



# Water for the Oppressed

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## 2008: YEAR IN REVIEW

Leslie and I would like to update you with the work that has been accomplished in Africa. First, in January (2008) we became partners with Living Water International in various east African countries. Living Water International ([www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc)) is focused on one goal—reaching the world for Christ by giving the gift of clean water. I (CW) will help LWI on the ground with various drilling issues and training native people to drill. Leslie will focus on health and hygiene Training in remote villages in Africa.

We arrived in Kigali, Rwanda in March and were a part of the day to day operations until September. Leslie and I were able to assist the local drilling crew with various training as well as being a host to several mission teams. In addition, we were able to complete quite a few health and hygiene trainings during our time in Rwanda, some of which had anywhere from 250-450 people in attendance. The villages that we are working with are quite far from the capital city of Kigali. The people of Rwanda are very receptive and are eager to learn how to drastically improve their lives through the simple techniques that are taught at each class. Most importantly, we are able to present the Gospel message which is intertwined into the lessons.

Our present work in Rwanda has come to an end, and we are transitioning to Zambia. We have added a few pictures from Rwanda, into our picture gallery located on the website.

In addition to working in Rwanda, Leslie and I were in Zambia from September to the end of November. In the last several years we have had issues with permits, truck shipments to Africa, and customs clearance. It now seems we are past many of these issues and are settling in to what the Lord called us there to do: reaching people with clean water and the Word.

During the time we were in Zambia we drilled a few wells and repaired twelve hand pumps. Leslie trained a group of nine native Zambians so they in turn can teach health and hygiene in the villages. This is such a powerful tool to not only teach hygiene, but also to incorporate the Gospel message.

We were able to secure our mission compound in Zambia by erecting a fence around about one-third of its boundaries. In the future we hope to secure the remaining boundaries at the mission compound but for now we could only afford to enclose one section.



## MINISTRY OUTLOOK FOR 2009

In December 2008 Leslie and I returned to the U.S. At the end of January, I (CW) returned to Africa to consult with LWI water projects in Ethiopia and Kenya. Afterwards, I returned to Rwanda for a brief time and then flew to Malawi to help with the start-up of a LWI drilling project.

Upon completing the initial groundwork in Malawi, I returned once again to Rwanda to prepare for the move to Zambia. Our son, Claude (C3), joined me in Rwanda March 3rd and he will be part of the Zambia ministry. Leslie will join Claude and I in Zambia at the end of March.

Water for the Oppressed - Zambia has a ministry opportunity in northwest Zambia. In the coming weeks we are hopeful to finalize the contract, as this project will require five months to complete.

We are looking forward to obtaining electricity for our home mission property at some point in the near future. Zesco, the power company in Zambia, has installed all of the power poles up to the mission property and is currently working on pulling the actual power lines. The process to bring power to the mission base began two years ago, so we are anxious to see it completed.

In May we will host a mission team from the U.S. Last year this team visited Leslie and I in Rwanda. While they were with us, they visited orphanages and conducted Vacation Bible Schools. We are looking forward to the same activities in Zambia. Also, we hope the team can help finish the interior of a building on the mission property. This will provide additional living quarters for visitors in the future.



## HAND PUMP REPAIR

In October and November WFTO - Zambia repaired a dozen broken handpumps. These hand pumps had been broken anywhere from six months to five years. Several of the repairs were for community schools and one repair was at a health clinic. Through these repairs over 6,000 people now have a clean and safe water supply.



## MINISTRY FOCUS:

### *Kalunda View*

Kalunda View is a village of 3,500 people located 30 miles south of Lusaka, Zambia. We first visited this community in August 2006. During the visit we learned that the only source of water was an open pit and one 3/4" faucet. So, we pledged to drill a new water well and repair an existing handpump that was not operational.

Two years later we have drilled a new borehole, installed a hand pump, and repaired a broken hand pump in the Kalunda View community.

## MINISTRY

As we drilled and repaired boreholes in 2008, we shared the Word of God with the people. As WFTO-Zambia moves forward in 2009, we are giving priority to evangelism in our daily ministries. At each well or pump repair site we hope to be able to present Bibles, gospel tracts and other literature to the people in the community. We are in prayer that we will be financially able to provide these items.



## HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Last fall, Leslie trained a team of nine people that can teach health and hygiene, giving the villagers basic knowledge about sanitation and disease transmission. She also trained a leader for the team who will oversee the teaching of health and hygiene in Zambia. This teaching will be fully integrated into the well drilling and hand pump repair projects.

## WORD CONNECTIONS

“Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.’”

John 4:13-14 (NASB)