

# Lifewater Canada

## 2015 Annual Report



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#### Message from the Chairman of the Board

One day I was challenged to use my education and experience to help overseas workers deal with sanitation issues. I soon found myself on a plane to Liberia where I worked side by side with parents whose children were getting sick because their villages had no water or sanitation.

Now as the Chairman of Lifewater Canada I have the honour of writing to thank you for your generous, faithful support over the past 20 years! Uncountable buckets of safe drinking water have been pumped, bringing hope and health to thousands of families.

So what has happened over the past 20 years? Here it is by the numbers:

- 3 number of African countries we are operating in4 number of countries Lifewater Canada is now operating in
- 20 number of years we have operated
- 1000 number of wells drilled
- 500,000 number of people with safe drinking water

Liberia is finally emerging from the worst Ebola epidemic in history. The Lifewater Liberia workers demonstrated courage continuing to drill wells during this crisis, and shared information to villages on how to stop the transmission of Ebola. Critically needed water projects were completed in Kenya. Many wells were also finished in Nigeria despite the chaos caused by the Boko Harem terrorists. It was a milestone year for the Lifewater d'Haiti team as work began to build an operations compound.

Your donations continue to be invested in cost-effective compassion. Our overhead remains at just 5% and every dollar provides a year of safe drinking water! Donate as you are able, join us on an overseas trip, volunteer to help us out here at home, fundraise, and pray for those waiting for safe drinking water. Thank-you for helping make the world a better place!

Alex Campbell, Chairman Lifewater Canada

## **Board of Directors**

<u>Chairman</u> - Alex Campbell, MSc Judan Enterprises (Environmental Consultant)

<u>Vice-Chairman</u> - Peter Brown Owner of Humanwave Radio

<u>President</u> - Jim Gehrels, P.Geo Hydrogeologist Group Leader, Ontario Government

Secretary/International Representative Cheryl Hertan, MBA, CTR Contract Certified Tumor Registrar

<u>Treasurer</u> - Gary Lamers Owner, Gala Consulting

Financial Controller - Don Heerema Chartered Accountant

IT Administrator - Stan Roy Network & Technology Services Project Analyst, City of Thunder Bay

International Development Consultant James VanHemert, MA Plan, MCIP Independent Planning Consultant

<u>Member at Large</u> - Jennifer Drost Teacher

## **Brief Introduction**

Lifewater Canada (Lifewater.ca) is a registered non-profit Christian charitable organization. We train and equip local men & women in Haiti & Sub-Saharan Africa to drill wells, build washrooms and conduct basic hygiene workshops.

Just as importantly, Lifewater.ca connects you, the donor, with villages providing tens of thousands of men, women and children with these services each year.

You are making a difference!

We exist because over 1 billion people in the world still do not have safe drinking water and over 2 billion people are still without access to basic sanitation.<sup>\*</sup> We are inspired by Jesus to reach out a helping hand to those in need and are committed to provide humanitarian assistance to all people, regardless of religious affiliation, race or political persuasion.

To date we have:

- Drilled over 1000 wells
- Rebuilt over 650 out-of-service wells
- Repaired over 1000 broken pumps
- Built nearly 100 communal washrooms
- Held countless health & hygiene workshops.

\*Health through safe drinking water and basic sanitation Retrieved from <u>www.who.int/water\_sanitation\_health/mdg1/en/</u>



#### Where We Work

With the generosity of our donors and hard work of volunteers and in-country teams, over 500 projects were completed in Sub-Saharan Africa (Liberia, Nigeria and Kenya) and Haiti this past year.





Thank-you for helping!

## <u>Kenya</u>

Where drilling a well is not possible another affordable option is a water catchment system to collect and store safe water to use in the dry season. Such a tank can hold up to 10,000 gallons of water. The Kenya team members are experts at building water catchment tanks, thus providing living water to many villages.





"We, on behalf of the students, teachers, parents, Board of Management and community of Matindiri Seconday School, hereby write to express our gratitude and appreciation for the borehole you drilled in our school.....The borehole will be a great blessing to our students, workers and teachers" J.S. Kamau Principal/BOM Secretary



## Liberia

The Ebola pandemic has been a roller-coaster ride for this struggling nation. The height of the crisis was in 2014, but the struggle continues in 2015. Companies have gone out of business, schools closed, and everyone lives in fear. Things are improving, and Liberia is close to regaining its "Ebola free" status. Through these many difficult months, the Lifewater Liberia team continued to drill wells, including the one pictured below drilled near a hospital treating those infected with Ebola. They also taught good hygiene practices and educated villagers on how to prevent the spread of Ebola. The safety of the team and the healing of the nation are in part due to the prayers and generosity of the Lifewater Canada donors.







Quesena Town, a remote village in Liberia, this pump is servicing about 500 people. Ma Hawa expressed many thanks to the team and even presented them Kola nuts which signifies peace, because the pump has brought peace to her heart and those of her people.

## <u>Nigeria</u>

Maikurada is a little village of about 280 people that depend on peasant farming for their livelihoods and the women trek an average of three kilometers every day to and from the little stream for their daily water. Thanks to the generous donors of Lifewater Canada, a new well is now helping the adults of this village to care for their families by providing safe water throughout the year.







This much needed well in Kigbe School not only relieves the critical water shortage and improves health but brings harmony among Christians and Muslim believers as the water is free to all.

## <u>Haiti</u>

While providing safe water and sanitation to those in need is a goal of Lifewater Canada, we also know it is important to protect the team members, volunteers and equipment. That is why this year a focus of Lifewater Canada has been to work with Lifewater d'Haiti to start a 5 year effort to build a compound that will safely house the office and equipment. All of this while the team still drills wells and repair pumps!







A new well at a school in Haiti and by the number of pails waiting to be filled, it was much needed.

## Together we CAN change the World - How YOUR gifts were distributed



"For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward." – Mark 9:41

### **Partnerships**

Your dollar accomplishes more because Lifewater.ca works through local African and Haitian implementing partners, while here at home, Lifewater Canada is powered by volunteers working from home. The resulting 5% overhead means you accomplish the maximum good for every gift you give. Together we provide much needed safe water and sanitation to those in need.





## **Implementing Partners**

#### Haiti:

- Lifewater d'Haiti (Vaudreuil)
- Empower Global de Haiti (Vaudreuil)

#### Kenya:

• The Lifewater Kenya Ltd. (Nakuru)

#### Liberia:

• Lifewater Liberia Inc. Fendell

#### Nigeria

- Grace Community Development Agency (Lafia)
- Water Products Ltd. (Abuja)

## **Receipting Partner**

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

## You Have our THANKS!

#### **Fund Raising Partners**

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

#### **Supporting Foundations**

Blue Planet Links Foundation (Vancouver, BC) Derick Brenninkmeyer Charitable Foundation (Oakville, ON) Fellowship of Man (Toronto, ON) Luke Four Foundation (Peterborough, ON) Michelle McGowan Memorial Foundation (Barrie, ON) The Blossom Foundation (Toronto, ON) The De Boer Foundation (Toronto, ON)

#### **Special Thanks**

To the numerous Civic Groups, Associations, Churches and Schools who have helped make this world a better place to live!

#### **Supporting Companies**

Access Traders Inc. (Calgary, AB) Automation Now (Thunder Bay, ON) Baird and Associates (Ottawa, ON) BC Greenhouse Builders (Surrey, BC) Carlisle Goldfields Ltd (Toronto, ON) Charity Auto Sales (Penticton, BC) Choice Computers (Thunder Bay, ON) College Park Chiropractic (Thunder Bay, ON) In Situ Contractors Inc (Guelph, ON) KGS Group (Winnipeg, MB) Little Beaver (Livingston, TX) Lifewater Drilling (Bow Island, AB) M.F.C. Construction Inc (Caledon, ON) Perry Medical Corporation (Winnipeg, MB) Professional Employees Association (Victoria, BC) Rutledge Development (Etobicoke, ON) Solinst Canada (Georgetown, ON) Telus Community Cares (Calgary, ON) Thornhill Lawn Equipment (Thornhill, ON) Tulloch Engineers (Thessalon, ON)

#### Phenomenal Efforts from Individuals & Families

Generous people from across Canada, the US Europe and such far away countries as Poland and Australia keep the drill rigs turning. Volunteers who have given tirelessly of their time & energy build the capacity of the local teams to improve efficiencies. Your accomplishments and support will result in safe flowing water for generations to come!!

Lifewater Canada 2015 Fiscal Support

#### (Fiscal Period: 1 Oct 2014 - 30 Jun 2015) 2015 Lifewater Canada Financial Statement (Statement Period: 1 Oct 2014 - 30 Jun 2015)

Revenues			Expenses		
Total Receiptable Donations		\$465,370	Well Construction (75 Wells	5)	\$339,026
- Individual Donations	\$268,558		Well Rehabilitation (11 Well	s)	\$13,723
- Corporate Donations	\$105,514		Pump Repair (509 Pump Repair)		\$22,795
- Gifts from Canadian Charities	\$45,337		Sanitation Program		\$0
- Gifts-in-Kind	\$45,961		Community Mobilization & I	Hygiene	\$21,897
Total Non-Receiptable Donations		\$215,330	Capital Expenses (Trucks, I	Drill Rigs)	\$174,385
- Civic Groups (Schools etc)	\$17,681		Training & Education		\$52,124
- Foundations	\$162,700		Overhead		\$36,035
- International Donations	\$34,404		- Fund Raising	\$20,501	
- Corporate Donations - Unreceipted	\$545		- Administration Expenses	\$15,534	
Interest/Currency Adjustments \$653		Foreign Currency Adjustments		-\$26,692	
Total:		\$681,353	Total:		\$633,294

Revenues Less Expenses: \$48,058.73

## Lifewater Canada Statement of Financial Position

#### 30-Jun-16

Assets	2015 2014
Current Operating Accounts	\$109,579.57 \$120,661.05
Reserve Accounts	<b>\$222,569.06 \$188,061.19</b>
Operating Reserve Funds \$31,0	16.17
Capital Reserve Funds \$124,00	64.69
Designated Funds \$67,48	88.20
Total Assets	\$332,148.63 \$308,722.24
Liabilities	\$0.00
TOTAL EQUITY	\$332,148.63 \$308,722.24

The Lifewater Canada Strategic Plan includes a long-term goal of building a reserve fund equal to one year's operating budget. This is to allow firm financial commitments can be made to overseas partners at the start of the fiscal year without the risk of having to shut-down drilling operations part-way through the year if fundraising does not meet expectations.

This goal was set because financial commitments to overseas partners need to be made a year in advance prior to funds being raised. This is necessary for them to make staffing decisions and determine how many community water and sanitation projects they can commit to. This timing creates uncertainty and stress for both Lifewater Canada and overseas partners due to economic pressures and global events which are beyond our control but affect fundraising.

The financial reserve also allows for careful management of designated funds and enables Lifewater.ca to assist overseas teams with significant capital expenditures in a timely manner.