



LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL

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**Living Water International  
exists to demonstrate the  
love of God by helping  
communities acquire  
desperately needed clean  
water and experience  
living water—the gospel of  
Jesus Christ—which alone  
satisfies the deepest thirst.**

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As the world moves into a new normal, we reignite feelings of hope sparked by re-engaging and reconnecting with our neighbors at home and across the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and global conflicts have continued to present a landscape of volatility and uncertainty in our world. Through all of this, God's faithfulness has remained constant and so has our dedication to providing water, for life, in Jesus' name to our neighbors in need around the world.

Through these unrelenting challenges, we've witnessed God's undeniable faithfulness via the dedicated energy of our staff and the generosity of our supporters. We know that God is calling all of us to do more for his Kingdom. Living Water is answering that call by looking to the future. In fiscal year 2022, we committed to a year-long process of prayer, discernment, envisioning, and planning that involved our staff around the world, board members, and neighbors culminating in the creation of Overflow 25—a new strategic plan to guide us from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2025 ([pg. 34](#)).

This fiscal year, we also reaffirmed our commitment to co-labor with the Church as we continue the vital work of uniting and raising up leaders in the body of Christ ([pg. 16](#)). We continued to provide safe water, the *living water*, and improved sanitation to our neighbors around the world ([pg. 8](#)). We are overjoyed by our supporters who did not let the challenges of a global pandemic keep them from connecting with others through generosity ([pg. 24](#)).

Through God's faithfulness and your expressions of his love, Kingdom transformation is occurring around the world. We look to the future with hope knowing that, as Galatians 6:9 (NIV) encourages us, we need not "grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

May the following stories of hope and transformation inspire you to keep engaging, connecting, and inviting others into the grand narrative of God's redemptive story for creation.

In Christ,



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Mantel".

**Michael J. Mantel, Ph.D.**  
President & CEO



# Why Water

As our most essential resource on earth, water impacts every aspect of life. Mental and physical health, social well-being, justice issues for women and children, education and livelihoods, and the environmental welfare of our planet all rely on safe water. Yet 771 million people lack basic access to water. The impact of the global water crisis imprisons people in a cycle of poverty, which can be passed on from generation to generation.

While safe drinking water is critical to preventing waterborne diseases, communities will never be able to thrive without improved methods of hygiene and sanitation. Safe water sources provide an avenue for maintaining proper hygiene behaviors, like handwashing, and adequate sanitation infrastructure to prevent spreading deadly diseases.

These diseases keep children out of school, resulting in an estimated hundreds of

millions of school days missed because of water-related illnesses. Precious time meant for staying in the classroom to learn, grow, and dream is stolen from them.

Women and young girls are disproportionately affected by the water crisis as they are traditionally the primary water collectors for their families and are at the highest risk for health and safety dangers when a limited or a lack of sanitation infrastructure exists. Through safe water, these factors are erased, providing the opportunity for a limitless future.

Living Water International and our dedicated supporters, partners, and advocates from around the globe are empowering our neighbors in need with the freedom that can only be unlocked through safe water and the *living water* of Christ.



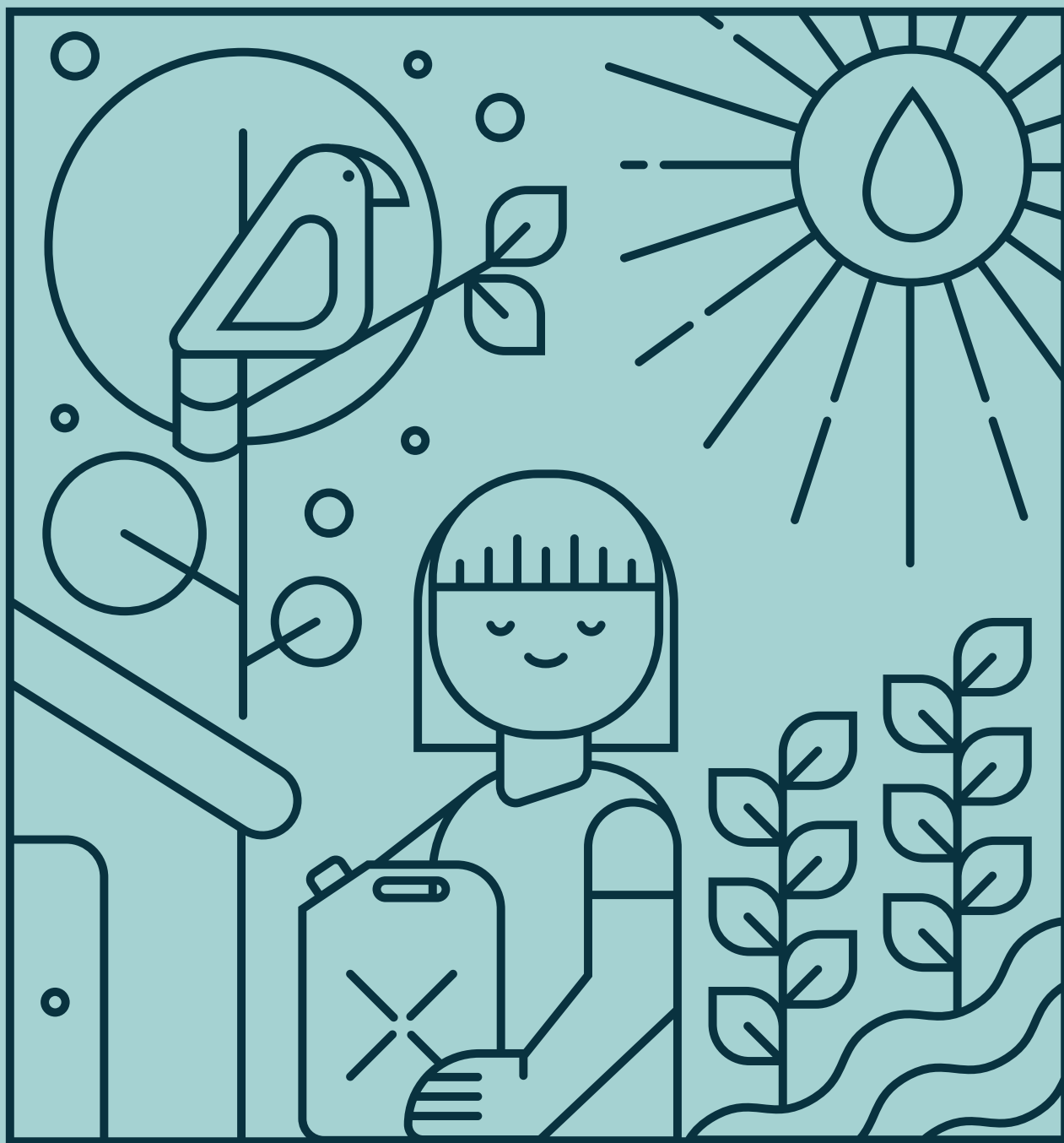
# Why Us

The water crisis may seem too extensive to solve on our own. But, at Living Water International, we believe that the global Christian community has the power to bring an end to our world's most critical justice issues! Motivated by Christ's actions, we demonstrate his love by quenching our neighbors' thirsts through holistic WASH (water access, sanitation, and hygiene) services in partnership with church communities around the world.

In 17 countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and South Asia, the global Church has become an agent of change, seeking to lay the foundations of long-term transformation that begin with safe water and the *living water* of Christ. In 2012, Living Water International developed the "WASH Program Area" (WPA)—a geographically-focused model for tackling the water, sanitation, and hygiene crisis sustainably. Additionally, as experts in their field, regional Living Water

staff have developed deep partnerships with in-country stakeholders at all levels. From local government agencies, district WASH officials, representatives from like-minded nonprofit organizations, community leaders, and local church pastors, we tailor our programs to meet the unique needs of each community to ensure sustainable solutions. And yet, the pillars of our programs remain the same: provide safe water access, promote improved hygiene behaviors, implement sanitation infrastructure, and offer the experience of Christ's love through our demonstration and proclamation of the gospel.

At Living Water, we know that water is not just a resource but the key to unlocking the potential for God's Kingdom to flourish physically, socially, and spiritually!





# Section 1: Transformation

We celebrate stories of Kingdom transformation as our global neighbors flourish physically, spiritually, and socially through the power of water, for life, in Jesus' name.

# Your Impact

Thank you for supporting your neighbors around the world with the gift of water, for life, in Jesus’ name! Because of your generosity this fiscal year, 303,434 of your global neighbors gained improved access to water through 497 new simple water systems, 98 piped systems, and 260 simple rehabilitations. They also experienced the *living water* through 2,020 church and community mobilization activities that trained 47,727 people. Through the dedicated efforts of our global staff, 315,418 people heard the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. 87,231 community members learned that God cares for their whole being through 3,280 sanitation and hygiene activities.

All of this was possible because of your steadfast support. We could not do this transformative work without you!





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HAITI	HONDURAS	KENYA	LIBERIA	MEXICO	NICARAGUA	PERU	RWANDA	SIERRA LEONE	SOUTH ASIA	UGANDA	ZAMBIA	ZIMBABWE
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# Water, For Life, in Jesus’ Name

Your generosity is changing lives all over the world. Three community members share the stories of your impact on their lives.



“From a very young age, I helped my mother fetch water. Then I watched helplessly as my daughter walked the same path as me, often going to bed tired and exhausted from fetching water from different locations. The daily struggle to find water affected our physical and emotional health, and we lived a life of hopelessness. When Living Water gave us water, they also gave us a sense of freedom! Freedom from begging others for water, a lack of time, unhealthy lives, and poor living conditions. My daughter does not have to go out to fetch water anymore. The gift of safe water and hygiene classes helped us offer better lives for the next generation in our community!”

—Kripita, South Asia



[Click to watch how water changes lives for women in South Asia!](#)



“I am grateful for Living Water’s WASH-related trainings from which I gained the knowledge, attitudes, and hygiene practices that eventually led me to construct a latrine. Now I’m confident and proud that if I receive a visitor at my home, they will have access to sanitary infrastructure to meet basic needs. I’m also relieved that now my kids cannot slip and fall in the previous pit we used to use as a toilet. I’m very grateful to Living Water International for their contributions. They made me stronger, purposeful, and determined to construct my own latrines. I will never go back to poor sanitation-related behaviors again.”

—Oliva, Rwanda



[Click to witness a hygiene training activity in Zimbabwe.](#)



“Before we worked with Living Water International on the well rehabilitation project, we served solely within our four walls, focused only on the spiritual needs of our congregation. We did not know how to share the message of salvation with the entire population by putting into practice the work of integral mission. During the water project, we realized that our church also needed to attend to the physical needs of the community at-large. Now, we managed to identify and address their physical and spiritual needs. Other churches have also become involved. We are working together so that our community continues developing. Before, we did not have the acceptance of the community, and now the residents see the church as a fundamental and important part of the community.”

—Pastor Jaime, Nicaragua



[Click to learn about the integral mission mindset.](#)



# Safe Water for All

## Pursuing excellence and sustainability through diversified water projects

Living Water International is committed to finding the most effective solution to provide safe water to thirsty communities. Living Water staff in each country select appropriate and affordable solutions with communities based on their local and national contexts, geography, and hydrogeology. Living Water pursues holistic WASH programming through proven practices that work toward the physical, spiritual, and social flourishing of all people.

In addition to maximizing the number of people reached with safe water, Living Water also considers which types of water systems are most sustainable. Our field staff members consider geological and topographical data to determine the feasibility of a project and predict drilling methodology. This means that our country offices work closely with local governments and engineers to become experts on which types of projects will best provide long-term water access in specific areas.

**This approach reflects our commitment to the biblical mandate to be good stewards of resources and to encourage communities' development.**

In some instances, Living Water partners with municipalities and with nonprofit organizations to install gravity fed water systems that cover miles of land, reaching multiple communities. This provides an eco-friendly solution for widespread, sustainable water access. Systems like this help improve health and hygiene on a regional level, maximizing our impact.

In other cases, Living Water may choose to install a complex or piped water system based on the needs of the community members. Types of piped water systems include gravity fed distribution or submersible pumps powered by the sun, diesel, or even wind. Research suggests that piped systems may be a more sustainable solution to the water crisis than hand pumps. They can be further extended to reach households, healthcare facilities, schools, and neighboring communities. One piped water system can reach up to 5,000 people—the equivalent impact of 14 hand pumps!

In all communities where Living Water implements water projects, the field staff help communities establish water committees and nominate water caretakers who take the lead in stewarding their new water source. The committee members remain

in contact with Living Water about their wells' functionality and also manage funds raised through fees to cover the cost of maintenance for their wells. In this way, sustainable water access is a community-led initiative that mobilizes and empowers natural leaders!

A wonderful example of a water system designed with the community's needs in mind is the Twatasha Community School in Zambia, which provides education to children with disabilities. Since using a standard hand pump would be difficult for many of the children, Living Water Zambia installed a piped water system with accessible, wheelchair-friendly access points.

Installing diverse water systems is key to Living Water's mission to provide sustainable WASH solutions for all people. Our plans for sustainable safe water systems help foster WASH improvements that meet the challenges and opportunities presented by the diverse geographical and social contexts in which we work, maximizing the impact of safe water in communities, districts, and regions around the world.



[Click to meet the Twatasha Community School.](#)



Piped water system, South Asia



# Water Testing Trainings

At Living Water International, we believe that access to safe water changes everything. For over 30 years, we've committed to transforming communities around the world by providing sustainable water solutions that, when taken care of properly, will not make people sick. We accomplish long-term water access by ensuring that the water from our systems is free from contamination and safe for our global neighbors to use for all their daily needs. By extensively testing the water in our systems, community members can be confident knowing that the water they drink will not make them sick.

Our in-country staff undergoes rigorous training and certification to evaluate water quality. Our field staff gather to learn about the microbiological and physiochemical contaminants often found in unsafe water sources and how they are identified. Then, the staff studies how to treat the water to ensure it is free of viruses, dangerous levels of bacteria, and worms—but they don't stop there.

After learning the ins and outs of water quality testing, Living Water administers a 40-question final exam for participants to receive their certification. Often,



other development organizations join in training and certification, expanding our reach in providing lasting and quality water to those who need it most.

Though the World Health Organization outlines quality standards for safe drinking water, Living Water's quality criteria are even more robust. Our staff runs nine additional physiochemical tests for every project to measure the water's turbidity, hardness, pH, iron, chlorine, nitrate, total dissolved solids, and arsenic levels. By including more measures in our quality testing, we ensure that residents receive water that will improve their health for years to come.

As believers, we are driven by the biblical mandate to care for creation and steward our gifts responsibly.

**In John 10:10 (NIV), Jesus says, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”**

Equipping and empowering communities with safe drinking water undoubtedly impacts health and gives people back their time, one of our most precious commodities. With renewed time and energy, people can focus on what matters most to them, like school, livelihoods, and their families.



[Click to watch an example of water quality testing!](#)

# Innovations in Iron Filtration

The Living Water team worked on a UNICEF-funded project in the western area rural district of Sierra Leone, providing 13 water points through a solar-powered piped water system to health care facilities and communities. This district is in an area where the water table has a high iron and salt content. Initial water tests for the newly installed water systems were good. However, Living Water Sierra Leone continued to conduct revisits to communities to check the water points' functionality and noticed the new water points were beginning to show an increase in iron content over time.

When this condition affects communities, it can render water points unpalatable for drinking. Food and clothes turn black while water containers become stained or rusted. Community members and health care workers began abandoning the water points due to the water's metallic taste.

This presented a major challenge to the Living Water staff. They began to experiment with local materials in the hopes of finding a solution. They soon rose to the challenge, coming up with an innovative idea to remove the iron content from the water. The team used locally accessible materials, including



charcoal made from coconut shells, mesh, sand, and three rubber bowls to create a simple iron filtration system. This was then placed on top of the water tanks to allow water to flow through the filtration system.

The system works by using a solar-powered submersible pump that sends water through an inlet pipe to the top of the filtration chamber. The water then passes through four different layers of filtration chambers. These chambers contain three different layers of filter beds. Each filter bed consists of charcoal made from coconut shells, which provides a broad base and rough surface to collect debris and iron. The second and third layers are made up of coarse aggregate and fine sand mixed with charcoal. The entire filtration system is protected with chicken wire to prevent pests and birds from contaminating it.

These iron filtration systems were soon installed on all 13 affected water points. This brought relief and joy to the communities, the Living Water team working on the project, and to UNICEF. Living Water Sierra Leone taught community members how to care for the system by changing the charcoal on a bi-monthly basis and replacing the absorbent sand.

Living Water Sierra Leone continues to follow up on the water points through functionality checks and service visits. They are excited to report that all of the filtration-enhanced water points continue to provide safe, palatable water for the communities and health centers they serve!





# Equipping Local Pastors to Flourish

Living Water partners with Global on Demand School of Ministry (GODSOM) to bolster communities and churches with easily accessible, free, online theological training through GODSOM University. This began in the fall of 2019 when the founders and current president from the online seminary went on a Living Water vision trip to Kenya. While there, they witnessed how Living Water utilized the already established Kenyan church network to empower communities with safe

water and the Gospel. GODSOM leadership recognized its unique ability to contribute to this work by providing much-needed pastoral training for rural church leaders and began to partner with Living Water to provide training to local pastors.

Three years later, over 500 local Kenyan pastors are engaging with the GODSOM curriculum. Furthermore, GODSOM constructed a physical training hub to help rural communities overcome technological hurdles. This training center, along with several partner churches, have wireless connections and printing facilities. Here, pastors can learn, download lessons, upload homework, and take tests as they work towards their certifications and degrees.

In addition, pastors can complete their work on their own time, at home, without an internet connection. Courses range in a variety of

topics, from church planting and evangelism to pastoral care and prayer. This allows pastors the freedom to choose which classes are most pertinent to their congregations and wider communities.

Every project that Living Water completes follows this same guiding principle—mobilizing pre-existing leaders and churches for WASH-focused development. Our Flourish church mobilization program model recognizes the agency and capability of community members and focuses on supplying tools for neighbors to help neighbors. As we continue our work around the world, our partnership with GODSOM gives us a glimpse into the unity God has called us to and creates a cohesive bridge between the intersection of church mobilization, community development, and WASH interventions.





# Uniting Through Genius of One

After a break in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Living Water International and The Crossing Church reunited to jointly host a virtual, site-based event for the Genius of One conference in October 2021. The challenge of overcoming travel restrictions and COVID-19 regulations prompted an expansion of the annual event into a worldwide conference that spanned the globe.

**Shifting to a virtual format allowed Living Water and The Crossing to hold the**

**conference on four continents at 29 sites in 16 countries, reaching 1,300 pastors and church leaders.**

Living Water carefully and intentionally chose two host sites per country in an effort to welcome a wide range of participants—one site in or near a Living Water WASH Program Area when possible, and the second site near a major or capital city. This approach allowed Living Water and The Crossing to engage with pastors and church leaders both regionally and nationally. Living Water hosted each site in partnership with local pastors and volunteers to help build local leadership. Living Water staff also translated content into more than five local languages.

Pastors and church leaders attended a two-day conference where Pastor Greg Holder of The Crossing, Mike Mantel of Living Water, and

several other global voices spoke. The pastors and church leaders learned about a variety of topics including unity in the Church, biblical techniques for resolving conflict, the art of forgiveness, and developing Kingdom partnerships.

Mike Mantel was inspired by the way the 2021 Genius of One conference enabled the Body of Christ to mobilize and unite, unhindered by geographical constraints. Mike said, “The Body of Christ cannot be contained in one location. The Spirit of God is throughout the world, and we’re tapping into that unity.”



[Click to participate in the Genius of One!](#)

# Building Skills

## Changing regions through skill development in sanitation

Living Water International mobilizes communities across the world to attain Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, enabling them to experience the dignity and health benefits of basic sanitation and hygiene services. When communities are ready to take ownership of their health in this way, Living Water demonstrates how to construct household latrines and handwashing stations from locally available materials. Living Water also builds latrines for institutions like schools, churches, and health care facilities, even training local masons or artisans in latrine construction to inspire further community-led improvements.

Without a municipal sewage system, communities and institutions in the Keembe WASH Program Area of Zambia often relied on open pits or open defecation for their sanitation needs. Since latrines were rarely built in the area, local masons often had limited technical knowledge on how to soundly construct hygienic latrines. Such unstable structures frequently collapsed. This problem was particularly difficult for schools in the area.

Everything changed when Living Water began to construct and improve



sanitation facilities for institutions within the Keembe WPA.

Living Water began work by partnering with communities to construct four latrines at the Nanswinsa Primary School and six latrines at the Musoka Primary School. These latrines also featured bathing rooms for the girls, urinals for the boys, and two stalls designed with hand rails and raised seats for children with disabilities. Not only did this change the lives of the students, but it also impacted the local masons who were involved.

Albert Kapopo worked on these projects with Living Water. He said, “I did not have any idea about proper latrine planning and construction because that was not in my area of expertise. Living Water trained us on the proper methods of constructing latrines that do not collapse, using materials from the community. This has not only helped me develop my skills

more, but it has also been a steady source of income for my family.”

Albert uses the skills he learned from Living Water to construct latrines and help more schools like Nanswinsa Primary School and Musoka Primary School. He has also taken it upon himself to train others in his community to build proper latrines.

“Living Water International is doing a commendable job,” Albert said. “You are empowering community members so that, even after you leave, we can use the skills we have gained to continue working not only in our community but elsewhere.”



# A Safe Place to Menstruate

## Eliminating the stigma through WASH services

Menstrual hygiene management may be a relatively new topic of conversation within the WASH (water access, sanitation, and hygiene) sector, but there is a growing emphasis on its significance due to the critical role it plays in the well-being of women everywhere. Safe water access and sanitation facilities are necessary to ensure women stay healthy during their menstrual cycle. However, women and girls globally often lack menstrual products and adequate facilities for menstrual hygiene management, a crisis that impacts physical and mental health and creates harmful social barriers.

Due to global cultural stigmas surrounding women's reproductive health, women are often excluded from society during their time of menstruation, seen as unclean and impure. Such beliefs have become especially ingrained within the context of low-and-middle-income countries, which may lead to a lack of education for young girls experiencing menstruation. Unfortunately, many girls have little to no access to menstrual materials such as sanitary pads, tampons, or cups, and limited sanitation infrastructure within schools and places of employment.



**At Living Water, we believe in ending the stigma around menstrual health and empowering women by providing education and safe places to menstruate through WASH services.**

We've begun incorporating menstrual hygiene management into hygiene and sanitation activities in Guatemala, Haiti, India, Kenya, Liberia, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. In Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Zambia, young girls are equipped by Living Water regional staff to become leaders of their schools' health clubs. Hawa is a 15-year old student at Nyagoihun Yokie Primary School in Sierra Leone. She is passionate about helping her classmates overcome the obstacles of menstruation.

She explained, "There was no water available. Some girls felt

that walking to the stream was too much of a burden, especially during our menstrual cycle, and that they would rather stay home for three or four days out of the month. By the time we returned to school, we had either missed classes or were too tired to focus. Girls have always been particularly disadvantaged. As President of my health club, I have learned to make reusable sanitary pads which I can now share with my classmates."

Living Water's WASH work has allowed for more stories like Hawa's to happen across the globe and has provided equal opportunity and dignity to women everywhere!



[Click to read more on menstrual health.](#)

# Earthquake Recovery in Southern Haiti

Global tragedies often reveal the strength of the Body of Christ, where we witness neighbors near and far respond in compassion. Living Water sees this consistently when our supporters help meet the needs of global neighbors experiencing disasters.

On August 14, 2021, a 7.2 -magnitude earthquake hit the southern region of Haiti. More than 60,000 homes were destroyed, leaving 650,000 people needing immediate assistance. Within 24 hours of the disaster, Living Water Haiti was able to respond alongside the dominant regional church, The Evangelical Baptist Mission of South Haiti.

Living Water Haiti's immediate priority was to restore safe water access, as the quake broke many existing water systems. The team identified 12 communities as those with the most pressing needs. From August 20 to September 30, 2021, Living Water Haiti distributed safe water at least three times weekly to 5,250 families.

The team also distributed hygiene kits that contained soap, toothpaste,

disinfecting wipes, toilet paper, surgical face masks, Aquatabs (water treatment), and buckets. They were able to provide these kits to 5,000 families. In addition, Living Water provided 2,000 families with tarps to help them improve the roofs of their temporary shelters.

Two psychologists and one educator worked with Living Water Haiti to provide emotional support to community members impacted by the disaster. This work involved helping church leaders identify and heal from emotional wounds caused by the earthquake. A total of 111 church leaders attended these sessions, 47 of whom received individual therapy sessions.

Jeanie, a mother and business owner expressed her gratitude for Living Water Haiti, saying,

**“When the earthquake struck, I lost my house and my small business, and one of my daughters broke her arm. Living Water Haiti came and shared God’s word, gave us water, and gave advice for our health. The team treated us with respect. If everyone did this when sharing the gospel, then we would see true Christianity.”**

Living Water was in Haiti before the tragedy and we will remain as the country and the communities we work in recover. Part of what has helped us remain consistent are

our generous partners including Grace Presbyterian Church, who gifted \$100,000 to address significant cost spikes in fuel, food, and to keep our offices in Haiti running when we needed this the most.

Although Living Water Haiti staff members still suffer from their personal trauma and foresee a long road of recovery ahead, they are given strength and sustained by the love of God, which shows through the generosity of our supporters like you! Recovery from tragedy cannot happen alone— healing is collective. Thank you for supporting Living Water Haiti as we work to provide relief and continue to champion recovery in southern Haiti.





Quake-Ravaged Haiti





## **Section 2: Connection**

Through generosity, we create meaningful connections to our neighbors at home and across the world, deepening our unity as the body of Christ.

# Living Stones Churches

## Partnering in ministry

Since 2010, Living Stones Churches has partnered with Living Water International to provide safe water and the *living water* of Christ to their neighbors around the world. Their partnership began when they were a church plant and has now grown to include eight church campuses across Nevada. They continually create new and engaging opportunities to keep their church community engaged and educated about the water crisis.

Senior Pastor Craig Parish explained why Living Stones Churches has such a deep connection to Living Water. He said, “As an aspect of our world mission mercy strategy, it was important for us to be a partner in ministry, not just a donor. Living Water’s focus on community ownership of water projects, partnership and support of local churches and pastors, hygiene trainings, and accountability through the impact reports are all things that have fostered trust and alignment of our values.”

Living Stones Churches has created many opportunities for the entire church to be involved in solving the water crisis. Members of Living Stones Churches have led a number of teams on Living



Water Trips to visit communities that received safe water because of their generosity. The Trips team members then acted as visionaries and shared stories of impact with the church once they returned.

Living Stones Churches often invites its members to experience what life is like without access to sufficient safe water. Most recently, this has included Walk For Water campaigns where volunteers walked two and a half miles to fetch and carry five gallons of water. The experience was captured on video and shared with the entire church body to raise awareness of the everyday reality of neighbors in need across the world.

Another initiative challenged volunteers to live on five gallons of water a day for five days. The volunteers began each day with a 30-minute walk before the water could be used. They then had to calculate and ration their water

consumption. This was a major eye-opener for the church, highlighting the realities of the water crisis.

Living Stones Churches also engaged and educated the congregation’s children about the water crisis. With this knowledge, the children decided to sell hot cocoa with the proceeds going toward providing safe water. The “Hot Cocoa For Water” fundraiser provided a tangible opportunity for children to make an impact on the water crisis and practice service to their neighbors.

Pastor Craig has also seen that the opportunity to fund wells and help complete projects has benefited the church as a whole. He said, “Members of Living Stones rejoice in seeing wells drilled and the Gospel preached. Thank you for letting us partner in God’s glory around the world and ministering to our global neighbors in Jesus’ name.”

# Pinky Pampell's Faithfulness

## A legacy of giving

Garnett “Pinky” Pampell has been a faithful friend and supporter of Living Water International for nearly 20 years. During this time, we have seen evidence of her dedication to Living Water’s Mission. She served on the board for years, hosted tables for Living Water’s gala, and continuously shared her generous heart each year. This fiscal year alone, she has given substantial gifts to provide safe water to her neighbors in need around the world.

In 2020, after making personal and organizational sacrifices, Living Water was forced to cut more than 150 water projects from the fiscal year 2021 budget in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time, Pinky had already given above and beyond her normal gift to Living Water. However, after hearing about the budget reductions, she made additional gifts toward that specific need.

**In doing so, Pinky helped restore each of those forfeited water projects, providing safe water to more than 60,000 people who otherwise would not have received it!**



President and CEO of Living Water, Mike Mantel, was overwhelmed by her generosity. He said, “When we cut those wells, God intended for us to act as good stewards, but he never intended for 60,000 people to go without water, sanitation, and hygiene. God had been working in Pinky’s heart for decades, preparing her to be a blessing. She was happy to do it.”

“You know what? It’s really fun to give,” said Pinky. In fact, she can’t imagine a life where she doesn’t give.

Pinky grew up in a small town with a family whose humble circumstances never stopped them from giving to others. Pinky recalls that her father would chop stacks of wood for neighbors in need every winter and invite their families over for Sunday supper each week. She is grateful for those early lessons instilled in her

by her parents and the example they set of generosity and care for others.

She hopes to pass down a legacy of generosity to her children in the same way that her parents inspired her. Already, her decades of charitable giving have impacted generations and connected her to neighbors in need around the world.

As for Pinky, she doesn’t spend much time resting on the impact of her generosity before looking for someone else to bless. Her philosophy is simple when it comes to meeting others’ needs: “You get up, and you do. You give back.”





## Maleah Preston Celebrates a Decade of Running for the Thirsty

Every year for the last decade, Maleah Preston has participated in the Chevron Houston Marathon to benefit Living Water International. Maleah trains for months to be able to push her body to its limits, running either the half or the full marathon with 42 other Team Living Water runners. Though race day marks the culmination of her hard work, full of excitement and nerves, Maleah

feels that her training leading up to each race has impacted her the most. Training during Houston's sweltering summers makes her feel connected to her global neighbors that walk for water daily.

**"Perspective changes everything," she explained, "When I'm feeling tired and thirsty at mile 20, I visualize the women and children who walk miles every single day for water. You can really push yourself when you realize how blessed you are."**

Maleah raised over \$25,000 this year alone! Since her first run in 2012, Maleah has raised over \$125,000 for communities without safe water, and she is not planning to hang up her running shoes anytime soon. When asked how long

she plans to keep her yearly race tradition alive, she said, "I want to run as long as my body lets me."

Maleah attributes her endurance to the support of her community. Whether it's her fellow Team Living Water runners, her friends who financially support her, or her family refilling her water during a long run, Maleah feels bolstered by her support system. In the same way, she hopes that her neighbors in vulnerable communities feel supported and loved knowing they are cared for by their sisters and brothers in Christ around the world.



[Click to find out more about Team Living Water.](#)





# Cookie Grams for Water

Hatfield family's fundraiser shares love and provides safe water

This year, Daniella Hatfield and her three children fundraised for safe water through a creative and delicious idea. They set up a cookie gram order and delivery system through a Living Water fundraising page. Then, the family set to work baking and packaging treats for the community. Daniella and her children assembled decorative boxes full of the fresh-baked cookies and delivered them

in a wagon to the doorsteps of their family and friends. All cookie gram proceeds were contributed toward Living Water's 10 Days Campaign, providing safe water in Rwanda!

The Hatfield family viewed their cookie grams as a way to make an impact and connect with their neighbors both near and far. Daniella said, "We are grateful for the opportunity to spread love around the neighborhood and also to help neighbors in Rwanda drill a well as a sustainable source of [safe] water in their communities."

Daniella and her kids raised a total of \$3,769 through cookie gram orders in the Asheville, North Carolina area! A gift of \$30 provides safe water for one person, which means that Daniella and her children raised enough money to benefit over 125 people! Furthermore, Daniella and her children continue

to raise awareness about the water crisis in their community.

Because of their heartwarming fundraiser, the recipients of their cookie grams will remember how a simple gift can help secure the most basic human needs of their global neighbors. Daniella's children have learned that they can demonstrate God's love to their global neighbors by connecting with others through acts of kindness and by raising their voices to help others in need.



[Click to participate in your own 10 Days campaign.](#)



## A Family on Mission

Each year, the owners of Mission Realty, Ryan and Denise Pagano, give a percentage of their company's profits to Living Water International. The faithful contributions of the North Carolina-based real estate business have funded at least one water project a year in Central America. The company also spreads awareness about the water crisis and Living Water to their clients through events, social media, and fundraising initiatives.

Ryan Pagano first learned about Living Water International in 2017 and began to give a portion of his real estate commissions toward funding safe water projects. He

went on a Living Water Trip to Guatemala in 2018 and eventually formed Mission Realty with his mother, Denise, in 2020.

Together, they work with three international organizations that share their mission to serve people and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Ryan said, "Ultimately, you're not just living this life to make a buck or collect as much stuff as you can but to meet others' needs across the world and even locally. Our calling is to make disciples, to love God, and to love people."

Denise also appreciates the way that following this mission has connected their family. From her daughter, Shawna, who came up with the idea of Mission Realty, to her son, Ryan, with whom she combined businesses, the whole family participates in generosity. Denise said, "It really is, across the

board, an entire family event. It has been a way for us to really feel like we are living our mission."

**Ryan agreed by saying, "It's just an amazing thing to be able to play a small part in what the Lord is doing here and everywhere."**





## Global Event - One Thirst

This past fall, we stretched our technology in every way imaginable for our 2021 Global Event, One Thirst! Meeting both in-person and virtually, our Living Water community hosted various events in 14 countries. In three languages, we shared our story of how God's people united to provide physical, spiritual, and social flourishing through sustainable water access, hygiene, and sanitation services.

In the United States, we held large gatherings in Houston, Texas, and Kalamazoo, Michigan, to kick off the premiere of our One

Thirst celebrations. Attendees raised funds for WASH programs, were encouraged to invite others unfamiliar with Living Water's work, and were able to connect to the stories of the water crisis in deeper ways through our in-country staff, who made an appearance both in-person and virtually.

Technology enabled watch parties and churches from the Pacific Northwest to the East Coast to continue the momentum of One Thirst online in support of one singular purpose – giving water, for life, in Jesus' name.

We are still celebrating the compassion and love shown to others worldwide through One Thirst. The combined generosity shown through this year's global events will forever change the lives of 80,722 people.

That's 80,722 people who did not have access to safe water and 80,722 people who also experienced the *living water* of Christ.

**Now, 80,722 people have access to water, sanitation, and hygiene resources through empowered church communities working together!**

# Discovering Your Story

## Unlocking connection and purpose in God's narrative

In October 2021, Living Water International's President and CEO, Mike Mantel, released his first book, *Thirsting for Living Water: Finding Adventure and Purpose in God's Redemptive Story*. All proceeds of the book benefit Living Water International to empower churches to mobilize communities and to help them gain access to safe drinking water, sanitation infrastructure, improved hygiene, and experience the good news of Jesus Christ.

In his book, Mike shares his story of walking through a personal "dark night of the soul." He details how this experience and his life story interweave with Living Water's story. He also shares what the journey through his "dark night" taught him about the true nature of God as the Master Strategist with a redemptive plan for creation.

After the release of *Thirsting For Living Water*, Mike began to help others discover their own stories and learn how they can utilize their story to connect with others. He shared this message, as well as Living Water's mission, through more than 16 podcasts, 20 speaking

engagements, 11 blogs, and various magazine articles. He hosted his own podcast, spotlighting friends of Living Water with their own amazing stories including Paper For Water, Nate Burkhalter, Rich Stearns, Princess Kasune Zulu of Zambia, and author Lynn Austin.

Internationally, Mike met with pastors in Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico. In doing so, he helped urban churches connect with their rural neighbors by sharing their stories and discovering how God brings us together through safe water and the *living water* of Christ.

*Thirsting for Living Water* was also translated into to Spanish. It was then distributed to 2,500 Latino pastors in the America Oya y Adora tour with Marcos Witt and through our network of church relationships in Central America, South America, and Mexico.

Around the world, our neighbors were encouraged by this message of hope and connection. They found that in discovering God's stories in our own and each other's lives, we are able to encourage others and recognize the role that we can play in his grand narrative for creation.

Mike invites everyone to find their place in God's redemptive plan through a free Discover Your Stories Guide, which can serve as an aid for your own individual journey or as a group study. Along the way, Mike encourages each of us to remember three things:

"The first is that God loves you and is inviting you to join his plans. We serve a Master Strategist. His plans are bigger and bolder than anything you or I could think or imagine. God is working beyond your wildest dreams, and he wants you to be a part of it.

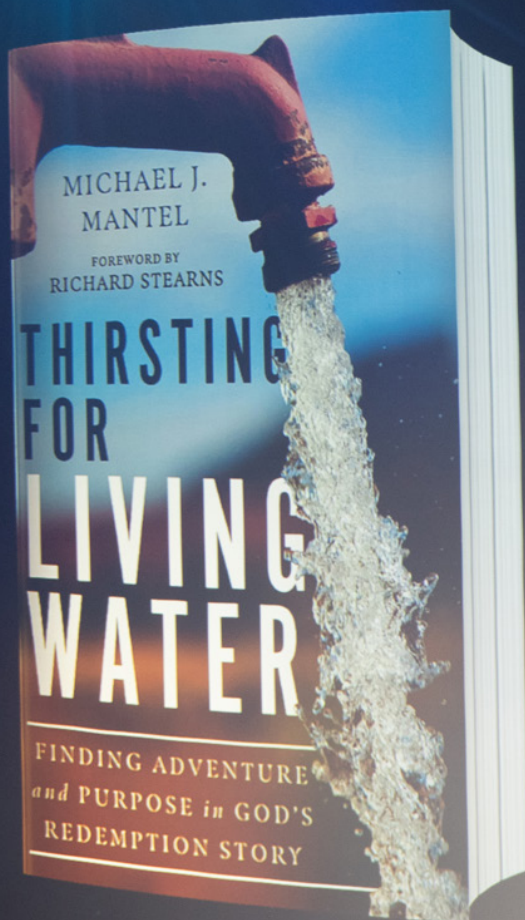
"The second is that God is equipping you to do this. You don't have to have it all together. You just have to join in God's story where he put you. I believe if you tell your own stories of God's faithfulness, you'll find insights into how God has equipped you, and you will hear his invitation to find adventure and purpose in his redemption story.

**"Finally, I believe the reason God is equipping you is because the world needs you. The Church needs you. We need you to show up with the love of Christ and tell his stories to a thirsty world."**

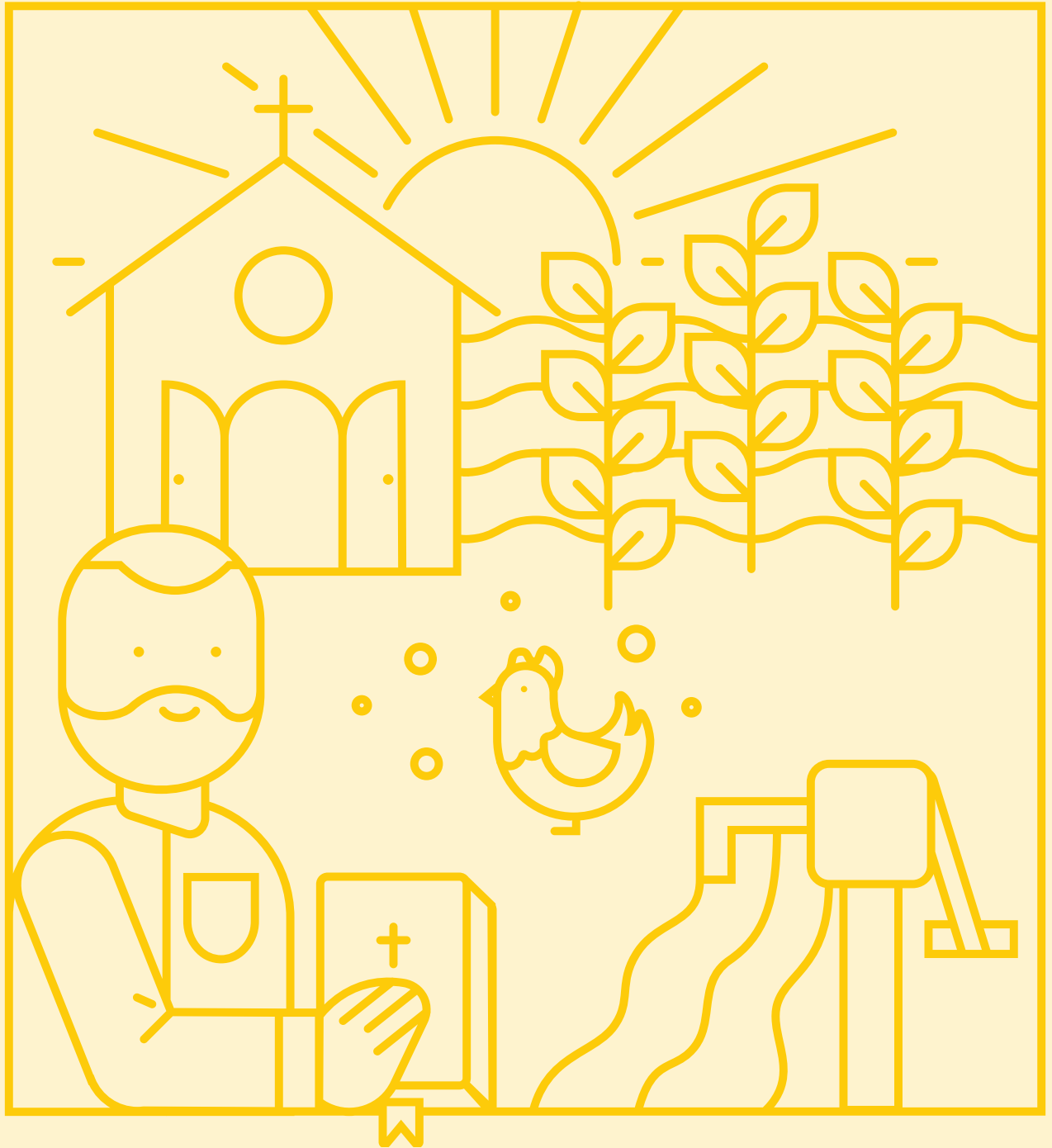


[Click to get the free companion guide.](#)





Mike announces his book release in Houston, TX





## **Section 3: Invitation**

We invite you into the story of how we fuel Kingdom transformation, knowing we will all be transformed in the process through the relationships, resources, and direction God provides.

# Introducing Overflow 25

## Momentum to power the mission

Over the last year, our staff around the world, board members, and neighbors came together to pray, learn, envision, plan, test, and create, resulting in a focused strategic plan that will guide us into fiscal year 25. We call this strategic plan Overflow 25.

Scripture uses the word “overflow” to describe provision and abundance. We are believing and planning for an abundant provision of resources and engagement, which will provide momentum to power our mission. This will subsequently lead to an overflow of Kingdom transformation in the world.

We began this process by identifying the purpose behind our strategy. This is called our winning aspiration. It is: “For the global Christian community to pursue the physical, spiritual, and social flourishing of all people who lack basic WASH services. We will fuel this into the next generation by innovating holistic, sustainable WASH programs and high-quality relational experiences.”

The power of this strategy comes through partnership. We will co-labor with the Church in a shared mission—to see our neighbors

around the world transform their relationships with God, themselves, others, and the rest of creation.

**We recognize that when we develop the mindsets and capabilities to know and deeply listen to our neighbors, we are able to serve them better.**

This neighbor-centric focus will not only allow us to continually improve our strategy, but also help us build a more demographically and generationally diverse community of supporters united to serve our global neighbors.

We will look to four guiding positions as we serve our neighbors. These include:

1. Co-laboring with the global Church, walking with the Church as our primary partner to demonstrate and proclaim the gospel.
2. Implementing holistic WASH programs for all, reaching overlooked and excluded people with sustainable solutions.
3. Deepening the engagement between supporters and communities to bring people together through relational experiences.
4. Growing mission-aligned private funding to innovate so that we can emerge from the pandemic stronger.

We believe that by investing our time, energy, and funding into these four areas we will create a “virtuous cycle” of activities that reinforce one another, building speed and momentum over time to generate significant Kingdom transformation.

The positions also provide a foundation for a roadmap of action steps designed to help achieve Overflow 25’s strategic objectives. While many actions have been envisioned, we are purposefully leaving room to adapt and remain agile in the diverse and often volatile environments in which we operate.

We plan to invest heavily in Engagement capacity in year one of our three-year plan, while aligning our Programs for the greatest impact. Additional investment in Programs will follow in subsequent years. We are excited to begin the Overflow 25 journey and invite you into this story of momentum to power the mission!



[Click to watch more on  
Overflow 25.](#)



Liberia staff celebrating Overflow 25



# The Church Innovation Lab

## Bringing together the body of Christ

In 2018, Life.Church, a multi-site church, set out on a mission to bring together like-minded, faith-based organizations with the goal of coordinating Kingdom work in low-and-middle-income countries. As a leader in the water, sanitation, and hygiene sector, Living Water eagerly accepted the call in 2021 and formally joined what is now known as the “Church Innovation Lab.”

The Church Innovation Lab exists to convene six development organizations—Tearfund, HOPE International, Compassion International, World Relief, ENLACE, and Living Water International—to better synchronize holistic development in the Northern Triangle of Central America, the poorest region in the Western Hemisphere. Each member organization of the Church Innovation Lab is committed to mobilizing and equipping the global Church to serve the most vulnerable populations.

In December 2021, leaders from across the Church Innovation Lab’s member organizations gathered for a summit in San Salvador, El Salvador, to devise a plan for substantial development in the region. At the summit, Alexis



Pacheco, a Tearfund advocate said, “One of the big challenges that we have in Central America is reducing poverty and inequality. The Church has a voice, and it should have the tools to be a key actor in this process.”

The teams left the summit having shared their vision and planned a forthcoming strategy with tangible goals and measurable indicators. In response, Living Water will begin expanding water and sanitation projects in the Escuintla and Chimaltenango departments of Guatemala, using a grant provided by Life.Church to reach 80 churches and 105 pastors in 2022, providing safe water and the Gospel message to over 2,000 community members. What’s more, Living Water plans to host four church conferences across the two departments in Guatemala to foster long-term relationships with over 75 churches.

Using this approach, we are able to focus on intentional, fruitful work that widens our capacity to reach communities in need. By aligning our efforts across organizations, we bolster local communities with more resources and knowledge, inspiring community-led development and long-term sustainability.

As the partnership continues to develop, the Church Innovation Lab hopes to expand to include more U.S.-based churches focused on integral mission, motivating mutual transformation across all church bodies, both in Latin America and the United States.



[Click to watch a video on the Church Innovation Lab.](#)

# Partnering with The Helmsley Charitable Trust

Living Water International is grateful to be partnering with The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust to bring safe water and improved sanitation to the Chipata Wash Program Area (WPA) of Zambia. Helmsley aligns with our holistic approach to Water Access, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) as well as our aspiration to pursue the physical, spiritual and social flourishing of all people.

Helmsley is a “global philanthropy committed to helping people live better lives today and creating stronger, healthier futures for individuals and communities, no matter where they call home.” They partner with people and organizations to increase access to health care and advance new research and ideas across six program areas, including funding holistic approaches to ensure the well-being of vulnerable children and their families in sub-Saharan Africa.

This includes Zambia where Living Water completed the design for the Chipata WPA in fiscal year 2022. It is estimated that the Chipata WPA will reach 265,00 people over six years. Through a generous grant from Helmsley, Living Water began the implementation stage of the Chipata WPA in fiscal year 2021. This grant



will provide funding for three years, enabling Living Water to reach an estimated 58,000 Zambians through our integrated WASH program. This will include mobilizing churches and communities, promoting hygiene and sanitation, and increasing water and sanitation services.

To date, Living Water and Helmsley have provided over 162 water projects, reaching 47,028 people with safe water. Living Water Zambia in Chipata has also constructed 15 sanitation facilities and 30 handwashing stations. The Living Water staff has conducted 381 sanitation and hygiene promotion activities and 162 WASH-related church trainings. Our staff was able to reach these milestones despite supply chain delays on drilling equipment and the COVID-19 pandemic.

This vital work took place in rural areas of the Chipata district, a region in eastern Zambia, where WASH services were desperately needed. One of the communities served was

Liondo Village. There, 47-year-old Dunson Mbuze lives with his family. Before the Living Water project began, his child fell into a hand-dug well and drowned while trying to gather water for their family. Dunson said, “I’m comforted by the fact that the tragedy that came upon my family will never have to be experienced by anyone else because today we have a solution. We don’t have to worry that a child may be in danger whenever they simply want to quench their thirst. Now it is safe, and we can go pump water and not fear.”

Protecting the vulnerable and providing better lives for an entire region through sustainable holistic care are precisely what this partnership between Living Water and Helmsley is accomplishing every day. We look forward to the continued support of the Helmsley Trust and the far-reaching impact of our work together. We are so proud to call the Helmsley Charitable Trust our partner!





# Living Water Trips Begin Again

The COVID-19 pandemic stalled international travel for months, initiating a long-term pause on Living Water Trips. By the grace of God and through the faithfulness of our supporters, Living Water was able to continue working in communities while also prioritizing the health and safety of our field staff and Trip participants. Finally, after two long years, Living Water reopened trips! Our in-country staff is eager to welcome mission-minded trippers who are ready to serve their neighbors.

In June 2022, a group of Living Water supporters from across the U.S. embarked on the first Trip back after the pandemic, traveling to the Las Marias community in Choluteca, Honduras. For a week, Trip participants collaborated with the local church by serving on the drilling team, leading the community in sanitation and hygiene lessons, and sharing the good news of the Gospel. On their trip, the team distributed over 120 translated Bibles to residents.

Living Water Trips offer so much more than safe water. They serve as a way for neighbors from different parts of the world to experience mutual transformation and build relational ministry. Resuming Trips allows us to reconnect with our global neighbors in person, fostering community across borders and strengthening the Body of Christ.

Robert, a Trips participant, shared,

**“I’ve found with every Trip, the host country always gives me more than I went to give, or could give. God makes sure of that.” He continued by saying, “I was humbled in a dramatic way.”**





# Thank you to our Every Drop family!

Each member of our “Every Drop” monthly giving community is making a powerful difference. Together, we are world changers! Your monthly gifts are vital to Living Water’s ongoing efforts to provide safe, sustainable water solutions for as many communities as possible—and, in the process, demonstrating a powerful expression of God’s love.

Thank you for committing to ongoing giving. Your reoccurring gifts provide safe water access where it is most needed. A gift of \$30 provides one person with safe water.

That means if you have given \$30 every month this year, then you have provided the gift of safe water and the *living water* of the gospel to at least 12 people! You are helping end the global water crisis, and we could not do this vital work without you. Thank you from Living Water International on behalf of your global neighbors!



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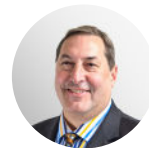
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During the past two years, Living Water International has faced many challenges and made difficult adjustments to keep serving those in need of safe water throughout the global pandemic. As we emerge with resilience, we are strategically focused on re-engaging and reconnecting with our neighbors at home and across the world so we can provide the hope that comes with safe water and the *living water* of Jesus Christ.

Each year, our staff dedicates significant time and resources to protect our donor-provided funds and ensure those funds are spent effectively and efficiently. Internal controls and global best practices are used in the U.S. and abroad to continually monitor these funds to ensure our donors' trust in our organization.

The following management financial estimates and highlights reflect the amazing contributions from our donors and the enduring work our field staff completed during this year of reigniting hope. We invite you to review our external audits and the accompanying financials, which cover our domestic and international operations, at [water.cc/financials](http://water.cc/financials).

An investment in safe water is one of the most efficient investments you can make. According to the United Nations, your \$1 investment in safe water typically brings a four-fold return. This four-fold return with Living Water International is even more compounded considering our holistic approach to physical and spiritual flourishing.

On behalf of our global community at Living Water International, thank you for your faithfulness in providing the resources we need to combat the global water crisis, in Jesus' name. We look forward to the future together in hope as we unite neighbors in the U.S. and around the world to see an overflow of impact.

Sincerely,



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Schinzler'.

**Jonathan Schinzler**  
CFO



# Revenue & Expenses



● INDIVIDUALS	\$9,103,000 (38.5%)
● CHURCHES	\$3,428,000 (14.5%)
● FOUNDATIONS	\$3,405,000 (14.4%)
● GRANTS & LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE	\$2,719,000 (11.5%)
● CORPORATIONS & SCHOOLS	\$2,459,000 (10.4%)
● ORGANIZATIONS	\$1,561,000 (6.6%)
● GOVERNMENT*	\$969,000 (4.1%)



● PROGRAMS	\$20,937,000 (80.4%)
● AFRICA	\$11,474,000 (54.8%)
● LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	\$7,612,000 (36.4%)
● SOUTH ASIA	\$1,851,000 (8.8%)
● FUNDRAISING	\$3,102,000 (11.9%)
● ADMINISTRATION	\$1,998,000 (7.7%)

\*Revenue from Payroll Protection Program loan forgiveness

Year ended June 30

Revenue	FY20	FY21	FY22
<b>Total Contributions, Fees &amp; Events</b>	<b>\$24,951,000</b>	<b>\$21,982,000</b>	<b>\$23,644,000</b>

Operating Expenses	FY20	FY21	FY22
WASH and Christian Witness	\$16,006,000	\$17,062,000	\$20,722,000
Living Water Mission Trips	\$1,716,000	\$172,000	\$215,000
<b>Total Programming Expense</b>	<b>\$17,722,000</b>	<b>\$17,234,000</b>	<b>\$20,937,000</b>
Fundraising	\$3,358,000	\$2,771,000	\$3,102,000
Administration	\$1,851,000	\$1,923,000	\$1,998,000
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,931,000</b>	<b>\$21,928,000</b>	<b>\$26,037,000</b>

Net Assets	FY20	FY21	FY22
Change in Net Assets From Operations	\$2,020,000	\$54,000	(\$2,393,000)
Consolidation of Affiliates & Other	—	(\$35,000)	\$0
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$10,390,000	\$12,410,000	\$12,464,000
<b>Net Assets End of Year</b>	<b>\$12,410,000</b>	<b>\$12,464,000</b>	<b>\$10,071,000</b>

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**Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”**

**john 4:13-14**



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