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Friend of World Hope,

My stage in life includes two active toddlers. A common word we hear is “water, water!” Each child has their own water bottle that goes everywhere with us, just in case they get thirsty. Sadly, so much of the world cannot afford this as a luxury, let alone a basic part of their day.

Water sustains life—but too much, too little, too far away, or too contaminated can all have immediate and potentially devastating effects for families and communities. At WHI, we see beyond these roadblocks to water, recognizing that with every challenge comes an opportunity to spread Christ’s compassion.

We prioritize women in our clean water efforts, knowing that the critical role women play in family and community life translates into effective development and response efforts, and that when women are marginalized, whole communities suffer. We also recognize the burden that women shoulder when access to clean water is lacking, and the socioeconomic impacts that can have across a society. We see how access to clean water frees up time for women to earn an income and strive to bring these opportunities to the individuals who need them most, knowing that women tend to reinvest 90% of what they earn into their families. Water not only saves lives, it changes lives.

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Water in Emergencies

- Across the East Coast in the United States, we’ve been coordinating and distributing immediate relief supplies for victims of Hurricanes Florence and Michael in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas. We’ve also supported emergency water relief in the wakes of Cyclone Gita in the Island of Tonga, volcano eruptions in Guatemala and the Philippines, the earthquake in Papua New Guinea, Super Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines, Tsunami in Indonesia, and Super Typhoon Yutu in the Marianas
- We’ve trained 80 Fresh Water Production Team volunteers from Canada and the US since April to support clean water mobilization efforts whenever and wherever a disaster strikes

Water for Education, Health, and Safety

- Many children spend 6-8 hours a day fetching water—time that could be spent in school. By building wells in schools, WHI helps reduce the number of students who fall behind and drop out of school
- Building wells in schools also increase the likelihood that young girls will stay in school after they begin menstruation, as they will have access to sanitation
- The World Health Organization reports that pregnancy and childbirth-related complications are the leading cause of death among 15 to 19-year-old girls globally—half of which are the result of unplanned pregnancies. By providing access to clean water, which directly reduces the need for long walks to remote water sources, we’re reducing risks of sexual violence and its life-threatening effects

Water for Economic Empowerment

- By providing clean water for mushroom farmers we work with, we’re helping add over \$2,000 to farmer incomes annually and enabling them to stop traveling to urban areas for work, save for larger purchases, and pay off existing loans. Their economic independence also reduces the risks of human trafficking

It is thanks to your generous support that we continue to be able to make sure that all people everywhere are safe from threats of violence, allowed the opportunities to thrive, and afforded the basic means to stay healthy and safe in the face of poverty and disasters. It is in his name that we continue to strive to ensure everyone, everywhere, is afforded the fulfillment of God’s promises and empowered to live a life of opportunity, dignity, and hope.

In Christ,



Tanya Renea Nace
Executive Director



Women & Water



Did you know that women are disproportionately impacted by water matters? While water is vitally important to sustain life for everyone, women are frequently the ones burdened with collecting water. Water impacts the health and wellness of women, their ability to stay safe from violence, and often, access to education.

Met Augusta Bangura, a 13-year-old sixth grader at the WCSL Primary School at Bombali Bana in the Bombali District of Northern Sierra Leone. Her village was the recipient of one of these wells, and this is her story.

"Before I started schooling almost six years ago, I never worried about getting up

early in the morning to go fetch water in the village swamps. That was my mum's responsibility," Augusta says. After she started school, however, she inherited this chore from her mother and had to get up early each morning to fetch water—from a swamp.

"The fear for snake bites, the cold chills of the early morning—as well as the long distance to the water points—always kept me dreading every moment of fetching water in the morning," she shares. "Sometimes we had to go to the swamps in groups of girls to muster the courage to go get water. We always ended up arriving very late to school after going through all our morning chores, especially water fetching," she continued.

That all changed two years ago, though, when WHI came to her village.

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distance to fetch water. We have sufficient time to finish our chores and get to school on time."

Augusta added a note to her story, sharing that "We are very thankful to World Hope for giving us—especially the girls—the opportunity to keep healthy with clean drinking water and enabling us to attend schooling regularly."



Water Matters to Education

Augusta's story illustrates one of the most common barriers between girls and their access to education: the amount of time they must spend performing household duties before they can go—a duty that often includes collecting water.

When girls are forced to travel long distances to find water, it can not only impact their safety, but can result in them arriving late at school and, eventually, falling behind in their studies or being forced to stop their attendance. In instances where the mother continues to take the responsibility for collecting water, the daughters are often required to tend to other siblings or the house

during her absence and still end up missing or arriving late to school.

At WHI, we often partner with people like you to build wells and provide sustainable access to water. **Those wells can not only be the difference in a community having access to water, but they can also be the key that unlocks a girl's access to education.**

We've built **1,292 wells** so far—daily delivering life-giving water to over **half a million people.**

Water Matters for Health

Having access on school grounds to water not only enables Augusta and girls like her to not miss school trying to find water, but it also better addresses the unique sanitary and health needs of women and girls—needs that have long been seen as “women's problems,” with the burden of finding solutions left on women and girls.

With clean water available and readily accessible on school grounds, Augusta and girls like her can stay in school even during menstruation. Girls access to schooling is at greatest risk when they begin menstruating, as being able to wash up and keep clean becomes paramount. Menstruation equity means that Augusta and other girls are not discriminated against or otherwise locked out of the same opportunities boys receive just because of their periods.

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At WHI, we don't just randomly build wells anywhere; we work with villages to strategically place wells in the best possible place. For most villages, that place is in the schools, where not only does it mean girls don't have to miss school for long hours finding water, but it also fosters menstruation equity.





Water Matters to Safety from Violence

The length of time and distance faced in search of water is one of the primary ways that water disproportionately impacts women and girls, as these long and lonely efforts, often in the dark of early morning or late evening, leave them painfully vulnerable to attack.

Augusta reflected in her story on the courage that she and other girls in her village had to muster just to go out and perform this daily routine—and we do

not believe that daily water should be daily endangerment. We are called to care for and protect the vulnerable. How do we address this?

Building wells in schools and other safe, local spaces is one way of addressing this vulnerability, but it is not the only means. At WHI, we try to tackle this challenge at every level – and that includes making sure that women are part of the conversation about where the wells should

“Girls come in to our Recovery Centre with bodies and minds scarred—physically and emotionally—by the horror they encountered on the road... We need to decrease the places and spaces where sexual assault occurs, including things like reducing the time it takes for young girls to travel to a clean water source.”



Haley Clark addressing a policy workshop



Policy workshop in Sierra Leone

be built to best suit that village's unique needs. Women are often aware of dangers that men would not think of or likely experience, such as what paths are the safer route for them to traverse. Ensuring that women are part of the planning from the beginning of a conversation helps us make sure we do not create new problems and instead come up with the best possible solution. It's #smartsustainability.

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to addressing violence against women by building wells, WHI is addressing violence as a whole and working closely with partners to empower and equip governments to address systemic violence. One example is the recent workshop in Sierra Leone to help the government revise the 2005 Anti-trafficking law so that the justice system will promptly address modern-day slavery. Read the full article online <https://awoko.org/2018/11/05/sierra-leone-news-reviewing-the-anti-human-trafficking-act/>

“Trafficking of any kind is illegal and anyone involved should be held accountable.”

—Janet Nicole,
Technical Adviser of WHI



Water Matters in Emergency Relief

Access to clean water is essential in the aftermath of a natural disaster — a time in which minimum basic water needs double, according to the World Health Organization. Not only is clean water crucial in meeting the basic daily food and hydration needs that continue in the face of a disaster, but it is also critical in preventing the spread of disease.

When critical infrastructure like power and roads are wiped out, providing clean water directly to communities is a top priority. To prevent the undue suffering that dirty water can impose in the wake of a disaster, WHI works to ensure an adequate supply of clean, potable water

for communities as they work to recover and find relief.

In 2018, WHI trained 80 volunteers to serve on our Fresh Water Production Teams. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and with support from our valued partners, WHI is now equipped



with the manpower, skills, and equipment to mobilize and manage water filtration and distribution systems within 24 hours of a disaster striking virtually anywhere on the globe. Among these volunteers was James Penney, a Canadian volunteer who participated in our Fresh Water teams training in Halifax, Nova Scotia this past August. Shortly after his training, James had the chance to see the true power of what fresh water can do, when Typhoon Mangkhut struck the Philippines in September.

A Category 5 storm, Typhoon Mangkhut struck with force, killing a reported 125 people and damaging upwards of 200,000 homes. Much of the damage

To weather the storm, the Agay community of Calasitan gathered together in the local primary school, emerging days later to find all but two houses destroyed, and their entire harvest of crops and food staples lost. With the next harvest season not until March, a loss of crops meant incomes were wiped out, while the risk of getting sick from contaminated water swiftly rose.

Thankfully, WHI was ready to respond. In the immediate days and weeks following the storm, WHI staff and Fresh Water volunteers traveled more than 22 hours by land to deliver food packs, portable water filters, medical kits, and solar charges to the Agay community.



“I had an amazing experience in the Philippines with World Hope! The team worked together flawlessly. Our mission distributing life-saving filters and supplies went perfectly! It was quite an adventure. Thank you so much for the Fresh Water Team training in Nova Scotia earlier this year.”

—James Penney, Fresh Water Production Teams volunteer

from the storm took place in the Cagayan Valley region on the island of Luzon, where the storm made initial landfall. The area is home to the indigenous Agay tribe, with whom WHI has been working alongside The Wesleyan Church since 2015, supporting sustainable agricultural practices in the face of deforestation and resulting food insecurities.

Together with our partner Katadyn USA, WHI's Fresh Water team distributed over 400 water filters alongside a 40-foot container of food. Today, we're working to design disaster risk reduction strategies to help the community be more resilient against natural disasters in the both immediate and long terms.



Water, Mushrooms & Women

How Water Matters for Economic Empowerment

At WHI, we're believers in innovation—and that community-inspired business approaches can offer sustainable economic opportunity to the poor. That's why we lay the groundwork for healthy, private sector collaborations at the grassroots and global trading levels.

We support the start-up of businesses that can help people out of poverty while providing a service that everyone needs—like access to clean water. We've partnered

with Simple Green Smoothies to support the Mushroom Cultivation Project in Cambodia, which is combatting human trafficking and poverty through economic empowerment.

When the market for her crops crashed, Loa and her husband had to sell off all their belongings—including their home. "I felt hopeless and saw that I didn't have anything to give my children," Loa says. With nowhere to go and debts still unpaid,

Loa knew something needed to change. That's when her father-in-law told her about a new mushroom project that he had heard of.

"I knew it took so much water to produce," she explained, "and I didn't think it would be possible since the water I used to have was so dirty and I had to walk a long way to access it."

Even as Loa was searching for a way to lift herself and her family back up and contemplating how she could be part of the mushroom project, WHI built a well for clean water right in her village.

"Because of the clean water wells that World Hope International provided my village, I was able to start growing mushrooms myself."

Today, Loa and her family have been able to rebuild their lives—a beautiful story that may have had a very different ending if

"My mushroom production was so successful that I was able to buy back everything I sold and more."

—Lao



"I wouldn't have had the opportunity to get to where I am now without access to clean water."

—Lao

she had not been able to gain access to clean water.

According to the World Health Organization, for every \$1 invested in water and sanitation, an average of at least \$4 is returned in increased productivity and a UNICEF report shows that women and girls spend an estimated 200 million hours daily just collecting water.

As you decide on how and where you want to invest your money, tithe, or give an offering or gift, we hope you will prayerfully consider investing in women like Loa—who was not only able to rebuild her family's life, but has gone on to transform her village—by giving to our Clean Water Challenge.

¹Source: http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/2012/globalcosts.pdf



WHI: Did You Know?

WHI SHIPPED SUPPLIES ACROSS THE WATER

WHI recently partnered with MAP International to support the Wesleyan Hospital in La Gonave, Haiti. This hospital, which serves over 120,000 Haitians, is the only hospital serving the island of La Gonave. Along with MAP International, WHI was able to ship \$2 million worth of medicine and medical supplies to the hospital. All the medicines are in-date and the medical supplies vetted by doctors at La Gonave and in the United States. Here's the response we received from one of the doctors at the hospital:

"Last week we received a huge shipment from a container full of medicine and supplies that was made possible by an extremely generous donation from World Hope and MAP International. We sometimes receive donations from various groups that can include very useful things, but often we have to deal

with many non-useful things as well. On the contrary, this shipment was all things that we had requested specifically for our site and we felt like a child opening Christmas presents! The medicines don't expire for a long time and so will be a big cost-savings to the hospital, and the equipment included items not to be found for purchase in Haiti and too big for a team to bring down in a suitcase (adult scales, for instance). Did it take long to make use of the materials?

Within two days of the shipment arriving, our three labor and delivery beds were already full with people close to delivering their baby when another woman arrived in very active labor. The nurse on duty said, "We need a fourth delivery bed!" This time I could respond, "We have one!!!" The nurses shifted the other beds around, we brought one of the new labor and delivery beds in from the shipment and, "Vwala!", everyone had a space! And although the new bed is more of a "stripped down" version of

a delivery bed than our older ones, it is actually more functional and easier to keep clean.

The following night a young woman came in with severe pelvic pain that did not respond to our usual pain medication and we had nothing stronger in the hospital. Then I remembered that we had received injectable tramadol with our shipment and I opened up the pharmacy and found it. I had never had opportunity to use the drug this way before but five minutes later the cries of the woman

were stilled and she was able to receive the rest of her treatment without the horrible pain that she was having.

These are just two quick stories to say how timely and appropriate this gift is for us, and I know there will be so many stories to follow. Please accept my gratitude personally and I know I speak it on behalf of all of our staff as well. This is an amazing gift that will be appreciated for years to come!"



WHI BROUGHT CLEAN WATER STATESIDE

At WHI, we believe that service starts at home. That's why, in addition to serving vulnerable communities around the world, we're also creating impact right here in North America. The 2018 Atlantic Hurricane season brought serious damage with devastating effects across the US's East Coast. WHI was hon-

oured to respond to needs across North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida in the wakes of Hurricane Florence and Michael.

WHI worked both in preparation and response to Hurricane Florence, partnering with boots on the ground alongside the Wesleyan Church and other local churches to meet the immediate needs of victims this past September. Prior to

"When Hurricane Michael hit the Florida panhandle with the ferocity of a category 4 hurricane, we knew the damage would be devastating and the need for supplies immense and immediate.



SOL Relief and Operation

Air Drop (OAD) aligned to work alongside World Hope International. Both SOL Relief and OAD provide emergency supply flights in to disaster areas through donated private aviation efforts. World Hope International was able to keep our airplanes stocked with one aide flight after another. Their partnership with Amazon and local donations meant that 130 flights, 4 helicopter trips and 3 truckloads of supplies were moved to the worst affected communities within the first week following the hurricane. 'Many hands make light work' was the mantra repeated in my head over a very intense week of non-stop action. World Hope International [was] the catalyst for our good intentions to be rendered into action. Individually we were mere ants moving a grain at a time but with our efforts combined, we managed to move a mountain of relief supplies and deliver them to the hands of the people that needed them the most."

—Sara Hastreiter, Volunteer and WHI Ambassador

the storm, we worked with the Old Zion Wesleyan Church in Tabor City, NC and First Wesleyan Church in High Point, NC to pre-stage areas with 3,000 cases of bottled water and 4,000 hygiene kits. Following the storm, we worked alongside the Salvation Army, Team Rubicon, Nazarene Compassionate Ministry, AmeriCares, International Aid, Map International, and other partners to ensure a coordinated and effectively leveraged response to distribute relief supplies.

When Hurricane Michael hit the following month, we continued our work alongside nonprofit, corporate, and logistics partners to coordinate the distribution

of emergency water, food, tarps, and other supplies via land, air, and sea to hard-to-reach communities cut off due to storm damage in Florida. With help from Amazon, Operation Airdrop, Cajun Navy Foundation, and Sol Relief, we were able to send relief supplies to hard-hit communities such as Port St. Joe, Panama City Beach, Apalachicola, and Sneads using volunteer boats, planes, and helicopters. Thanks to partnerships with both The UPS Foundation and International Aid, we were also able to coordinate the shipment of more than 14,000 cases of protein bars and 2,000 hygiene kits for Georgia storm victims.

Remembering Mike Mzumara

World Hope International is grieved to share news of the loss of Chrispin Michael Mzumara, known to all simply as "Mike," who served with us for over a decade as our WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Manager in Liberia and Malawi. Mike passed away on November 15, 2018 following a period of illness and several weeks in the hospital in Liberia, where he had been serving with us far from home. Mike was always a joy to be around, described by colleagues as always having a smile on his face and a kind heart.

Mike joined the WHI family in 2009 to manage the WHI Wells Program in his home country of Malawi. He led the small team in Malawi to drill 73 wells, providing water to 58,000 people. Mike's passion for others led him to leave his country and go serve for a year in Sierra Leone when WHI was expanding the drilling program there in order to fight Ebola.

When WHI opened a water program in Liberia in 2016, Mike accepted the responsibilities of WASH Program Manager and once again left home to serve. He knew that access to clean water has the power to transform lives. Not only was he an experienced manager, but he could conduct vertical electrical soundings to select the best drilling sites. Under Mike's leadership, the team drilled 129 wells, making an impact on the well-being and livelihood of 114,000 people.



"Mike gave his life making sure that communities have access to clean water. He knew how much water matters to people and worked most of his career to this end," stated John Lyon, upon learning of Mike's death. "When World Hope started drilling in Liberia in 2016, Mike was willing to come all the way from Malawi to lead the drilling program and ensure that WHI was drilling the highest quality water wells possible. He left his home in Malawi to ensure that people in Liberia could have clean water. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him, but the legacy that he created and the hope he inspired will live on."

Please join us in praying for peace and comfort for Mike's family, his team, and all of us at WHI and that the life-changing work he set out to do with WHI in Liberia will continue to grow.



BECAUSE WATER MATTERS, WE'RE ISSUING A CLEAN WATER CHALLENGE

We have committed partners who will help us unlock a total of \$2.6 million for clean water if we can raise the first \$1.3 million by December 31. Water matters – and whether you are a long-time partner reflecting on your passion and ability to make an impact or you are considering partnering with us for the first time, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us in this challenge for a better world.

Together, we can provide access to clean water for women like Loa and for girls like Augusta who in turn are caring for their families, transforming their communities, and building a better world. Whether in Liberia, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Haiti, or somewhere else in the world, imagine: clean water for nearly 240,000 people! Imagine, and reach with us.

You can make a gift online at worldhope.ca/clean-water-challenge or maximize your impact and minimize your 2018 tax bill* as you invest with us through these other options. Just be sure to let us know that your gift is because #watermatters so we can count it towards the Clean Water Challenge.

“Water is a basic human right and every person on the face of the earth should enjoy a sufficient supply of quality water. Without water, there is no life.”

—Keith Norris

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We know that choosing the right planned gift arrangement depends on your personal circumstances and financial goals, and we encourage you to consult your financial advisor to determine the right option for you.

**In order to receive a charitable deduction for the 2018 tax year, your gifts must be completed by midnight on December 31, 2018.*

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