

# **LIFEWATER CANADA**



# Annual Report 2012



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# Message from Chairman of the Board

The sky has opened and it's raining wells; safe water for thousands of thirsty people in Liberia, Nigeria and Haiti and Kenya! Because of donors like you, during the past year 217 villages had wells drilled or rebuilt, 11 communal washrooms were built, and hundreds of broken handpumps were repaired.

For the rural poor in Haiti and Africa, the cost of safe water wells is so beyond their reach that it is like you being charged \$1 million for a basic car you can't do without. But your donations have helped make these projects affordable, though not free. Villagers are lining up to dig deep, give a little money, sweat a lot, and provide materials to give their families safe water. To meet the need, they need sponsors for the following projects:

- > 30 pump replacements in Haiti & Liberia (\$1000 each)
- > 75 new wells in Liberia & Haiti (\$3,000 each)
- > 100 wells in Nigeria & Kenya (\$3,500 each)
- > 12 community Washrooms in Africa (\$2,000 each)
- Parts to refurbish the Kenyan workers drill rig (\$7,500)

With your support, local workers can continue providing safe water for those who suffer from drinking water from swamps or contaminated dug wells. Every donation is appreciated and goes straight to the need as we keep our overhead to 5%.

We are so abundantly rich in comparison to those receiving this rich gift of safe water and sanitation. It's not all about the dollar and it's not about guilt either. But it is about our social responsibility to help those who have no choice but to give their children water that makes many ill and causes 15% of children to die before they reach age 5.

The opportunity to participate is right now. We encourage you to give a little and change a lot. Then pass this report on to your friends and family, co-workers or to members at your church or civic group.

But best of all, we invite you to join overseas villagers as they sing and dance in celebration as your donations continue to rain down wells and safe water for them and their children!

Alex Campbell, Chairman

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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 and build washrooms. Every year, Lifewater.ca provides more than 80,000 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

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We exist because 1 billion people in the world do not have safe drinking water. Water-borne diseases like hepatitis, cholera and dysentery claim the life of a child every 17 seconds. In Sub-Saharan countries like Liberia, 10% of children die before age 5.

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, Kenya and Zambia). To-date we have drilled over 700 wells built dozens of communal washrooms and held countless health & hygiene workshops.

#### Our Strategy is simple:

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

Because we are run 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, Kenya and Zambia) and in Haiti.





With the generosity of donors and the hard work of volunteers and the in-country teams, 227 projects were completed in Sub-Saharan Africa and Haiti this past year (an increase of 50% from last year). Thanks for giving generously to make this life-saving work possible.

COUNTRY	WELLS*	WASHROOMS*	PUMP REPLACEMENT*	Total
Kenya	6	1	3	10
Liberia	54	2	3	59
Nigeria	76	8	3	87
Haiti	22		49	71
Total	158	11	58	227

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



## 2012 Board of Directors

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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:

Dlo se Lavi (Cape Haitian, 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)

Zambia: Seeds of Hope International Partnerships (8244 Nelson Mandela Rd, Kansenshi Infill, Ndola, Zambia)



#### **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:

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

#### **Fund Raising Partners**

- ➤ The One World Talent Show
- ➤ The Water Team
- Water of Life

#### **Supporting Foundations**

- Alfons Richter's Charitable Fund
- ➤ Blue Planet Links Foundation
- ➤ The Blossom Foundation
- > The Buchan Family Foundation
- > The Fellowship of Man
- Hageman Family Foundation
- Michelle McGowan Memorial Foundation

#### **Supporting Companies**

- Access Traders Inc.
- Azimuth Environmental
- BC Greenhouse Builders Ltd.
- ConeTec Investigations Ltd.
- Dr. Daryl I. Perry Medical Corporation
- > DST Consulting Engineers Inc.
- Eastern Dairy Service
- > Franz Environmental
- Geo-Environmental Drilling
- > Healthy Families Wellness Centre
- Insitu Contractors Inc
- ➤ KGS Group
- Lifewater Drilling
- Nestlé Waters Canada
- Nexen
- Pacific Western Brewing Company
- Paddock Drilling
- Quinn Construction
- Solinst Canada
- > TELUS community Affairs
- > Thornhill Lawn Equipment
- > Trade Development Strategies Inc.
- > Tulloch Engineers & Surveyors
- Velux Canada Inc.
- Waterra Pumps Ltd.



#### **Supporting Churches and Schools**

- Bethlehem Christian Reformed Church
- ➤ Bible Hill Central Elementary School
- Burnaby North Baptist Seniors
- > Carson Graham Secondary School
- > Community Christian Reformed Church
- Emo Christian Reformed Church
- First Christian Reformed Church
- > First Presbyterian Church
- > First United Methodist Church
- Hope Christian Reformed Church (is this Provision of Hope)
- Humber Valley United Church
- ➤ Langley Immanuel Christian Reformed Church
- Loch Raven United Methodist Church
- Martin Grove Baptist Church
- McCulloch United Church
- Nechako Community Church
- New Life Christian Fellowship
- > St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
- St Paul's Anglican Church Women
- > The Good Shepherd Church
- > Trinity Christian Reformed Church
- Unionville High School
- Vancouver Talmud Torah School
- Vineyard Christian Fellowship Aldergrove
- Wentworth United Church Women
- Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

# **Other Supporting Organizations**

- Canadians Striving to End PovertyCanadian Ground Water Association CanWell 2012
- > Children of the Promise
- > NW Ontario Water and Wastewater Association
- > One Body One Hope
- > Rotary Club of Parry Sound



# **Completed Project Summary**

### <u>Haiti</u>

In Haiti, 22 wells were completed and 49 wells were rehabilitated by local Haitian workers. Here is just one thank you note from a grateful recipient.



I am Daniel Adrien. I am the teacher of the school. I remember when we need water for the school; we pay some body to carry water for us to make food. Sometimes the water was unclean. Then right we get this well, we say thank you so much to Lifewater and also the supporter that drill and give us this pump. May god blesses you and your relative. And everyone that thinks to support more wells in Haiti.

#### <u>Liberia</u>

Liberia continues to be a key focus of our work in Africa. The Lifewater Liberia, Inc drilled weekly the entire year providing safe water for thousands of people; completing 54 wells, two washrooms and three pump replacements. The last four housing units for the drillers are being finished; now their families will be safe while the team members are helping others. A project is underway to survey all Lifewater wells drilled over the past 17 years. When an annual maintenance fee is paid, the pumps are still working. Communities that do not want to pay for maintenance are receiving workshops to educate them about the human and economic costs of using unsafe water.



#### <u>Nigeria</u>

Lifewater works with two drilling teams in Nigeria. These teams drilled an astonishing 76 wells, built eight washrooms and additionally rehabilitated 3 wells. The work in the country has continued despite the on-going violence. For example since last Christmas, the churches and mosques of all the team members have been bombe and many have lost family members and friends. They persevered because safe water is not only needed for a healthy community, but also brings divided communities together restoring peace.

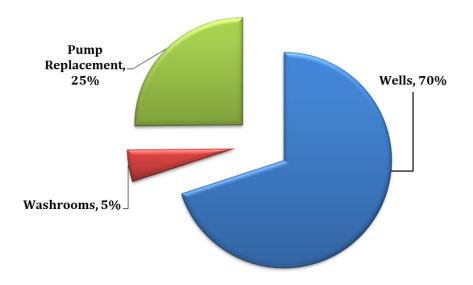


## **Kenya**

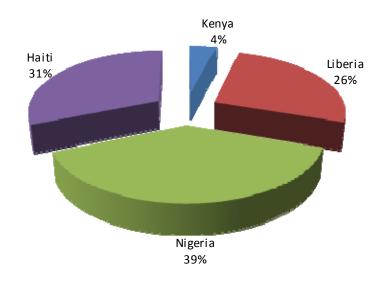
Lifewater Kenya is led by a trained Water Engineer experience in the government. His skills and vision has made the team a success particularly completing unusual projects. Many Kenya projects include 10,000 gallon storage tanks to store water from roof catchment systems.



# **Summary of Work by Project Type**



# **Summary of Work by Country**



# **Capacity Building**

Lifewater.ca ensures that their in-county 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 year the capital purchases included the trucks for Liberia, an SUV for Haiti, Laboratory equipment and construction for Haiti (to test for water borne diseases), completing the compound in Liberia, and the necessary supplies to continue production of items such as water level meters, pumps and drill bits.



Also at the home base the capacity building incorporated continued translation of Lifewater training manuals into French, updating the security of our electronic media, and multiple presentations highlighting the work and needs of Lifewater.ca.

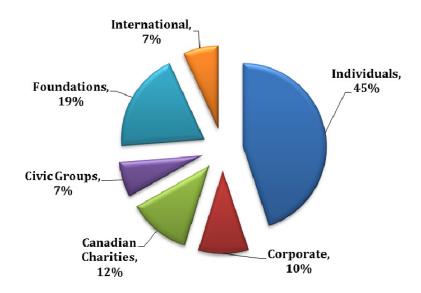


Often the most important capacity building work is using the expertise of our volunteers to train in-country partners. This training occurs on what is referred to as a "training trip". Thirteen volunteers made 3 such training trips to Liberia while 12 volunteers traveled to Haiti also in 3 separate trips. Besides providing advanced drill training, the purpose of the trips also included improving communications, knowledge of country and team needs, and the building of even stronger relationships.

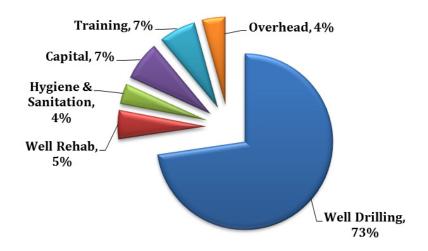
## **FINANCIALS**

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 incountry partners while our overhead of 4% (which includes fundraising) is well below the average non-profit overhead expenditure of 16%. 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 operations expenses.

#### Revenues



#### **Expenses**



## **2012 Lifewater Canada Preliminary Financial Statement**

Revenues				
<b>Total Receiptable Donations</b>	\$508,037.19			
- Individual Donations	\$324,886.93			
- Corporate Donations	\$65,391.30			
- Canadian Charities (Churches etc)	\$87,043.98			
- Gifts-in-Kind	\$30,714.98			
Total Non-Receiptable Donations		\$172,169.76		
- Civic Groups (Schools etc)	\$46,396.34			
- Foundations	\$81,605.00			
- International Donations	\$42,969.46			
- Corporate Donations - Not Receipted	\$1,198.96			
Interest/Currency/Capital Gain Adjustments	-\$5,651.37			
Total:		\$674,555.58		

Expenses				
Well Construction (158 Wells)	\$542,015.83			
Well Rehabilitation (74 Pump Repair)	\$39,300.00			
Sanitation Program (11 Latrines)	\$19,500.00			
Community Mobilization & Hygiene Education	\$8,666.65			
Capital Expenses (Trucks, Drill Rigs etc)	\$55,331.87			
Training & Education	\$50,560.70			
Overhead		\$38,384.59		
- Administration Costs (includes Bank Fees)	\$28,686.62			
- Fund Raising (includes Brokerage Fees)	\$9,617.73			
- Other	\$80.24			
Total:		\$753,759.64		

Revenues Less Expenses		-\$79,204.06
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Balance		
<b>Current Operating Accounts</b>	\$98,798.80	
Reserve Accounts	\$152,229.48	
Closing Balance:	\$251,028.28	