



LIFEWATER CANADA

Annual Report

2013



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Message from Chairman of the Board

What a year it has been! You our faithful donors have again reached new heights in your drive to provide the rural poor of Africa and Haiti with clean drinking water. As our fiscal year draws to a close I am pleased to let you know that this year alone we provided a total of 112 wells, 2 washrooms, 65 replacement pumps, hundreds of pump repairs and many, many, health and hygiene workshops. All of which would not be possible with you your help.

Despite these steps forward, our volunteer work providing safe water to the rural poor has been hampered in many ways. Our partners in Liberia were set back this past year with the sudden death of their Program Coordinator Mr. John Kollie. It was a complete shock to all and only in recent days have our partners been able to find a suitable replacement. We look forward to working with Mr. Lawrence in the year ahead.

Our partners in Haiti took a big step forward by completing their incorporation as a registered local non-profit organization and been blessed with the recent purchase of land on which to construct a secure operations compound. In the year ahead we will be building a security wall, drilling a well, constructing a septic system, and building an office and covered mechanic work area. We look forward to skilled tradesmen stepping forward to helping us with this work!

Our friends and partners in Nigeria have been setback in their work due to the troubling on-going violence in Nigeria which we continually hope and pray will end soon. Our partners in Kenya are slowly returning to normal activity as unrest in their homeland has settled down.

As I prepare for the coming year and a visit with our Haitian partners, I am again reminded of how fortunate I am to live in a country where fresh water is so plentiful. Where every tap spews forth clean water and where I have no fear of becoming sick when I drink this water.

This is not so true for too many in our world. With every well I we help hundreds of people get fresh water each and every day. We help children go to school because they do not have to walk several kilometers for a bucket of water and we help people stay healthy by teaching them proper health and hygiene practices.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I invite you to participate in our mission to give children a chance at a healthy future. Give as you are able, join us on an overseas trip, volunteer to help us out here at home, fundraise, and pray for us. Most of all celebrate with us as we continue our work to provide safe clean drinking water to the rural poor of Africa and Haiti.



Alex Campbell, Chairman
Lifewater Canada

Introduction

Lifewater Canada (Lifewater.ca) is a non-profit Christian organization of volunteers from Canada and the United States. We train, equip & support the rural poor in Haiti & Sub-Saharan Africa to drill wells, build washrooms and instruct in basic hygiene. Every year, Lifewater.ca provides more than ten thousand men, women and children with safe drinking water, hygiene training and sanitation facilities.

Lifewater.ca started operation in 1995 and has been registered in Canada as a charitable, non-profit corporation since 1997:

- Official Name: Lifewater Canada
- Corporation Number: 344140-7
- Business Number: 885420737RR0001
- Address: 307 Euclid Ave, Suite 194; Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7E 6G6

We exist because nearly 1 billion people in the world do not have safe drinking water and over 2 billion people are without access to basic sanitation. Water-borne diseases like hepatitis, cholera and dysentery claim the life of a child every 21 secondsⁱ. In Sub-Saharan countries like Liberia, one in every ten children dies before age 5ⁱⁱ.

We are inspired by Jesus to reach out a helping hand to those in need. We are committed to providing humanitarian assistance to all people, regardless of religious affiliation, race or political persuasion. We focus on helping provide safe water, improved sanitation and increased hygiene awareness in Haiti and in Sub-Saharan Africa (Liberia, Nigeria and Kenya). To-date we have drilled over 700 wells, rebuilt almost 200 out-of-service wells, repaired hundreds of broken pumps, built dozens of communal washrooms and held countless health & hygiene workshops.

Our Strategy is simple:

1. Volunteers train & equip in-country crews.
2. Crews Drill Wells & build Washrooms.
3. Donors help villages afford these necessities.

Because we primarily operate by volunteers working from home, our overhead is approximately 5%. Our fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30. Our budget for the upcoming year is \$650,000. Most of our support comes from ordinary families, schools, churches, foundations and civic groups. Lifewater.ca is supported by those who share our belief that whether we live or die should not depend on where we are born.



Lifewater.ca builds capacity and implements projects. We work in the Sub-Saharan African countries shown below (Liberia, Nigeria and Kenya) and in Haiti.



With the generosity of donors and the hard work of volunteers and the in-country teams, 179 projects were completed in Sub-Saharan Africa and Haiti this past year. Thanks for giving generously to make this life-saving work possible.

COUNTRY	WELLS*	WASHROOMS*	PUMP REPLACEMENT*	Total
Kenya	2	0	0	2
Liberia	46	1	3	50
Nigeria	39	1	5	45
Haiti	25	0	57	82
Total	112	2	65	179

**Includes Health & Hygiene workshop, well or washroom caretaker and pump repair technician training.*



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Partnerships

Your dollar accomplishes more because Lifewater.ca works through local implementing partners and remains volunteer run to keep overhead under 5%. This work would not have been possible without the generous support of the foundations, corporations and civic groups listed below. Finally, we are truly grateful for the many individuals and families whose contributions saved many lives this past year.

Implementing Partners

Haiti:

- Lifewater d'Haiti
- Empower Global de Haiti (Vaudreax, Haiti)

Kenya: The Lifewater Kenya Ltd. (Box 1610, Nakuru, Kenya, 20100)

Liberia: Lifewater Liberia Inc., (Bensonville Highway, Opposite University of Liberia [Fendall Campus], Liberia)

Nigeria:

- Grace Community Development Agency (Jos, Nigeria)
- Water Products Limited (Ayangba, Kogi State, Nigeria)



Receipting Partner

Donors can receive USA tax receipts by enclosing a short note saying their donation is in support of the work of Lifewater.ca and sending their cheques to the following non-profit organization:

- Flowing Streams Ministries, Attention Mr. Mike Turvey, PO Box 3134, Shawnee, KS, 66203

Fund Raising Partners

- Humanwave.com (Peterborough, ON)
- H2O for Life Charity Golf Tournament (Barrie, ON)
- The One World Talent Show (London, ON)
- The Water Team (Vancouver, BC)
- Water of Life Project (Truro, NS)

Supporting Foundations

- Alfons Richter's Charitable Fund
- Blue Planet Links Foundation
- Hageman Family Foundation
- Luke 4 Foundation
- Michelle McGowan Memorial Foundation
- The De Boer Foundation
- The Fellowship of Man
- The Blossom Foundation
- The Buchan Family Foundation



Supporting Companies

- Access Traders Inc.
- Alexander Juvshik Medicine Professional Corporation
- Azimuth Environmental
- BC Greenhouse Builders Ltd.
- Closer Look Home Inspections
- DST Consulting Engineers Inc.
- Eastern Dairy Service
- Floradale Feeds
- Franz Environmental
- Geo-Environmental Drilling

- Healthy Families & Wellness Centre
- Herb Lang Well Drilling
- In Situ Contractors Inc
- James Valley Colony Farms Inc
- KGS Group
- Lifewater Drilling
- Marcel Painchaud Jr. Farms Ltd.
- Matrix Solutions
- Nestlé Waters Canada
- Nexen
- Paddock Well Drilling
- Perry Medical Corporation
- Quinn Construction
- Solinst Canada
- Tremac Industries
- Tulloch Engineers & Surveyors
- Velux Canada Inc.
- Waterline Resources Inc.
- Waterra Pumps Inc

Supporting Churches and Schools

- Anglican Church Women
- Bible Hill Central Elementary School
- Bradford Baptist Church
- Bethlehem Christian Reformed Church
- Burnaby North Baptist Seniors
- Carson Graham School
- Community Christian Reformed Church
- Faith United Church
- First Christian Reformed Church
- First CRC of Kemptville
- First United Methodist Church
- Hope Christian Reformed Church
- Humber Valley United Church
- Langley Immanuel Christian Reformed Church
- Loch Raven Methodist Church
- Martin Grove Baptist Church
- McCulloch United Church
- Mennonite Brethren Church of Elm Creek
- New Life Christian Fellowship
- Trinity Christian Reformed Church
- Unionville High School
- United Methodist Church of Ludington
- Vancouver Talmud Torah School
- Vineyard Christian Fellowship Aldergrove
- Wentworth United Church Women
- Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

Other Supporting Organizations

- Cup of Cold Water Project
- Canadians Striving to End Poverty (CanStep)
- Canadian Ground Water Association CanWell 2012
- Children of the Promise
- Crossworld
- Fifth Dimension LLC
- NW Ontario Water and Wastewater Association
- One Mission Society
- One Body One Hope
- Orphan Grain Train
- One World Talent Show
- Provision of Hope
- Rotary Club of Parry Sound
- Water Environment Association of Ontario

And numerous individual donors; here's a recent note from a donor:

I pray things are going well for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. Here is something to help further your cause. I don't have much, and am not a rich man. However, I will do what I can to fulfill the *Great Commission*. May God make all your goals come to light.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Reminding us that this is God's work and we all are honor to be a part of His work.

Completed Project Summary

Haiti

In Haiti the local team has been working hard with 100 wells drilled and 145 wells rehabilitated. Here are a couple of thank you notes from grateful recipients.



School in Haiti



Completed borehole waiting for pump



Students from the community

I am the principal of the National school. We have had a lot of problems with the children to find clean water to drink. Now we say praises to the Lord, because we got this well. We had problems with the students' health very often. We now find good water to do everything. We say thank you to the Lord and supporter. We ask to bless you and Lifewater for all time. Thank you so much!



Boy drinking from clean water well



Children gather around new pump

We say thank you to Lifewater because our well got fix, now we don't need to walk very far to get some water. We will pray for you and ask God to give more money to Lifewater and the supporters so they can continue to help Haiti.

Sincerely,

Jacques Azinka

Pump Caretaker



Children using new well



Community members gathered around well

I would like to say thank you to Lifewater and the supporters because he answers us positively. The water is very useful to the human life. We see how much life is important for Haiti. Now this population will protect against sickness, infection and something else. We are happy for that well. May God bless you our supporters.

Kindest regards,

Maitre Levy Grand Ville

Pump Caretaker and Teacher in the community

Dear Lifewater,

My name is Cherubin Nickson. I'm the principal of the school Notre Dame. The past years we have many problems to find water to cook food for the students. We used to get water from the street, but other students fight our students when they get water. They also would get a stomach ache when they drank that water. Now we have the water in the school yard so kids don't need to go out to get water. We feel so happy for this well that Lifewater gives us. We say praise the Lord and thank you very much to Lifewater supporters! God Bless forever!



Liberia

There are two national crews working for Lifewater Liberia (L-LINC), one using a portable drill rig and the other using a truck mounted rig. Both teams continue to be challenged, both technically and logistically. This is where the expertise from North American volunteers can aid the teams in other countries. For example, photos and emails were sent daily from Africa to volunteers in Canada and the USA to help diagnose and repair a problem with one of the rigs so that they could continue drilling safe water wells.

The Liberia team continues to work on pump assessment and repairs with a focus of visiting each previously constructed well to determine functionality.

Also the teams are willing to assist communities with the building of communal washrooms. These important projects which improve the community's health are hindered by the lack of sponsorship.

The Liberia team is continuing to positively affect the communities of the country, as shown by the following thank you note:

The administration and staff of the above mentioned institution have deemed it expedient to extend our profound thanks and appreciation to you for providing a safe drinking water well for us, and also hosting a workshop on the care and maintenance of said safe drinking water. We promise to use the hand pump in the best way possible as expected and also practice all the good health habits we have been taught in the workshop. May the Almighty God continue to bless us all.

Kind Regards,
S. Mamass
Administration



Kenya

Lifewater Kenya is led by a trained Water Engineer experience in the government. The team continues to work on many projects to help people suffering from the long drought in East Africa. While the leader spends much of his time and energy focused on other much need projects, the team continues to drill wells and when sponsors are available construct communal washrooms.



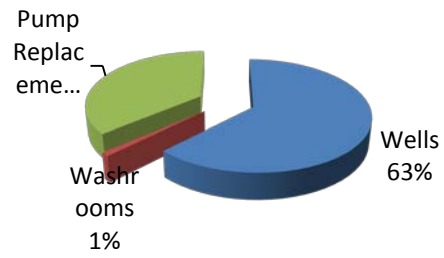
Nigeria

Although there was not a civil war in this country much chaos and uncertainty abound. The Nigerian team has received many requests for help with water, but at the first well they were drilling in the area of Damaduru they dealt with a bomb going off near the drill rig, eventually having to leave everything behind and escape. After a year, they were able to return to the site and retrieve what was left while yet again facing bombing and curfews. Currently the team (or remaining individual) is immobilized by the need to repair and restock the rig in order to bring safe water to those orphanages and villages in need.

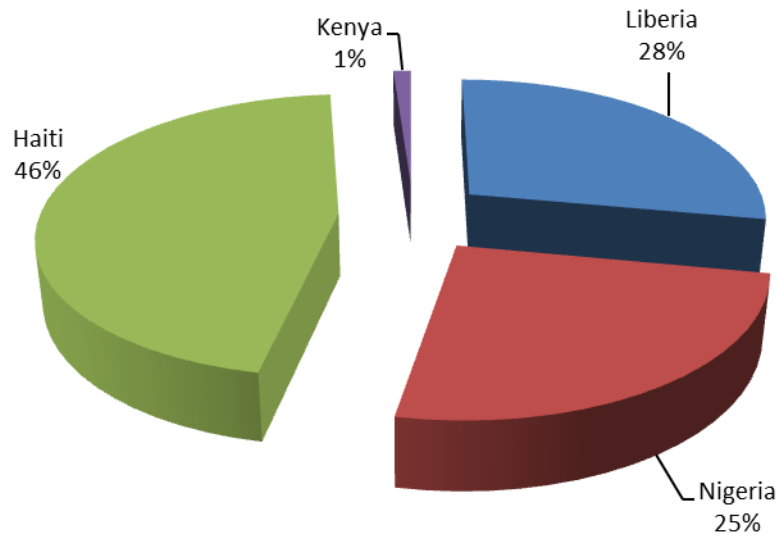
Despite the many hardships faced by the national teams, they often have insight to the impact that the work they do has not only on the communities but for the kingdom of God. As demonstrated by this story from the Nigerian teams:

The villages of Bwacha & Duma have been relatively quiet settlements in terms of peace that has eluded most communities in recent times. Many mission agencies have moved in to share with the people the gospel of Jesus Christ. Shortly after their arrival, a few conversions were made as villagers decided to choose Jesus as their eternal Saviour. This good news brought many blessings of financial and prayerful support. However, with such blessings came serious persecution. Within two months, three missionaries were gruesomely murdered. This prompted many mission agencies to withdraw foreign missionaries replacing them with young but growing local Christian leaders. By the Lord's leading, we began to sense that any opportunity to impact the people by meeting their physical needs would be a chance to make them appreciate the work of the missionaries in their areas. These communities are known to suffer hardships with collecting water, poor sanitary conditions and are very prone to water-transmitted diseases. The joy of meeting their clean water needs meant opening doors for the gospel. It agrees so much with our own ministry philosophy of "a cup of water in Jesus name". As we see progress in relationship with the communities, so is the gospel granted access to the people; so is their health situation improved; and so are we fulfilled as ministers of the gospel.

Summary of Work by Project Type



Summary of Work by Country



Capacity Building

Lifewater.ca ensures that their in-country partners can efficiently meet their missions and goals in a sustainable way and in turn the goals and mission of Lifewater.ca are also achieved; this is often referred to as “capacity building”. Capacity building is done in various supportive ways including purchasing equipment and supplies, arranging secure operation bases and providing training for in-country workers.



This upcoming year the “capacity building” includes securing proper staff or management of the in-country partners. In Haiti, although the relationship with Empower Global continues to be positive, it has become clear that our equipment and office cannot remain in their compound for the long term. To that end Lifewater.ca is assisting in the process of purchasing land & building a compound for the Lifewater d’Haiti team. But during this building process it is important to continue the training of the local drill team, pump repair team and biosand filtration team. Throughout Africa, the national teams have started off the new fiscal year strong, drilling wells, repairing pumps and providing safe water for their fellow compatriots including those in Northern Nigeria facing a recent outbreak of cholera.

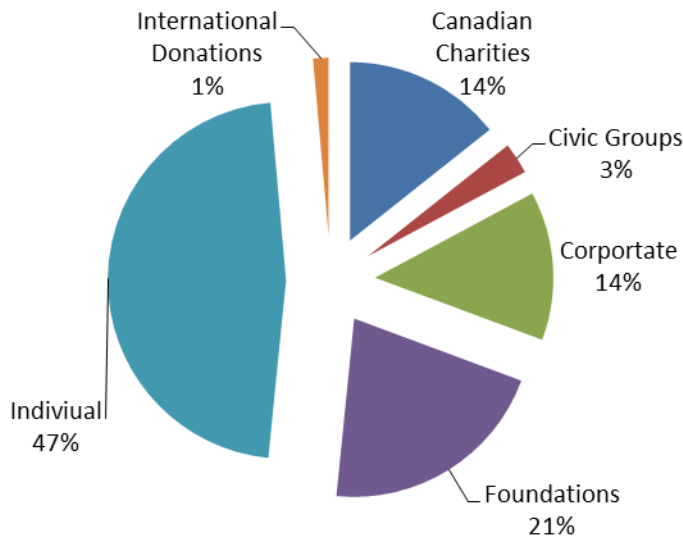
Volunteer or “training” trips allow the volunteers to use their expertise to train the in-country partners. These trips include advance drill training, business administration training, advanced construction training and relationship building. Such trips are often the most important capacity building done by Lifewater.ca.

“Hygiene education and promotion of hand washing are simple, cost-effective measures that can reduce diarrhea cases by up to 45%. Even when ideal sanitation is not available, instituting good hygiene practice in communities will lead to better health.”ⁱⁱⁱ

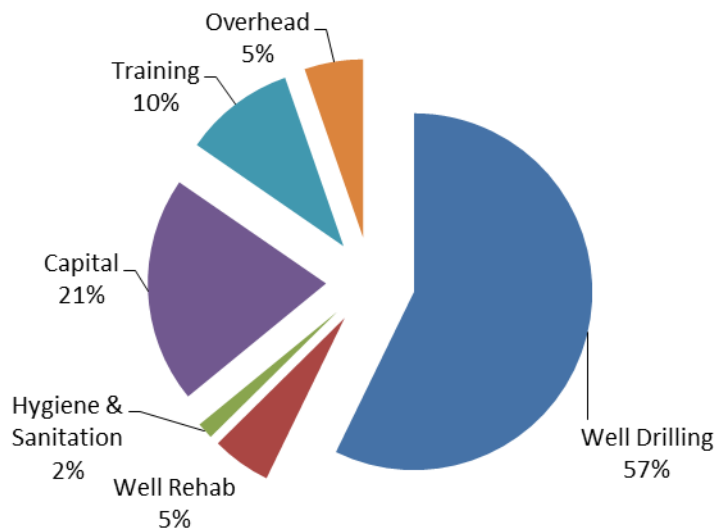
FINANCIALS

Lifewater.ca's fiscal year is October 1 – September 30. Most of our funding comes from individuals followed by foundations, Canadian Charities, corporations, Civic Groups (Churches and schools) and international donations. The organization's expenditures are primarily on the projects themselves and the sustainability of the in-country partners while keeping our overhead to 5% (which includes fundraising). This may go against the current view of non-profit organization financial reporting^{iv}, but as a Christian organization, we believe that keeping our overhead low is a duty of stewardship. To ensure stable funding commitments to overseas partners and to provide adequate capital for major items such as new drill rigs, our 10-year goal is to build our reserve fund until it equals one year of operations expenses.

Revenues



Expenses



2013 Lifewater Canada Financial Statement

(Statement Period: 1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sept 2013)

Revenues	
Total Receiptable Donations	\$485,068.94
- Individual Donations	\$275,837.22
- Corporate Donations	\$76,652.96
- Canadian Charities (Churches etc)	\$82,586.63
- Gifts-in-Kind	\$49,992.13
Total Non-Receiptable Donations	\$233,390.31
- Civic Groups (Schools etc)	\$38,936.60
- Foundations	\$120,571.00
- International Donations	\$72,882.71
- Corporate Donations - Not Received	\$1,000.00
Interest/Currency/Capital Gain Adjustments	\$1,074.09
Total:	\$719,533.34

Expenses	
Well Construction (112 Wells)	\$388,239.57
Well Rehabilitation (65 Pump Repair)	\$36,429.42
Sanitation Program (2 Latrines)	\$2,425.00
Community Mobilization & Hygiene Education	\$7,719.12
Capital Expenses (Trucks, Drill Rigs etc)	\$139,204.05
Training & Education	\$68,315.62
Overhead	\$36,142.89
- Administration Expenses	\$15,538.84
- Fund Raising (includes Brokerage Fees)	\$11,997.29
- Other	\$8,606.76
Total:	\$678,475.67

Revenues Less Expenses	\$41,057.67
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Balance	
Current Operating Accounts	\$138,905.15
- Chequing Account	\$82,474.62
- CDN Cash	\$820.54
- US Cash (expressed in Can \$)	\$101.79
- US Chequing Account (expressed in Can \$)	\$55,508.20
Reserve Accounts	\$153,180.80
- Securities Account	\$133,602.64
- ING USD Account (expressed in Can \$)	\$4,019.68
- ING CDN Account	\$15,558.48
Operating Reserve	\$17,775.60
Capital Reserve	\$71,102.39
Designated Funds (30-Sep-13)	\$64,302.81
Closing Balance:	\$292,085.95

\$USD:\$CDN Exchange Rate used to convert \$USD to \$CDN Equiv:	\$1.00
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Endnotes

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