



Lifewater: Training & Drilling....

The Year in Review

Billions of people need safe drinking water and every 12 seconds a child dies from drinking contaminated water. These horrible but real statistics can be hard to relate to. However, imagine how we would feel if **every hour** a 747 airplane full of children crashed into the ocean. Yet that is the number of children who die every hour because they lack safe drinking water!

With your help, we are doing something about this. In the past year your donations helped:

- volunteers provide the Liberian drill team with advanced training
- drill wells for 12 villages in Liberia and 4 in Nigeria
- train volunteers from around the world.

On behalf of the men, women and children who still lack safe water, I thank you for your support.

Sincerely Yours,

Jim Gehrels
Lifewater Volunteer & President

2004 Trip to Liberia

In February 2004, I traveled to Liberia with 5 other Lifewater volunteers to work with, train and encourage the local drill team.

Kevin and Barb inspected wells and tested over 60 water samples for nitrates, pathogens, arsenic and iron. Their sampling confirmed that well water is much safer than alternative sources such as swamps and slow moving rivers. The Jones's trained Oliver, one of the drillers, so that he could continue this work after our departure.

Many villages weren't maintaining their handpumps because they did not understand the link between their families health and drinking water. Cheryl addressed this need by training 2 Liberian women to become Hygiene trainers for their people. Together they held 4 health & hygiene workshops.

Jim successfully networked with government officials, taught advanced drilling skills and encouraged the drillers in the work they have so eagerly embraced.

Stan shared basic business principles and laid the groundwork for the Liberian crew to work towards building a successful, independent small business.

As for myself, I was challenged and thrilled to take part in trying new concrete pad design work and also experience some hands on time on the LS-100 drill rig.

The trip ended on a real high note as we joined with the drill team and the people of Grabo Town in celebrating the dedication of their new handpump - on the 100th well drilled by Lifewater in Liberia!

Despite having been through 14 years of civil war, the Liberian people showed us an amazing spirit and generosity that we will not forget. The many children we met are ever in our hearts and we hope to soon return.

Brian Schenk
Lifewater Volunteer



Slide Projector Need

We have taken hundreds of slides during our trips to Africa. These slides are used for presentations to school groups, church's, rotary etc Unfortunately, last year our slide projector went missing and we have not been able to recover it. If you have a **Kodak Carousel Projector** that you have not used in years, please contact us. We very much appreciate your help in meeting this need!

Where Does Our \$\$ Go?

2003/2004 Total	\$70,000
Drill Supplies	47.5%
Well Sponsorships	28.6%
Training	19.8%
Education & Web	1.2%
Overhead	2.9%

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The Year Ahead

We're inspired by Isabelle & Carol two widows who, while on safari in Kenya, saw a Masai village with no safe water. They came back to Canada desiring to provide a well for these people and we are helping make their dream come true.

Lifewater continues to work in the Jos area of Nigeria, and we hope to raise enough money to drill another 6 wells here in the coming year.

In Liberia, the drill team plans to drill 15 new wells in 2005 - safe drinking water for 7,000 people!

In February 2005, a team of 6 Lifewater volunteers will be heading to Liberia to work with the local drill team. Goals for this training trip include providing advanced drill training in fine sand conditions and hosting several health and hygiene workshops. In addition, to help the team become more self-sufficient in the future, options for building a warehouse and pump shop will be explored.

Another goal for the coming year is to make a Spanish version of the drill manual available on-line. Let us know if you can help Tiffany and Nathan with this project.

Canadian Training Center

We are buying a LS100 drill rig so that we can offer hands-on training here in Canada. Our goal is to help volunteers obtain the skills they need to be effective trainers overseas. If you are interested in participating in a training camp, please send us a letter or email.

Help Sponsor a Well!

Many have sponsored wells in memory of loved ones - the gift of life in memory of a life.

Children have given their birthday parties new meaning by asking their friends to bring a donation towards a well, rather than toys.

Church groups, schools and active families have held breakfasts, bake sales and yard sales with proceeds going towards a well.

You can help sponsor a well by writing to us at our address provided below or by visiting: www.lifewater.ca/donate.htm.

You can also give through **United Way**. On their donation form under the heading "*Giving Options*" simply designate: **Charity Name: Lifewater Canada**
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Charitable #: 885420737RR0001
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