



# LIFEWATER CANADA

*Because Every Life Matters*

Fiscal 2018 in Review



## ***Thanks for keeping Safe Water Flowing!***

When we made our first trip to Africa 23 years ago, the goal was simple: provide local people with a drill rig and train them how to use it. But our hearts broke when we saw children drinking from street gutters and stagnant swamps. We could not forget these children and so we started Lifewater Canada.

Our plan was to have local volunteers drill wells. But we learned that volunteering is a luxury for those of us that have food in the fridge and money in the bank. When families are living hand-to-mouth, if you don't work today, your kids don't eat tonight. Then we learned that for people living in grass hut villages, a \$4,000 well was the same as a \$4 million well – both were equally unaffordable.

So donors like you sponsor wells to make them affordable for villagers and to support the families of local workers while they are drilling wells. With your support, we are now celebrating **safe drinking water for 750,000 people!**

Thanks so much for giving so many people health and hope for the future!

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## Your Money at Work!



- Well Drilling (50%)
- Pump & Well Repair (4%)
- Hygiene & Sanitation (2%)
- Infrastructure (32%)
- Training (7%)
- Overhead (5%)



***Because our overhead is just 5%, every \$1 You give provides a child with safe drinking water for a year!***

## ***Nigeria: Jonathan & Silas***

It is with sadness we said goodbye to Jonathan (Head Driller) and Silas (Country Co-coordinator) who both recently passed away.

We started working with Jonathan and Silas in 2003. Over the years they drilled hundreds of wells, built washrooms for schools, and pioneered elevated tank and tap systems for large villages. Altogether, they completed 313 projects.—safe drinking water and improved sanitation for 150,000 people!

As Nigeria has been wracked by internal religious conflict and the evil impact of Boko Haram attacks, the wells overcame community differences and brought Christians and Muslims together in the common need and appreciation for the gift of safe drinking water. Well done, good and faithful servants!

## ***Haiti: Many Hands make Light Work!***

We have reason to celebrate and to be thankful for this past year. With the helping hands of many volunteers and your generous support, the New Haiti Compound is already being used by the local drillers! If you want to help, we need volunteers this winter to complete key projects so that we can finish moving out of our rented compound by March 2019.

Our Haiti drill team has done tremendous work with a record breaking 39 wells drilled this year! This is very exciting since it shows that your money is hard at work keeping safe water flowing in Haiti!

Together we can save lives one well at a time! Thanks for helping the poorest people in the Western Hemisphere.

***Working together, we give women and their families a brighter future!***

*Give with confidence. Charity Intelligence has just ranked Lifewater as Canada's newest 4-Star Charity!*



## ***Liberia: Overwhelming Success!***

It has been a struggle to keep up with the Liberian drill team this past year, considering the record breaking 73 wells they drilled this year!

This is a good reason to struggle because every well means less children get sick from drinking polluted water.

And rather than spending hours hauling water from distant water sources, girls are able to be in school, getting the same educational opportunities as boys.

So simple, yet so profound. Thank-you for transforming communities and changing lives for the better!

## ***Kenya : Empowering Women***

This year the women in Kenya have pulled together, stepping up their efforts to address the water crisis in their communities. Several women's groups showed inspiring initiative, raising enough funds to purchase 73 catchments tanks.

With your generous support Lifewater was able to partner with them in matching those 73 projects, ensuring that everyone in the women's groups had safe water.

Your contributions make these water projects possible, bringing health and hope to those who need it most. Thanks for giving children and their families a much needed hand-up by keeping safe water flowing in Kenya!