Delivering Clean Water and Saving Lives Around the World
In 2015, 663 million people still lacked improved drinking water sources.¹

We drink it. We clean with it. We bathe with it. We cook with it.

But for most of us, we don’t think twice about it. We turn on the faucet and it’s there. Fresh, clean water. Water that keeps us hydrated, healthy, clean and strong.

For 663 million people in the developing world, it’s a different story.¹ Water—let alone clean and safe water—can be extraordinarily difficult to come by. Here’s a snapshot:

- Women and children bear the burden of fetching water, a process that can consume hours every day.
- The hours spent fetching water is time that could be spent in school, earning income or caring for one’s family.
- The walk to the nearest stream, river or pond is often long, remote and dangerous—leaving women and children vulnerable to harassment, assault and natural predators.
- By the time they return home, the little water they have collected is filled with harmful bacteria that can cause disease or even death.

Two impossible choices seemingly exist: certain death by dehydration, or potential death by water-borne illness. Until a third option emerges...

When empowered with the right resources and knowledge, the poor can and will design practical and creative solutions to lift themselves out of poverty. WHI partners with communities in some of the poorest areas of the world to make clean water and sanitation more accessible.

Dear Friends,

Water is important for our well-being, both physically and spiritually. While our bodies need water to function and to sustain our daily lives, water in the Bible represents new life, cleansing, and the fulfillment of God’s promises.

Because water plays such an important role in our lives, the United Nations (U.N.) developed specific Millennial Development Goals (MDGs) centered around water. One of them was to halve the portion of people without access to better-quality sources of water by 2015. The goal was achieved five years ahead of schedule! According to the U.N., between 1990 and 2015, 2.6 billion people gained access to improved drinking water sources. Additionally, 2.1 billion people worldwide gained access to improved sanitation.

Despite this impressive progress, there is still much work that needs to be done to increase access to clean water and sanitation around the world, particularly in rural areas. In 2015, 8 out of 10 people without clean drinking water lived in rural areas, and the WHO reports that an alarming 2.4 billion people are still using unimproved sanitation facilities. This is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. Poor sanitation and dirty water leads to bad hygiene practices, prevents children from getting an education, limits the ability of women to improve their lives, and keeps entire villages in poverty due to illness and the time spent fetching water. In addition, water-related diseases kill 1 out of every 5 children under the age of 5 worldwide. Moreover, dirty water kills more people every year than all forms of violence, including war.

WHI believes that access to fresh water helps to sustain and prolong life, prevents the spread of disease, promotes an increased quality of life, and increases time for economic productivity. Since 2004, we have worked to drill high-quality borehole wells and provide necessary sanitation in some of the world’s most impoverished communities. Over 750,000 people living in Mozambique, Liberia, Zambia, Malawi, Cambodia, Sierra Leone and Peru are living healthier, more productive lives because of clean water provided by WHI.

Let us rejoice in the fact that there have been substantial improvements in access to clean water and sanitation globally. We are one step closer to a world where everyone has clean water, but we aren’t there yet. Huge discrepancies still remain and we must work together to help solve the world’s water issues. We hope that you will enjoy learning more about our clean water and sanitation programs in this newsletter and consider making a donation to support our efforts today.

In Christ,

John Lyon
CEO & President

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5 Unsafe water kills more people than war, ban says on world day, United Nations News, 2010.

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- In 2015, WHI completed 93 wells — a 63% increase over 2014 — and constructed 3 water towers providing piped water to 44,900 people
- Since 2004, WHI has drilled 1,095 wells benefitting over 750,000 people
Enhancing Sierra Leone’s public health infrastructure with solar-powered water supply systems

We are excited to announce that World Hope International, in partnership with the John Snow Institute (JSI), is constructing solar-powered water supply systems for 17 Community Health Posts in Sierra Leone. With an eye toward eliminating future possible disease outbreaks and reducing the maternal and child mortality rate, these clinics will play a pivotal role in enhancing Sierra Leone’s public health infrastructure.

Each of the clinics have been equipped with newly constructed isolation wards, which will help stop the spread of infectious diseases like Ebola. In addition, the clinics also have new maternity wards, which will help to lower the maternal and infant death rates in Sierra Leone. Now, with the new solar-powered water system, these 17 Community Health Posts will have access to the water needed to properly clean and disinfect facilities. They will also be able to provide clean, safe drinking water to staff and patients.

Our solar-powered water systems consist of a well, a water tower and solar panels that generate power for an electric pump. A hand pump is also installed in the same well as a backup power source in case any issues arise with the solar panels — a feature unique to WHI’s model.

Help us match $375,000 to drill water wells around the world

Right now, we have a tremendous opportunity to make an impact and help those who still lack water! Three donors have offered $375,000 if we raise $375,000 by December 31, 2016. This 1:1 match will help us to generate $750,000 in total — our largest water well fundraiser ever. These funds will allow us to drill 79 wells in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mozambique and Cambodia and bring clean water to nearly 60,000 new beneficiaries.

To learn more about our largest water well appeal to date, please visit WorldHope.org and consider making a donation.
Our partnership with The Last Well

While you may find it easy to pour a glass of water, there are thousands of Liberian women and children who struggle to do so. They have to walk countless miles to fetch their drinking water from dangerous rivers and polluted water sources.

In fact, it can take several hours to make a round trip to collect water. For many families, multiple trips are required to meet their daily water-drinking needs. Moreover, the time spent on this journey keeps children, primarily young girls, out of school. The water they collect is dirty and filled with disease. Contaminated water causes sickness, which keeps students away from their studies. As these children fall behind, their education is further and further delayed.

To address this issue, World Hope International recently partnered with The Last Well, a non-profit whose mission is to provide Liberians with clean water and the gospel by 2020.

Drilling water wells in Sierra Leone and Liberia in partnership with The Nazarene Church

In 2015, World Hope International partnered with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) to begin drilling borehole wells in Sierra Leone and Liberia. The partnership leveraged WHI’s well drilling expertise with NCM’s water and sanitation teams to bring 16 new wells to Sierra Leone and Liberia. These wells were completed in October 2016 to deliver clean water to more than 13,000 people. Each well now complements a local ministry of NCM, empowering those congregations to better serve their communities with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.
A LOOK AT OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS:

Clean water to the rescue!

Thousands of communities around the world are affected by emergencies every day. From disease outbreaks to natural disasters, these emergencies leave the world’s most vulnerable people in urgent need of help to survive and recover.

This year alone has already brought many unfortunate disasters, including a major earthquake in Ecuador, Hurricane Matthew in Haiti and flooding in Louisiana.

All of these natural disasters left behind casualties, destroyed homes and forced struggling communities to rebuild themselves. Specifically, in Haiti and Ecuador, their water supplies were impacted. This resulted in an outbreak of the water-borne disease cholera.

With two decades of emergency response experience, World Hope International, in partnership with the Wesleyan Church, played an instrumental role in assisting vulnerable people in Haiti, Louisiana and Ecuador. These efforts included:

- Delivering **2,000 water filters**, **2,520 hygiene kits** and **342 tarps** to the most affected areas of Haiti immediately following Hurricane Matthew. These life-saving goods were distributed through WHI, Global Partners and local Wesleyan churches in Haiti. Specifically, the water filters played a vital role in combating cholera, a deadly diarrheal illness that spreads through contaminated water.

- Sorting and removing personal items in **10 homes** in Louisiana immediately following the major floods. These homes were completely gutted, including debris removal, floor and wallboard tear out, sheet rock removal, and other necessary clean up. Homes that were deemed condemned were demolished and dragged to the curb for pickup at no cost to the homeowners. In total, volunteers provided **816 hours of services** to gut and/or clean up homes, and to minister to **10 families** impacted by the flood.

- Providing **700 water filters** and **8,400 hygiene kits** to Ecuador following the earthquake. These low-cost, high-impact water filters used dialysis technology to quickly transform polluted water into safe water for drinking, cooking, and bathing.
Leveraging golf to bring clean water to Sierra Leone, Zambia and Mozambique

Clean water can save lives! And that is exactly what the Gary Lipman Invitational golf tournament has been aiming to do since its inception in 2011.

This annual golf tournament takes place in honor of Gary Lipman, who was a faithful Christ follower, loving husband, father and friend. While he had a passion for golf, he had a bigger passion for helping others. Gary would put together a golf tournament every year for Collin Creek Community Church (now Sent Church) in Plano, TX to raise money to provide scholarships for an annual men’s retreat, and to have fun in the process. After his sudden passing in 2008, a group of gentlemen decided to continue the tournament in his honor. What has taken place since then has gone beyond what any member of their group could have imagined.

In 2011, a host committee was formed to run the tournament. It was decided that the tournament would shift its focus to support the cause of bringing clean water to those in need. This led to a partnership with World Hope International, based on our longtime experience with drilling borehole water wells in remote areas around the world.

Each year since 2011, the tournament has continued to grow and raise substantial funds for WHI to help support our clean water and sanitation programs. All of the proceeds from each golf tournament go towards WHI’s drilling of water wells in Sierra Leone, Zambia and Mozambique. This year, the Gary Lipman Invitational Golf Scramble raised over $150,000 and allowed WHI to drill 15 wells to serve 10,513 people with clean water.

Since 2011, the tournament has helped to drill a total of 36 new wells in Sierra Leone, Zambia and Mozambique serving over 23,000 people. In total, the tournament has raised more than $190,000 since its inception.

“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”
—John 4:10 (NIV)

SPOTLIGHT ON
Larry McAlpine

WHI donor, Larry McAlpine has hosted a fundraising walk on his birthday (Aug. 5) each year since surviving a near fatal heart attack in 2003.

Titled “The Hoover Walk” in honor of Larry’s friend, Pastor Hoover Smith, the fundraiser aims to raise money for our Clean Water and Sanitation programs. Larry is passionate about this crucial program, which aims to equip some of the world’s most impoverished communities with access to clean water.

Last year, the Hoover Walk helped WHI complete nine new wells that today serve 6,117 people. These wells helped to save lives even while Larry battled for his own. Diagnosed with stage 4 stomach and esophageal cancer in 2015, Larry’s prognosis was extremely poor. In the midst of radiation and chemotherapy sessions, Larry stood before supporters at the 2015 walk and said, “I am not finished with His [God’s] work! I just hope He deems me worthy and gives me the strength and courage to continue.”

To date, Larry’s annual fundraiser has raised more than $450,000 for various projects since its inception in 2003.

We would like to take this moment to personally thank Larry — and all of our donors like him — for his courage, dedication, and inspirational faith. It takes real people like him to help real people in need.

Dr. Lyon and Larry pose together at the 2016 Hoover Walk
I n late 2015, we invited you to join us in our mission of raising $261,250 to drill 55 Wells in 55 Schools in Sierra Leone to provide children access to clean water and sanitation. Thanks to your donations, we not only met, but exceeded our fund-raising goal by 20 percent, raising a total of $342,736!

These 55 school wells in Sierra Leone will provide clean water to over 38,500 children. Clean water is important because it encourages children to go to school. In addition, the clean water will help to reduce transmission of multiple diseases. We can’t thank you enough for helping make this happen!

But now thanks to WHI that problem has been solved. The students no longer have to walk around searching for water and they can easily wash their hands, which helps to keep disease at bay.

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Visit WorldHope.org to watch our video! You can see the effects of WHI’s water program and hear Mr. Moses Bangura describe WHI’s clean water and sanitation work.

Thank you for helping us surpass our water wells goal!

| 55 WELLS FOR 55 SCHOOLS |

WHI in the news

The Huffington Post

“As the founder of World Hope International, a faith based relief and development organization that I started 20 years ago, and General Superintendent Emerita, Wesleyan Church, I know a thing or two about how to break through a cluttered philanthropic environment to ensure that your non-profit’s message is heard and supported by donors.”

—Dr. Jo Anne Lyon

CBN News

“One reason I believe the Christian faith is burgeoning in Nepal is the Christian belief in loving your neighbor as yourself,” Lyon wrote. “As Christians, we’re taught to lead by example. When churches are bombed, we practice peace and prayer and when catastrophe strikes, we offer our hand to those in need, regardless of their faith.”

—Dr. Jo Anne Lyon

Christian Post

Virginia-based World Hope International described the situation in Haiti as “the worst humanitarian crisis to impact the country since 2010’s devastating earthquake.” The group said it will be delivering 1,000 water filters and 2,520 hygiene kits to the most affected areas of Haiti as early as next week.

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