



WATER FOR THE OPPRESSED

newsletter

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We are sure that many of our friends and supporters are asking each other “have you heard from CW or Leslie recently?” To those individuals who don’t do the computer thing, you are probably thinking we have disappeared. Well, we have not disappeared but have been busy with the Lord’s work in Zambia. Since our return back to Zambia, on April 21, 2012, we have been at the grindstone each and every day. As you read through some of the highlights of this year, remember that the accomplishments of 2012 are due to faithful supporters just like you.

DRILLING



The Lord blessed Water for the Oppressed with a donor who funded the drilling of four new water wells. We give thanks to the Lord for that tremendous gift. The community which received these new water wells has such a tremendous need in many areas. First, the community has a population of 1,781 people and had only two water wells, which were located at the one community school. The community school is attended by 392 students with a total of seven teachers. During our preliminary field visits we found one of the existing two hand pumps was broken and had been in disrepair for four years. Our first job was to repair that hand pump so the people could have access to clean water in a quick manner. In addition we found medical problems such as typhoid, TB, diarrhea, measles, malaria, chicken pox, and HIV/Aids. Our field survey, for the most part, found a majority of the people

drinking either from a local river or stream, which is contaminated from the sewage of an upstream city.

Water for the Oppressed drilled four new water wells and installed new hand pumps along with concrete aprons at each site. A health and hygiene curriculum, along with an evangelism component, was presented at each new water well site. During the preliminary evangelism, approximately 43 people made a public profession of faith and 39 received bibles in the language of their choice. Later on in the newsletter we will provide further details regarding the evangelism outreach.

HAND PUMP REPAIR

Water for the Oppressed, during the course of 2012, repaired sixteen hand pumps in an area stretching from the Zambia capital city, Lusaka, to the Zimbabwe border. In total, approximately 4,200 people now have access to clean drinking water as a result of the hand pump repairs. The clean water is a blessing to the communities and through the hand pump repairs we have been able to teach several health & hygiene lessons along with sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is through partnerships with church groups and individuals that we are enabled to repair hand pumps. Water for the Oppressed enters each year dependent on the Lord to provide donor partners along the way and He has proven to be faithful year in and year out. We simply walk by faith and are very appreciative of all donor support.



Before and After Hand Pump repair, Mulala Village

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DISCIPLESHIP

Water for the Oppressed began its Zambian ministry in 2006 and evangelism has been a top priority. We believe that it is important to provide clean water to the rural villages of Zambia but most importantly we must provide the “Living Water”



Katenga Village: The hand pump repair is just beginning but the Jerry Cans begin to accumulate as people are searching for water.

to the people. If we drill boreholes for everyone in Zambia but fail to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His salvation then we of all people have failed.

During the early part of summer, the Lord was faithful in providing further assistance with the evangelism outreach. Water for the Oppressed joined Hope for Water, as a partner, with

rural discipleship as our main priority. Once that connection was established, I contacted a fellow missionary in Zambia and he led us to a local pastor who was eager to head up the “bush discipleship”.



New believers in Christ receiving Bibles after evangelism outreach

I say bush discipleship because the areas we

focus on are far away from the cities and towns. The pastor, along with his wife, usually go into the bush on a Friday and return on the following Tuesday. During this time they live in a tent and minister within the villages. This is a door to door ministry which is quite different than most people are accustomed to. Also, during this time we conduct crusades and show the Jesus film along with individual counseling. We are

always in need of Christian literature and Bible funding as we minister in the villages, since most churches do not have Bibles. Due to a variety of languages in Zambia, the Bibles are purchased within Zambia. The Lord has provided Bible funding this year, through various individuals, and we have distributed 214 Bibles since May 2012.

As we move forward with this program, please pray for the work. At the present moment, we have a goal of two church plants within the Ward where we have recently drilled new water wells. We have experienced opposition in several areas, but we must press on with the preaching of the Word.

BLANKET DISTRIBUTION

Water for the Oppressed was blessed to partner with Hands to Heart outreach to distribute 37 handmade blankets. In June, Leslie and a few friends were able to travel to Beit Cure Hospital in Lusaka for the blanket distribution. Beit Cure International Hospital specializes in treating children with deformities ranging from hydrocephalus to clubfeet. We

were able to minister at each patient's bedside where we visited and prayed with them and their caregivers. Afterwards, we presented each of the patients with their very own handmade blanket.



In September, CW and Leslie were able to visit Ng'ombe Compound where we distributed four blankets to seriously ill individuals. CW and Leslie, along with one of the US teams that visited us in October, traveled to Ng'ombe Compound for a second ministry opportunity whereby we distributed seventeen blankets. Ng'ombe Compound is one of Lusaka's poorest and most densely-populated slum communities. Ng'ombe Compound has approx. 100,000 people living in very challenging conditions. This compound has many issues as you can probably imagine. Some of the issues include the lack of proper sanitation, inadequate number of clean potable water sources, and improper drainage (especially during the rainy season.) There is an enormous amount of trash in the drainage ditches and during the rainy season you can imagine the disease issues from the stagnant water. Due to poor drainage much of the rain water remains stagnant and becomes a breeding area for various deadly water borne diseases. HIV/AIDS is a particularly huge problem in Zambia and is espe-

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cially prevalent in this compound where an estimated 40% of its population have HIV/AIDS.

During the October visit to Ng'ombe Compound, 72 pairs of shoes were donated to the neediest of children chosen from a school of 500+ students. The shoes were purchased with the proceeds donated from a little girl's piggy bank contents. Imagine the difference that donation has made in the lives of 72 children who otherwise would probably not have shoes of any type to wear. Also, a few donated soccer balls were given to the student body.

US TEAMS VISIT ZAMBIA

Leslie and I were blessed with two teams from the US this year. It was good to hear the "southern accent" which I would not know anything about! People tell me (CW) that I have an accent but I think it is the other people who talk funny—I speak perfectly normal?



The Keese family (Robert, Ginny, Ryan, Ashley) visited with us in early October and they were a tremendous blessing to say the least. Robert was instrumental in completing the equipment repairs which were outstanding since we arrived in late April. He worked every day just like he does at home but I think he prefers his concrete floor workshop over our mountain side dirt floor! If you have never rebuilt a truck's suspension on the side of a hill you should try it sometime—it will be an adventure. The adventure comes in when you are using a tripod on the side of a hill, to lift the 400-700lb. suspension parts, and the tripod begins to shift down the hill while the parts are attached to it. A certain amount of talent is involved with such repairs and Robert can add to his resume that he is now certified for hillside truck repairs!

The most intriguing part of the repairs was how we were able to move the truck rear ends (300-400lbs. each) from the storage area to the truck repair site which was about 100' in distance. Robert came up with the idea to use a makeshift sled (a piece of plywood) with a hole drilled in it so we could attach a tow strap. We rolled the rear ends onto the sled, one at a time, and then connected the tow strap to our Land Cruiser hitch with a Craftsman screwdriver. Due to an abun-

dance of rocks/boulders in our yard, Robert was the guide watching so the rocks would not damage the sled while I drove the Land Cruiser. We pulled the truck rear ends up the hill alongside the truck, which was being repaired, at which point we removed the screwdriver. Then we placed the Land Cruiser down the hill and ran a tow strap from the rear ends, underneath the truck being repaired, around a tree (makeshift block and tackle) and then reconnected to the Land Cruiser (with the Craftsman screwdriver). We then pulled the rear ends down the hill underneath the Mack truck into perfect position. At this point we used the tripod to raise and mount the rear ends. Robert and I have applied for a patent for this



particular procedure and please don't try this at home!

Ginny, Ashley, and Ryan visited various villages near our home and distributed donated items such as soccer balls and jerseys. The children

from the villages will never forget the day they received the soccer balls and jerseys—not second hand or hand me downs but brand new!

In early November we welcomed a second team from the US: Buddy, Kirt, Michael, and Josh (from Cajun country)! The team was only in the country for a week, but it was a busy seven days. We were able to visit the discipleship program in the field and the team met the pastor who is leading the outreach ministry. Josh is the founder of Hope for Water and is our partner in the discipleship outreach program. During the teams visit we managed to repair four hand pumps which made for a couple of long days. As the teams stay in Zambia wound down, we all managed to view some wild life along the Kafue and Zambezi rivers.



Leslie and I are very thankful for everyone who visited with us this year and you blessed us in so many ways. We are thankful to the Lord for providing perfect conditions for all of our guests during their stay in

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Zambia.

In closing, Water for the Oppressed is thankful to all who have supported the ministry in Zambia whether through financial gifts, prayer, various donated items, or visiting the ministry in Zambia. Water for the Oppressed will continue with the drilling, hand pump, health and hygiene, and discipleship programs as the Lord provides the resources through individuals such as you. As we close out the 2012 ministry year and begin a fresh in 2013, we invite you to partner with the ministry outreach in Zambia.

Leslie and I will be stateside from the middle of December to the end of March. During our time in the US, we would like to visit your church or civic group to share more about the ministry in Zambia. Please contact us through e-mail (cw@wfto.cc) or by phone at 434.430.0714 (after December 15th).



Unfortunately, this type of water source is all too common in the rural villages of Zambia. It is through your donation that WFTO is enabled to replace these shallow contaminated water sources. Drilling a new water well or repairing a broken hand pump, within the community, will provide clean, safe drinking water to the village.

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.

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Water Well **\$7,500**
New Water well
New Hand Pump
Concrete Apron
Health and Hygiene Training
Evangelism

Hand Pump Repair **\$1,800**
Hand pump replacement
Concrete apron replacement (if needed)
Health and Hygiene Training
Evangelism

Bibles for Evangelism Outreach **\$275**
Includes a case of twenty Bibles

Jerry Can for Improved Hygiene **\$10**
Five gallon can that provides a sanitary way to transport water from the local hand pump

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

PROJECT DONATIONS

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I would like to support the following areas:

- Most Needed Area**
- Water Well**
- Hand Pump Repair**
- Bibles for Evangelism Outreach**
- Jerry Can for Improved Hygiene**

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