



2023 Living Water Trip Offerings

Dear friends,

After a nearly two year pause in Living Water Trips, we are excited to launch our 2023 calendar! We invite you to join us in the field on our trips to Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa as we provide water, for life, in Jesus' name!

When you join us on a trip, our goal is for you to come alongside our in-country staff and support them in the ongoing work they are doing. This is an opportunity for you to come learn, engage with our work, fellowship with other believers, and take everything you experience back home with you as you continue to be a champion for the thirsty beyond the 7 days of your trip.

Our approach to holistic WASH development is a cycle—from initial community surveys, to providing water access, maintaining or expanding that access, and ultimately creating sustainable solutions through community ownership and empowerment. Each step in the process is equally important and vital to our success in empowering communities to sustain the lasting benefits of safe water. When you sign up for a trip with Living Water, you will join our staff during one, two, or sometimes even three of these steps in the process and experience first-hand the transformational power of safe water!

This work is dynamic and is not “one size fits all,” so each trip is going to look a little different country to country and week to week. Your trip will focus on the ongoing work that Living Water is doing in each of our trip countries and we guarantee that no matter what your week entails, you will be transformed as you:

- Engage cross-culturally
- Develop relationships with both staff and community members
- Participate in WASH (water access, sanitation, and hygiene) interventions
- Learn about holistic development
- Witness the power of safe water and
- Grow deeper in your relationship with God

To see examples of the type of work each country program does on a regular basis, please see below! This will give you an idea of what you might expect on a trip.

As you consider a trip for next year, we invite you to pray about where God might be leading you. We encourage you to think of this as a *learning* experience, not just a *doing* experience. When you join a trip, our hope is that you would learn from, encourage, and fellowship with our neighbors around the world in the context of long-term engagement in God's work.

We look forward to hosting you on a Living Water Trip in 2023!

The Living Water Trips Team



Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Does every trip still include drilling?** While drilling remains a large portion of our work, our country teams do so much more than drill and install handpumps! Because they do not drill every single week, not every trip will include drilling. You can expect to participate in a variety of programmatic activities that involve WASH interventions, which are all equally important in our overall approach to holistic development.
- **Why are trips changing?** Living Water Trips have remained mostly the same since we started in 2001, over 20 years ago! Over those past 20 years, we have made incredible achievements in our programmatic approach, and we are leaning into new technologies and interventions so that we can continue to serve with excellence. Our desire is to serve each community in the way that best meets their unique needs—sometimes this is through a simple handpump, but we are seeing more and more that handpumps are not always the best solution. These changes allow our field staff to choose the best intervention for each specific community.
- **Can I still contribute toward a project?** Beyond participating in the trip, you will have the opportunity to further support Living Water by contributing to a portion of the programmatic work in your trip country. We are still finalizing the details of these partnership opportunities for 2023. At the time of booking, please indicate whether or not you are interested in a trip partnership and we will reach out with specific details once finalized!
- **When will I know my exact itinerary?** We know you are eager to see the specific details and itinerary for your trip! We can provide you with more specific information right before your trip and you will have an orientation with the staff once you land in-country to go over the plan for the week. We encourage you to remain flexible and willing to serve wherever you are most needed for the week. Enter without expectations and be open to where God might use you and your team during the week!
- **Can I request a drilling trip?** At this time, we are not able to guarantee a well drilling trip. When you sign up for a Living Water Trip, you'll get to participate in the full scope of work that our field teams do week in and week out. Sometimes this includes drilling, but each week depends on many factors, and this will allow our in-country teams to have a more flexible schedule based on the needs of each specific community.
- **How should I pack and prepare for the trip?** Even though you might not know the specific activities planned for your week, you can still follow our general packing list. All participants should pack sturdy shoes, long pants, gloves, and eye protection. Our staff will provide specific training and guidance for activities once you are in country, so there is no prior training necessary.