



Water for the Oppressed

newsletter

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MISSION TEAM



From May 15th through May 30th we were blessed to have a team of three people from the U.S. with us. Last year, C.T., Melonie, and Donna came to minister in Rwanda, sharing puppet stories with the children and getting a taste of what Africa is all about. This year, the focus was local; on the mission base and with the surrounding community. Continuing the tradition of their past missionary journeys, they brought a puppet stage and supplies so they could minister to the fifty children that come to church on the base. In addition to the ministry materials, they brought much needed medical supplies for the surrounding community and a few housewarming gifts.

The puppet stage was amazing to the children! They loved seeing the puppets well as listening to the puppet-narrated Bible stories. On the second Saturday, the team held a fellowship cook-out with food, games and Bible lessons through the puppet ministry. Each child also made their own beaded bracelets with their names on them. There were approximately seventy people in attendance! This was an excellent time to not only minister to the children, but also to some of their mothers as well.



One of the main projects that was undertaken was the plastering and painting of the church building on the mission base. The entire process took several days, but, in the end, the results were outstanding! Melonie used her artistic talents to brighten the room with a painting, which is an amazing work of art!

We appreciate everything they assisted us with while they were here, and we hope to be hosts to them again very soon! If you would like to see more photos of the ministry and projects they took part in, please visit our photo gallery at <http://www.wfto.cc/gallery>

CURE HOSPITAL BOREHOLE



Our first official 2009 well project in Zambia was located at Cure Hospital, north of Lusaka. The hospital serves countless numbers of children born or afflicted with disfigurements and deformities. They have five water wells, one dry well and four low-yield wells. But, with the amount of water required to operate the hospital, they often found themselves short of water. We drilled an 81 meter borehole that produced approximately 100 liters per minute. That's 266 feet, and 27 gallons per minute.

What a blessing it is for them to have such an ample water supply! While the team was here, Leslie, C.T., Melonie and Donna ministered to the children at the hospital, and participated in a health and hygiene training.

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KABANANA COMMUNITY

For our second borehole, we provided the community of Kabanana (just outside Lusaka) with clean, potable water. This is a community of four hundred homes without a safe, reliable water supply.



This also provided another opportunity for the team to experience another health and hygiene training, directed by Leslie. The community was overjoyed, not only for the clean water, but for the chance to learn more about disease transmission and what they can do to prevent water-related sicknesses within their own families.

WORLD VISION PROJECT



As mentioned in the last newsletter, Water for the Oppressed entered into a partnership with Living Water International to facilitate the groundwork for a bright future in Zambia. One of the first fruits of this partnership is a project with World Vision International, a U.S. based Christian humanitarian organization, operating in more than 100 countries worldwide.



On June 1st, we mobilized our equipment and prepared to drill our first borehole in Musele (see map to your right). This first borehole was successful, with a depth of 134 feet and bringing 100 gallons per minute and is a great beginning for this project.

When the project is completed, Water for the Oppressed will have provided thirty boreholes, sixty hand-pumps and applicable health and hygiene training in the northern region of Zambia. The need for water in Musele is overpowering, but so is the need for spiritual water. God has blessed us with the opportunity to share not only physical water with the people, but the water of His Gospel. This is a major undertaking for us, but we are confident that God will pave the way for a successful outcome!

BAPTISM SERVICE

On May 17th, we held a baptism service on the base for five girls who made a public profession of faith and dedicated their lives to Christ. They were provided with a Certificate of Baptism and a personal copy of The Bible in English.



INTERNET UPDATES

A few weeks ago, we updated our website. We hope it will be easier to navigate, and help you access the information you need easier and faster. With this new update, we changed our web address. The new address is www.wfto.cc. The old address, www.waterfortheoppressed.com will still work, and will forward to the new address. If you have any questions or suggestions about the website, e-mail Claude at claudio@wfto.cc

E-Mail Changes

We have moved from Yahoo! Please update your address books to reflect the new changes. C.W.'s address is cw@wfto.cc Leslie's address is leslie@wfto.cc and Claude's address is claudio@wfto.cc

