



Water for the Oppressed

newsletter

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HAND PUMP REPAIRS



WFTO has been busy repairing hand pumps during the months of September and October. We have repaired approximately 20 hand pumps affecting 5,000 people in the villages of southern Zambia. The repairs range from pouring new concrete aprons around the bore hole, replacing parts of the hand pump and in many cases replacing the entire pump assembly.

WFTO also provides Health & Hygiene training at each repair site. The training provides teaching in areas such as proper hand washing techniques, how to keep the community bore hole clean, germs, oral rehydration, diarrhea and worms/parasites. The hygiene training is quite effective in bringing knowledge to the local people on how to improve their personal hygiene, which in turn will affect the entire community.

After the hand pump repair and Health & Hygiene trainings are complete, we share the Gospel with the community. The Gospel points to the one who has made the hand pump repair and hygiene training possible to the community. This is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word is sown into the hearing of the community people and hopefully into their hearts as well. The concrete will crack again, the hand pump will break again, but the Word will remain. In closing remember the words of Isaiah, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Amen.

WORLD VISION PROJECT

WFTO continues to work on the World Vision project in the northwestern province of Zambia. Along the way we have had a few field issues and from this we have experienced a delay in the project. So far, we have completed 13 new bore holes, with hand pumps, and are operational today. These hand pumps provide safe, clean drinking water to 4,500 people in the northwestern province of Zambia. In addition to the new boreholes, we repaired 2 broken hand pumps. One of the repaired hand pumps provides water to a local school of 500 children while the other repaired hand pump provides water to a village community of 250 people.

The particular area of our work in the northwestern province has a previous drilling history of providing very little or no groundwater. In the drilling world this often results in dry bore holes. So far, we have drilled quite a few dry bore holes which have also minimized the number of successful bore holes. It is our hope to return at the end of October in order to drill additional bore holes and repair remaining broken hand pumps.



PUMP REPAIRS *(cont.)*



EVANGELISM

CURRENT NEEDS

Water for the Oppressed is currently in need of Bibles. We provide bibles to those individuals who make a first time profession of faith. If you would like to assist us with bibles or funding for bibles please contact us through e mail or at our mailing address, both are located in the newsletter.

BAPTISM

On Sunday, October 11, 2009, Patrick Mwelwa and Ava Sakala received water baptism upon their profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Patrick and Ava are near completing their schooling (high school) with the hope of continuing their studies in college. Please be in prayer for them as they have started a new journey in life.



BROKEN HAND PUMP



REPAIRED HAND PUMP

“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’”

- Luke 17:10 (NKJV)