Zambia where the drilling is very difficult to say the least! To all the well drillers, we have sand, gravel and silt in which we have to drill/drive the pipe sometimes down to 160' where we find some soft rock in which we can hammer/roller bit drill.



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## Health and Hygiene Training

This allows for a 4" screen to be set and gravel packed with production from 5 gpm up to 45 gpm. After drilling through the sand at one location, we move to another site about one to two miles away and find granite / dolomite at 50' and drill to 250' producing a quart per minute of water. The drilling formation changes quite a bit from site to site. Does this sound like some of your drilling? There are days when I would like to see a T3W/T4W drill rig! So far, there have been twelve wells drilled with nine producing water and three dry holes. We just recently completed the hand pump installations, Hygiene trainings and Evangelism for these nine well sites. There is a possibility for more drilling in this area so we will wait and see what the Lord provides.

As we mentioned in an earlier update, we shipped about 2,500 knitted and crocheted squares (from many different churches/ladies) in March with an air freight shipment from the US. These squares have now been sewn together to make 62 blankets. It is our intention to distribute these blankets by the end of July. The distribution will be focused toward children with HIV/major health problems and if at all possible will be in a hospital setting. Thank you to all who have taken the time to stitch together these squares. It is now cold here so the blankets will be appreciated.

## HALLELUJAH!

In late 2006 / early 2007 the paperwork was submitted, by the previous owner, for the electricity to be installed at the base, which we now call our home. Well, after much grief, the electricity was connected and turned on in June. It has been over three years since the process started but what a blessing it is to have power. Leslie can now use her hair dryer! Wow, now that is important. Just last week we bought an iron, ironing board and a toaster. We are so excited to have these "luxury" items in our home. At the present moment, we are running a power cable from the house to the submersible pump so we will not have to carry the generator to the well each time we need water to be pumped, which is usually twice per week. Hopefully by tomorrow we will just plug the pump in and we will have water. Thank you Lord for the electricity and to all who have prayed for our efforts. Praise the Lord.



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