



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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This year, we invite you to go deeper—to explore the transformative power of water, for life, in Jesus' name. We believe that going deeper as one diverse body of Christ empowers us all to thrive, unite, and accelerate Kingdom transformation.

In fiscal year 2023 (FY23), we embarked on a strategic plan called Overflow 25, which will guide us from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2025. This plan aligns with our goal of deepening engagement between supporters and communities by connecting through relational experiences. We invite you to join us in this journey of mutual transformation through education, stories, and experiences.

We also invite you to explore the impact of your generosity. From empowering communities to thrive to equipping healthcare facilities with sanitation and hygiene skills and deepening partnerships around the world, your support has made a tangible difference. You will also discover stories of unity and collaboration as we build connections across borders. Together, we are co-laboring with the Church, furthering the Kingdom of God.

And finally, you will witness the power of supporters like you who strive to ensure safe water for all. From marathons that span continents to biking challenges and community galas, your dedication knows no bounds. Your support accelerates our mission and propels us toward a future where safe water is a reality for everyone.

As you read through these stories of hope and transformation, we encourage you to keep engaging, connecting, and inviting others into the grand narrative of God's redemptive story for creation. Your expressions of love and commitment have changed lives, communities, and regions around the world. Together, we will continue to make a lasting impact as we go deeper in our journey to bring water, for life, in Jesus' name with our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership!



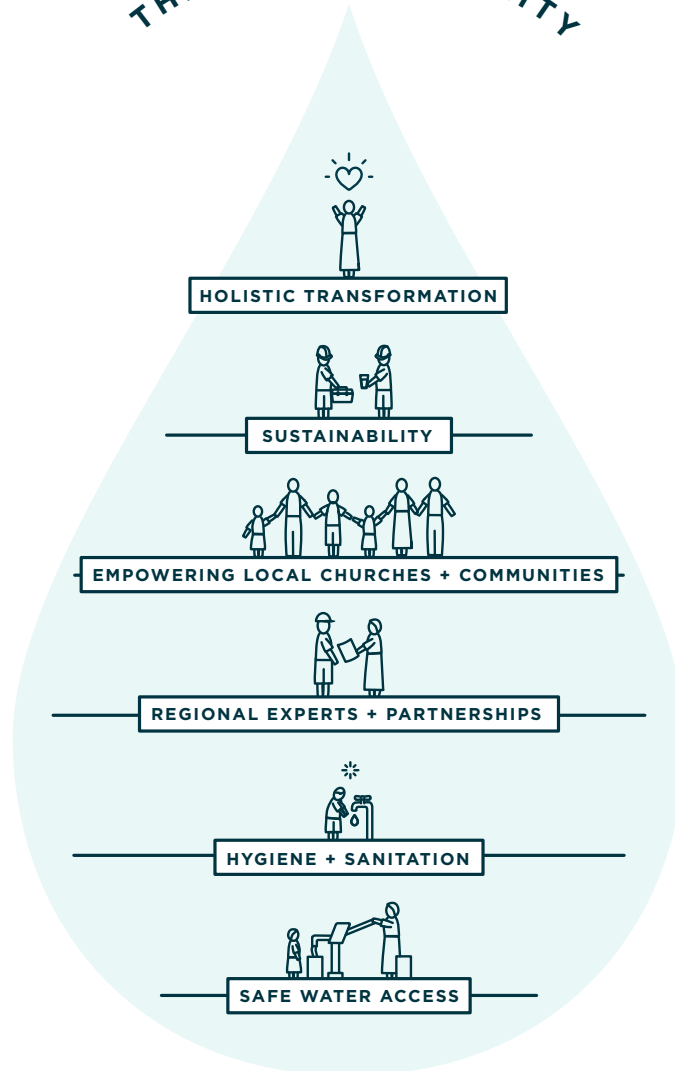
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Michael J. Mantel, Ph.D.

President & CEO

THRIVING COMMUNITY



THE IMPACT OF SAFE WATER

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE

Living Water and our global community are making a profound impact in a world where millions lack access to safe water. Together with individuals, church congregations, and communities, we are dedicated to empowering lasting water access, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs. Our approach goes beyond installing water systems; we prioritize the holistic well-being of communities, addressing their physical and spiritual needs.

Water provision is at the heart of our work everywhere we operate. We carefully consider factors like geography, regulations, and community capabilities as we select and install suitable systems. Rigorous water quality testing during construction ensures safe consumption. Our commitment extends further as we conduct annual tests for five years, promoting sustainability.

Yet, our impact goes beyond safe water. We recognize the vital connection between water access and sanitation. Alongside providing sustainable water, we empower communities to improve sanitation practices.

We teach disease prevention through education, emphasizing handwashing, water storage, and latrine use. These changes lead to tangible improvements in health, education, and productivity.

Our local expertise is a crucial asset. Our staff understands the local culture and geography, forging partnerships with government agencies, nonprofits, and community leaders. This collaboration allows us to tailor programs to meet each community's unique needs, highlighting our commitment to social justice.

The local church is our primary partner. We value it as a catalyst for change, working hand in hand to bring about transformation. Through ongoing Christian witness, we recognize Jesus as the ultimate source of transformation, restoring relationships, and addressing the root causes of poverty, hunger, and thirst. Our partnership with the local church reflects our shared purpose, reflecting Christ's love for our neighbors in need. Together, we minister to the unreached, alleviating justice issues through both word and deed.

Living Water embraces a community-led approach. We walk alongside communities, responding to their needs. Upon project completion, we facilitate the formation of local water committees, ensuring sustainability. These committees oversee water points, collect fees, advocate for sanitation, and maintain regular communication with our staff. Investing 5-7 years in specific locations, we gather invaluable data that enhances our effectiveness and creates a lasting impact on the water crisis.

Motivated by genuine care for creation and our global neighbors, we continuously scale our programs, deepen church partnerships, and enhance our technical expertise. Our work extends beyond water access to transform lives and nurture thriving communities.

Through our empowering approach, we ignite a ripple effect of change, bringing hope to the hopeless, restoring relationships, and empowering communities to thrive through sustainable water solutions. Together, we shape a brighter future for generations to come!

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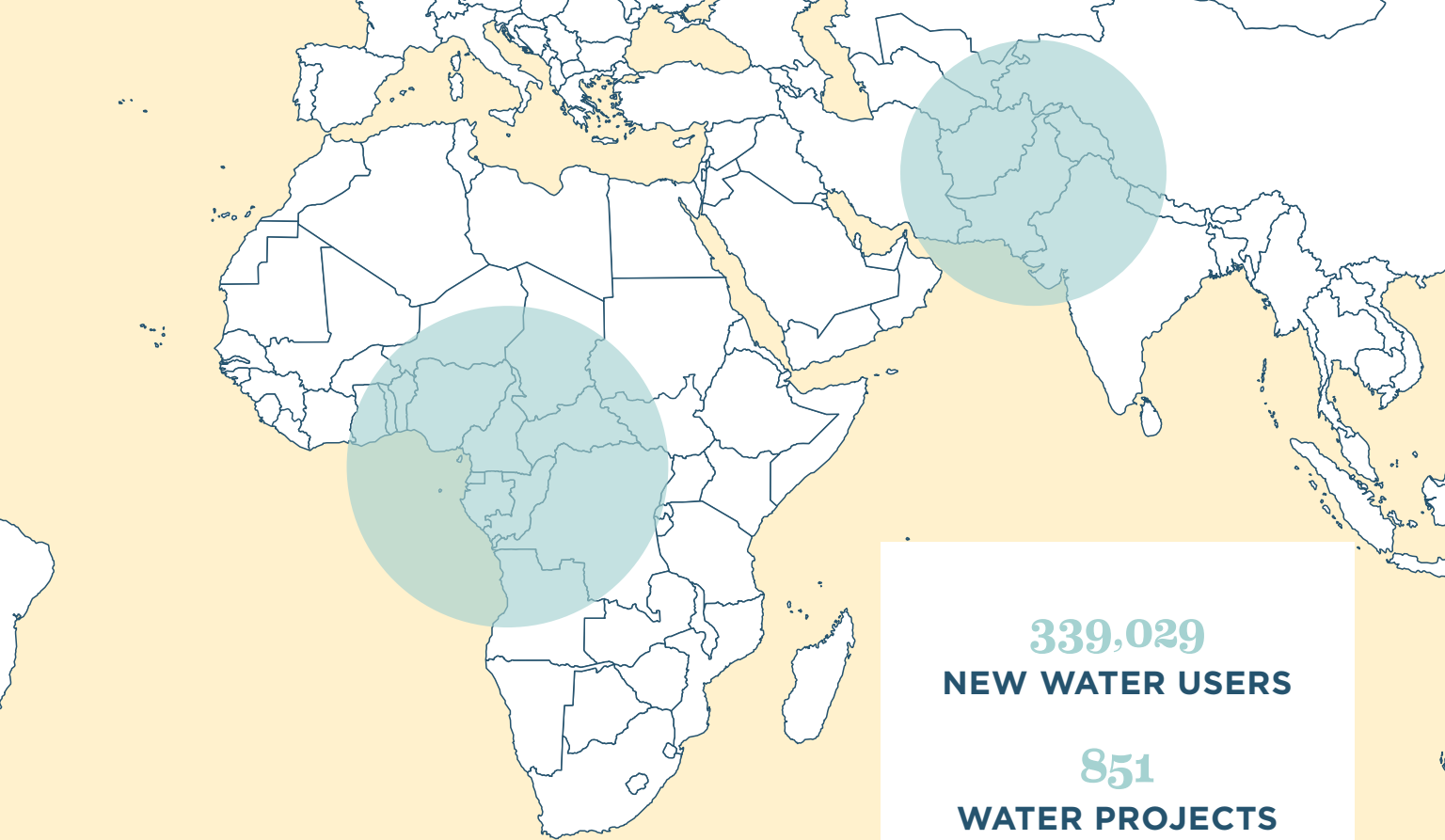
Discover how the transformative power of water, for life, in Jesus' name enables us all to thrive, impacting lives and communities around the world.

YOUR IMPACT

Thank you for expressing God’s love to others by providing for their most vital needs—safe water and the *living water* of Christ! Through your gift, communities around the world are forever changed.



| | BURKINA FASO | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | GHANA | GUATEMALA | HAITI | HONDURAS | KENYA | LIBERIA | MEXICO |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|---------|--------|
| NEW WATER USERS | 3,300 | 2,647 | 6,800 | 5,441 | 27,264 | 10,315 | 17,928 | 20,187 | 4,867 |
| NEW WATER PROJECTS | 10 | 0 | 10 | 16 | 28 | 36 | 12 | 24 | 0 |
| UPGRADED WATER PROJECTS | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| REHABILITATIONS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 18 | 26 | 0 |



339,029
NEW WATER USERS

851
**WATER PROJECTS
COMPLETED**

81,995
**TRAINED IN HYGIENE
& SANITATION**

355,309
HEARD THE GOSPEL

12,536
**TRAINED CHURCH
LEADERS**

| NICARAGUA | PERU | RWANDA | SIERRA LEONE | SOUTH ASIA | UGANDA | ZAMBIA | ZIMBABWE |
|-----------|-------|--------|--------------|------------|--------|--------|----------|
| 9,530 | 8,395 | 27,596 | 16,149 | 48,929 | 17,063 | 93,407 | 19,211 |
| 17 | 37 | 29 | 4 | 83 | 3 | 141 | 5 |
| 4 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 17 | 6 | 11 | 3 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 26 | 164 | 45 |

TESTIMONIES OF TRANSFORMATION



Africa

Benta, a 45-year-old resident of Bur Kamach, Kenya, is overjoyed at the transformation safe water and *living water* brought to her community. Women and girls in Benta's community used to wake up at 3 a.m. to collect water from a dam five kilometers away. During the dry season, they walked six additional kilometers to gather water from a distant river.

Benta said, "The long walks were not safe for us, the constant back pains were unbearable, and the pain of seeing your children miss school was the worst. Women lived in bitterness, especially me."

Now, water is associated with renewal and rest. Children are back in school full-time. Women have more time to manage their households or earn an income. They even sit on the steps of the new hand pump and talk with their neighbors. Benta said, "If this is not God [at work], then I don't know what it is. You just don't know the relief this new well has given us. We have no more back pain, no more long walks in the dark, no more diarrhea, no more bitterness. We are just happy!"

Latin America and the Caribbean

Efraín is an inmate and the pastor of the church inside of Choluteca Correctional Center in Honduras. He said, "A septic tank was built very close to our water source, which made the water contaminated and unsuitable for use and drinking. It has been difficult to get support for the correctional center because many people have stopped seeing us as human beings. They don't understand that we are people who have made mistakes. They think we have no right to God's forgiveness and that is why they excluded us. What many ignore is that God can change and edify people. He gives His help to all those who have faith in Him."

Pastor Efraín reached out to other churches nearby for help, and one



of those churches connected him with Living Water. "God opened the door and gave us the opportunity to have safe water. Thanks to Living Water Honduras, we were also able to receive many important messages from the workshops they provided us. They not only provided a well but edified our church and shared the Gospel.

"The entire prison is grateful to Living Water. We hope you all can continue going to the isolated and excluded communities as you are the channel of God's blessing to reach people in need. Thank you for not just seeing a jail, but people in need and giving us that helping hand."

GO DEEPER:

SHARE YOUR STORY OF GOD AT WORK IN YOUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH LIVING WATER AND TAG US
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South Asia

As the headmaster of a local school in South Asia, Andrew felt helpless as he watched his students suffer through the water crisis. He said, “Their sufferings made me question the existence of God. If there is a God, why are we suffering like this without water for so many years? I did not have an answer.”

Everything changed for Andrew when Living Water brought safe water to the school. He said, “Everyone, including myself, thought that we would not get water here. Many landowners have drilled boreholes near our compound, one was drilled at 700 feet with no sign

of water. The Living Water team prayed to find water. I wondered how this Christian prayer would make a difference, but we were all shocked when they found water at 60 feet!”

Safe water opened a door for Andrew and the rest of the community to accept the *living water* of Christ. “That short Christian prayer stirred something in my heart. That day we learned that God always loved us even when we thought He did not. They told the children stories from the Bible. I started believing in the true living God!”

North America

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (MDPC) has partnered with Living Water International for over 15 years. The church’s Global Outreach Director, Kelsi McCormack said, “We have many church members that are invested and passionate about the work Living Water does.”

MDPC has taken multiple Living Water Trips and participated in Team Living Water. Every year, the church collects special offerings and donations for Living Water during their Palm Sunday service, Christian Mission Market, and VBS Summer Celebration.

Kelsi said, “One of my goals is to get our church members excited



about what God is doing around the world and about the opportunity we have to participate in His call to make disciples of all nations. In my opinion, nothing gets people more excited or impacts their hearts quite like going to the ends of the earth and witnessing and participating in the work God is doing.”

WATER FOR THE OVERLOOKED AND EXCLUDED

In many parts of the world, specific groups of people needlessly suffer because of their race, tribe, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, physical or mental ability, language, or immigration status. Many times, these groups are unintentionally—or, in some cases, purposefully—excluded from valuable resources like information, social services, and even safe water.

In the Bible, Jesus consistently showed compassion and concern for marginalized groups. He emphasized that true righteousness requires that we care for the vulnerable and extend love and acceptance to those who were considered unworthy by society. As Christians, we are called to share the love of Jesus with everyone, especially those who are marginalized. We believe that our mission of pursuing the physical, spiritual, and social flourishing of all people cannot be accomplished without specifically seeking and listening to these often-silenced voices.

Reaching overlooked and excluded groups looks different in each of

the 17 countries in which we work. Therefore, it's imperative that our staff listens to the concerns of local people and considers community contexts when planning new projects. Take, for example, our work in Peru and Burkina Faso.

In Peru, approximately 59 percent of the country is covered in lush rainforests. This makes it difficult for infrastructure to reach remote communities like Puerto Caimito.

Tilco Huaquintero is a 43-year-old fisherman in the Puerto Caimito community. He and his neighbors felt abandoned by their local authorities. He said,

“After my cousin died from parasites he consumed from the river, I said to myself, ‘Why doesn’t our government support us? Why do they forget about us?’ The new well is a change and blessing for us. Our state and our local authorities have always been marginalized and forgotten. I thank God for the support of our Christian brothers who brought us safe water. We will be better, healthier people.”

By engaging with the indigenous population in Puerto Caimito, we're able to tailor our approach to best serve their needs. For these residents, gaining access to safe water in the middle of their community means they'll be healthier and won't have to take long and dangerous boat trips to reach faraway health clinics.

In Burkina Faso, our programmatic work supports internally displaced people fleeing civil war, many of

whom left their homes with only the clothes on their backs. One woman shared her tragic story: “They came and killed my husband and children. I fled to save my life. Some of my children were left behind, and I don't know where they are now.”

The Balinga community members then walked hundreds of miles on foot until reaching the relative safety of a United Nations refugee camp. Living Water recognized the overwhelming need for additional safe water sources at the refugee camp. Now, the most



vulnerable group of the Balinga people, the children, will have some sense of normalcy while attending the camp's school. Although life will never be the same for the refugees, they can now begin to envision a future that isn't marred by violence, need, or thirst.

By prioritizing inclusivity, we can create a world where no one is left behind, and where every individual can enjoy access to safe water and dignified sanitation facilities. Reaching the overlooked and excluded is not only paramount to having efficient water systems, but is also what Jesus has called us to do.

GO DEEPER:
[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
BALINGA COMMUNITY](#)



BURKINA FASO



SOUTH ASIA

RAISING THE STANDARD

Can you imagine visiting a doctor who cannot wash their hands before administering care? That is the reality for almost half of the world's population according to a 2021 report by the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP), which showed that nearly half of healthcare facilities around the world lack basic hygiene services. This impacts 3.85 billion people, with 688 million people receiving no hygiene service at all.

Living Water International is working to change that in the countries in which we work by installing handwashing stations, building latrines, providing safe water, and empowering healthcare workers to improve their working conditions and their surrounding communities. This is especially apparent in the El Brillante community of Guatemala, where Living Water has partnered with the local health center for several years.

Thirteen communities in the surrounding area relied on the El Brillante Health Center for their care, but without safe water or proper sanitation, health workers struggled to meet the communities'

needs. Everything changed when Living Water provided a safe water system, handwashing station, and sanitation and hygiene training to the health center and its workers. Now, El Brillante Health Center is able to function as a hygienic haven of healing and preventative care in addition to serving as a unifying voice for proper sanitation and hygiene in the communities they serve.

Auxiliary nurse Lidia Gomez said, "We now hold medical days and provide the community with the information Living Water shared with us. We carry out handwashing practices at the handwashing station, showing community members how it is used and how to protect themselves from illnesses like COVID-19."

The health center works with the municipality and local schools to educate the residents and show them the importance of implementing hygiene practices in their homes. Health workers hold meetings with schoolteachers, sharing information with them about educating students and promoting the importance of living in a hygienic way. They also work with the local church to help carry out cleaning campaigns.

As a result of safe water and improved sanitation and hygiene practices, the health center has seen a reduction in their community's rates of diarrheal diseases, malnutrition, and absenteeism in schools.

Encouraged by these results, the El Brillante Health Center is sharing this information with other health centers in their region, spreading knowledge about the importance of handwashing, the transmission of germs, and how to keep water safe.

The El Brillante community in Guatemala serves as a shining example of the transformation that can be achieved when inadequate hygiene services are addressed through the provision of safe water systems, handwashing stations, and sanitation and hygiene training. As the El Brillante Health Center and others like it are empowered to implement and share better hygiene and sanitation practices with their communities and each other, the ripple effect will continue to spread, ultimately contributing to a healthier and more hygienic future for all.



HONDURAS

FINDING HER PLACE

Women Thriving through Church Mobilization

At Living Water International, we proudly witness the remarkable impact of church mobilization on supporting women worldwide. Through our initiatives, we see women finding their place, stepping into leadership roles, and making a positive difference in their communities.

One inspiring example comes from Epworth, Zimbabwe, where the local church took the lead in community development, helping its neighbors flourish. Collaborating with the government, Living Water worked alongside women to establish their roles in water, sanitation, and hygiene projects. This led to the formation of robust water committees, ensuring access to safe water and giving everyone a voice in the process.

For us, it's not just about water; it's about sharing the good news of the gospel. Each Living Water project is rooted in love, compassion, and service. Women play critical roles in creating unity between the local church and the community, fostering an environment of

cooperation, positivity, and spiritual transformation.

Before our interventions, women faced challenges in leadership roles. But through community envisioning workshops, the tide has turned. Women now step up and take charge, leading water committees, advocacy groups, and being a voice for better healthcare facilities, nurseries, and improved government services in other areas of development. The entire community listens to and takes advice from women, a powerful testament to the positive change church mobilization can bring.

Our goal is to generate a far-reaching impact that extends to future generations through the mobilization of the Church. Young girls who witness empowered women spearheading change become inspired to be changemakers themselves. This sustainable impact is a driving force behind our commitment to empowering women.

Church mobilization is the key to unlocking women's potential, and in turn, strengthens the body of Christ. We encourage women to become active decision-makers and leaders


in our inclusive spaces. Through locally-led training, we equip them with essential skills and knowledge. But more importantly, our gospel-driven approach ignites their passion for service, motivating them to create lasting and meaningful change in their communities.

At Living Water International, we celebrate the incredible stories of these emboldened women. Through church mobilization, they break barriers, advocate for equality, and inspire positive change worldwide. Together, we can build a future where women continue to thrive, lead, and be powerful agents of transformation in their communities. With your support and partnership, we are making this vision a reality.

GO DEEPER:
MEET THE EMPOWERED WOMEN
OF EL CAIMITO, NICARAGUA

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UNITE



Celebrate the diverse body of Christ and the power of collaboration as individuals and communities unite to solve the water crisis and forge meaningful connections.



MEXICO

DEEPER PARTNER SHIPS

In 2022, Living Water kicked off the first in-person Genius of One (G1) conference in Latin America after a decade of impact in Africa. The Genius of One conference was created through a partnership between Living Water International and The Crossing church based in St. Louis, Missouri. This year, Tearfund, Enlace, Compassion International, Global Leadership Network, and Hope International also participated in planning, organizing, and leading the conference. Each

of the organizations mobilized local leaders through their own networks to participate in it.

The conference was held in Guatemala City, Guatemala and Oaxaca, Mexico. In both cities, The Crossing's Lead Pastor, Greg Holder, and the Pastor of Leadership and Development, Judy West, taught about the importance of unity, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Attendees were also encouraged to fellowship, pray for each other, and worship together.

Mike Mantel, President and CEO of Living Water International, and Wesley Charles, Living Water's Regional Vice President of Latin America and the Caribbean, invited the local Church to link arms with Living Water International to proclaim and demonstrate the gospel by serving the thirsty. Leaders also

learned about Living Water activities and initiatives they could utilize to unify and impact their respective countries as the body of Christ.

Pastor Daniel Patrinos was inspired by what he heard at the conference. He said, "I believe [that], as the Lord's church, it's time we shine through unity. The early Church began as a united Church. When the Church returns to Christ, we also unite to honor the King as one body though we are many."

GO DEEPER:
[LEARN MORE ABOUT ATTENDING
A G1 EVENT IN YOUR AREA](#)

WORKING TOGETHER

Providing long-term access to sustainable water solutions isn't something we do on our own. With millions of people across the globe still lacking basic water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions, we know that partnerships with other development organizations are not only critical to our mission of ending the water crisis, but we also believe God calls us to work together as a united body of Christ.

In Uganda, Living Water piloted one of our most far-reaching partnerships to date through a collaboration with our friends at Water4, a fellow faith-based WASH

organization. Living Water and Water4 are founded on the same biblical principles of sharing the love of Christ and providing abundant safe water. Though our approaches to implementing water solutions outside of our pilot program are different, this partnership combines the strengths of both organizations to reach the greatest number of people.

Together, our cooperation leverages Living Water's expertise in constructing sustainable water solutions with Water4's market-based approach. Each project co-funded by Living Water and Water4 includes a water kiosk that houses a water pump and tank, a filtration system, and piping that reaches additional collection sites throughout the community. The kiosks employ water vendors who manage and maintain the water system and collect a small fee—typically six cents

on average—for water collection.

This approach ultimately saves community members money, helps grow the local economy, and is adaptable based on each community's context. Our work with Water4 in Uganda is just one example of how we continue to expand and diversify the projects we implement.

Every community we work with is distinct in terms of its cultural practices, geographic conditions, water availability, and socioeconomic factors. We foster long-term sustainability and create lasting positive change by actively listening to local voices, collaborating with other development colleagues, and tailoring our water solutions to fit community contexts.





A NEW MINDSET FOR TRIPS

Our goal for Living Water Trips is to allow participants a chance to see the water crisis firsthand. As you come alongside our in-country staff and support them in the ongoing work they are doing, you will learn about the global water crisis and better understand your role in ending it, while caring for the physical and spiritual well-being of our global neighbors. We hope that by participating in a Trip, you come home as a life-long champion for Living Water.

In 2022, we began the process of enhancing Trips to facilitate a more mutually transformative, cross-cultural experience. We asked Jordan Griebner, Living Water's Director of Trips and Affinity Groups, to provide insight on upcoming changes for the Trips experience.

How are Living Water Trips evolving?

Since Living Water Trips began in 2001, the experience has remained mostly the same. Back then, the majority of our work included drilling boreholes and installing handpumps. However, over the past 20 years, we have made significant advances in our programmatic approach by integrating technological solutions to maximize our impact. Our desire is to use the best technology available to serve each community in the way that best meets their unique needs. This means every Trip will include a WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) intervention, but that

intervention could involve drilling, expanding an existing water point through a piped system, repairing existing water points, and more. Teams may also participate by leading hygiene activities, meeting local church leaders, facilitating a Bible storying workshop, or working with a new community to establish a water committee.

What are you most excited about for the new direction of Trips?

I love that the new flexibility with Trips allows our field staff to choose the best solution for each community. This requires participants to have an "it's not about me" mindset and a willingness to serve in whatever capacity might be needed that week. It can be instinctual to be focused on what we do on a Trip, but sometimes, simply our presence and willingness to just be with a community is even more powerful. This new direction takes the emphasis away



GUATEMALA

from completing a project and places it on coming alongside the community in a powerful way.

How does Living Water Trips convey our vision of partnership with the Church?

Living Water Trips provide a discipleship experience for US churches in a tangible expression of faith. We believe Trips offer an opportunity for teams to deepen their understanding of the global body of Christ as they fellowship with believers around the world. Living Water works in and through the local church, so Trip participants will be able to meet local pastors and understand how we are all working together to fulfill the Great Commission.

What is something that Trip participants should keep in mind before embarking on a Trip?

Having the right attitude is the best way to ensure a good Trip experience. When you embark on your Trip with a positive attitude of willingness, you'll be set up for success. God, in His perfect sovereignty, knows what the community needs and will be faithful to provide. Know that God has been working in the community long before your Trip and will continue to be present after you leave.

What can Trip participants expect to learn on a Living Water Trip?

Our hope is that you learn about God in a new or deeper way. As you engage with others and see His hand at work in their lives, we hope you will be transformed spiritually through this experience.

You will also learn about the impact the water crisis has on our global neighbors' everyday life. As you work with our staff, you'll learn how we build thriving communities

through sustainable water access, sanitation and hygiene programs to ultimately end the water crisis!

We hope you take what you've learned and experienced back home to become a lifelong champion for safe water. Share about your Trip with others, join our monthly giving program, creatively fundraise, or chat with our staff to continue the journey with Living Water beyond the seven days of your Trip.

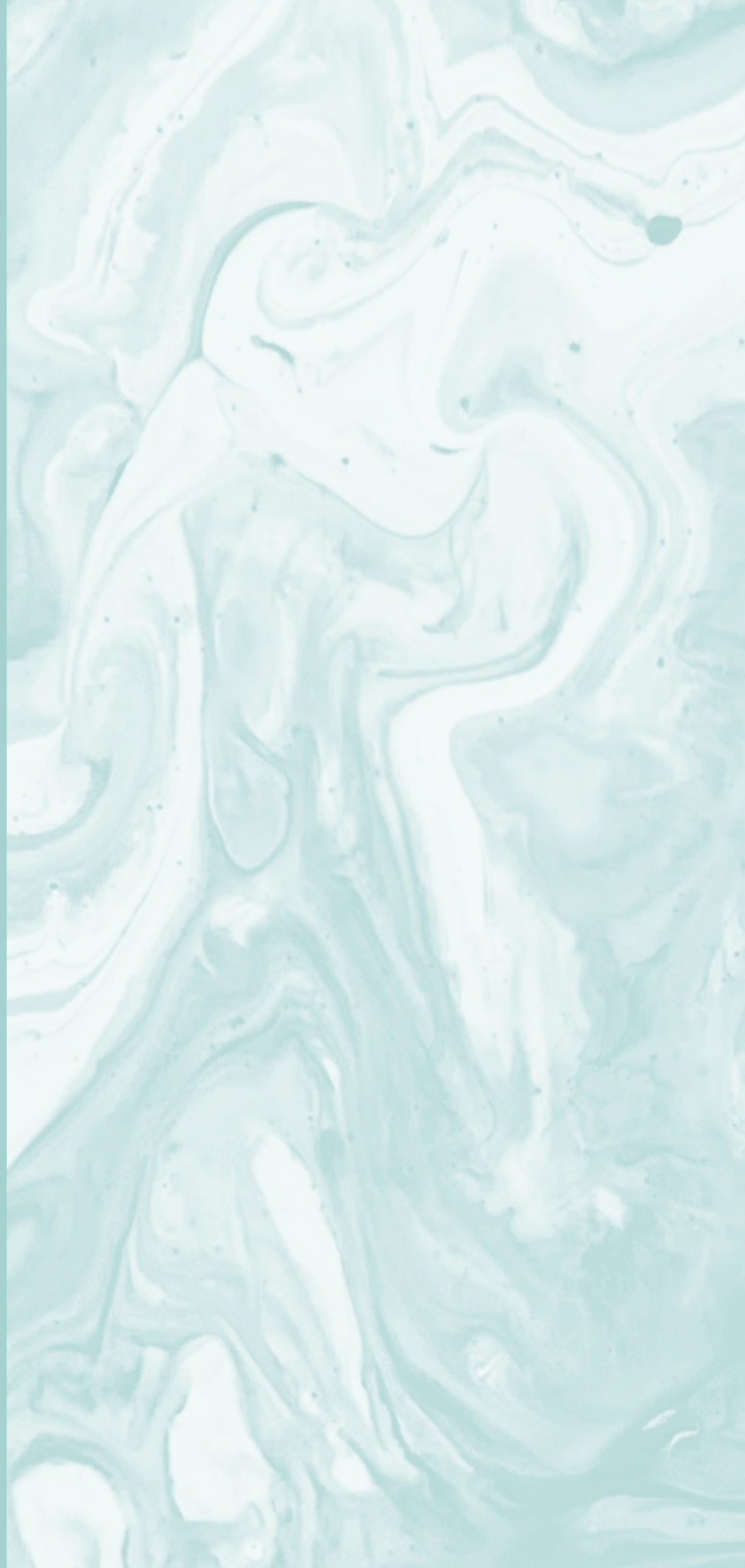
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UNTOLD STORIES

Living Water serves and equips the global Church as it seeks to heal the sick, restore relationships, and ultimately end the water crisis while fulfilling the Great Commission. Because of this, we see God's love made tangible through the Church every day around the world.

This love is especially apparent in locations and situations where churches face adversity and persecution. The generosity of partners like you helps to equip and empower these churches to thrive. Though the names and locations of the churches, their leaders, and their members must remain undisclosed for their safety, their untold stories add volumes to the greatest narrative of all time—God's redemptive plan for creation.

We invite you to pause, take a moment of introspection, and honor the Church's transformative, healing, and restorative work in a volatile world. In this moment of reflection, we encourage you to cast aside the distractions of life and turn your attention to our global neighbors, whose unwavering commitment to the gospel comes at a tremendous cost to their safety. We invite you to pray with us:



Lord, we thank you for the open door that safe water, sanitation, and hygiene provide for the Good News of your love. We thank you that it changes hearts, minds, and attitudes. We thank you that it builds bridges of reconciliation and collaboration.

We ask that you strengthen those who serve you in areas hostile to the gospel. We pray you will embolden and encourage church leaders and members who suffer in your name. Help them do the work you have set out for them. Give them joy and hope even in the midst of difficult times. May they know that they are loved and supported by their family of believers all over the world. May they thrive.

Amen.

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**ACCEL
ERATE**



**Unleash the power of collective action as we
accelerate progress toward a brighter future.**



BIKING FOR WATER

Ben Hergert set out to bike the 4,218-mile TransAmerica Trail to raise awareness of the water crisis and funds for Living Water. By the end of his journey, Ben had surpassed his fundraising goals and biked a total of 4,389 miles on a coast-to-coast, three-month journey across 10 states. This is his story:

It was incredible. It was probably one of the most insane but also meaningful experiences of my life. I began biking in Astoria, Oregon where the trail begins. I didn't have a support vehicle. I wasn't sharing gear between people. It was just me, solo on this ride. That meant I had to carry all my gear while camping or staying in a hotel.

The parts of the country I would go through had drastically different climates and terrains. The trip started out cold and wet in Astoria through the Cascade Mountains, and then it switched to the dry deserts of Oregon. These changes tested me in completely different ways. It was cool to see how my body adapted until it was at peak performance, handling 60 miles a day.

I ran into a lot of big challenges, especially in the first half of the trip. I questioned myself and my abilities. I had doubts about what I was doing. But then, providentially, someone passing by would take care of me, whether through encouragement, a donation, or helping me out with my bike. I was humbled by the kindness and generosity of strangers.

On my last day, I ended up in a storm. I debated stopping but knew I was close to the finish line. I could practically smell the sea salt in the air. I rode through the rain in the dark with my headlights and made it all the way to Yorktown, Virginia. It was such

an amazing moment to lay out on the beach and reflect on what I had done, the journey, the experiences, and the people that I had met along the way.

Looking back, it occurred to me how readily available safe water is across the U.S. It is so normal to us that we can take it for granted. Unfortunately, this isn't the case in many places across the world. I hope this fundraiser brought awareness to that.

There were all these moments throughout the trip of people seeing the fundraiser, seeing the cause, and understanding the need for it. It just blew me away.

GO DEEPER:
BIKE WITH BEN

RUN FOR RWANDA

In October 2022, New Jersey-based Liquid Church and Living Water Rwanda staff joined forces to simultaneously host two 5k races—one in the U.S. and the other in Rwanda—to fundraise and advocate for Living Water International. Although separated by distance, the participants were united in their cause: changing lives with safe water access.

Liquid Church is a multi-site church with seven locations and a thriving online community. Safe water access is Liquid Church's global mission, and they have sponsored 360 safe water wells in nine nations,

bringing safe water to over 130,000 people! They have accomplished this by partnering with Living Water International and other organizations, hosting safe water trips and facilitating donations.

In years past, the race was only available for runners near Liquid Church in New Jersey. This was the first year it was also held in the Musanze district of Rwanda. Participants running the 3.8-kilometer course included Living Water Rwanda staff members, local elected officials, and other friends of Living Water, including Keith and Jen Kamoso, the Rwanda race organizers from Liquid Church.

For Keith, the Run for Water race held personal significance. He said, “As a Rwandan native

who has witnessed some of the challenges [of the water crisis], it hits home. Being part of the race was such a privilege.”

This collaborative endeavor spread awareness about the water crisis, raised funds, and played a pivotal role in achieving the ultimate goal: providing safe water that has the power to transform lives.

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DOWN ON THE FARM GALA

By the Kaurich Family

The Kaurich family hosts their annual Down on the Farm Gala to help the vulnerable and overlooked around the world. The family purchased a farm outside of Brooklyn, Wisconsin in 2019. They always knew they wanted to use the property for a deeper purpose—to bless others, so they

created the Down on the Farm Gala. In 2022, they chose Living Water International as the recipient of this fundraiser, helping to give their global neighbors access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene, and the *living water* of Christ.

Gala attendees explored the farm, enjoyed yard games, and fed animals while participating in a silent auction for dozens of items. Living Water President and CEO Mike Mantel was the featured speaker during the dinner portion of the event, which was followed by live music, dancing, and a bonfire.

Josh Kaurich hopes that through the gala and other events on the property, they can encourage others to view generosity as a way of life.

Josh said, “You help other people. You give back. You use what’s been blessed and provided to you for the greater good of others. It’s not a question. It’s just natural.”



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DOUG'S BUGS

How Honey Raises Money

Pastor Doug Stolhand and his wife Debbie are the owners of Woodland Creek Honey Farms in Olympia, Washington. Since 2010, the couple has dabbled in beekeeping as a fun pastime. They've kept and cultivated hive after hive, harvesting the bees' honey and selling it to their friends and family. Beekeeping was just a hobby for Doug and Debbie until they realized the money from their honey sales could make a difference.

As a long-time pastor, Doug is passionate about reaching the overlooked and excluded through evangelism. While Director of Short-Term Missions with Evangelical Free Church of America, Doug and Debbie spent years traveling internationally, witnessing the devastating effects of the water crisis. When several of their congregation members set out to take a Trip with Living Water, Doug and Debbie felt especially called to donate to their Trip funds.

Doug put it plainly, "I believe the Lord laid it on our hearts to use money from our honey sales to send people to [proclaim the gospel] with Living Water, so we did."

As the couple's honey business grew, so did their impact. Doug started teaching workshops, speaking at

local events, and eventually earned the Master Beekeeper distinction from the University of Montana, all while raising awareness about the water crisis. Doug and Debbie activated their mission to use their honey business for good by pledging 40 percent of their profits directly to Living Water International.

For the Stolhands, beekeeping and their honey business has become an integral way they share their faith with others. To Doug and Debbie, a partnership with Living Water was a natural fit. Doug shared, "We are passionate about the gospel, and we also have a strong desire to raise awareness of the need for safe water around the world. We also believe in building bridges for the gospel through relationships. That's why we're committed to giving to Living Water International."



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As we close another transformative year at Living Water International, I am honored to reflect on our collective accomplishments and share our management financial estimates with you. These figures highlight our unwavering commitment to providing safe and sustainable water to communities in need while bringing kingdom transformation.

Living Water continues to practice good stewardship with donor resources by ensuring that we use the most efficient water solutions in communities where we work. Our approach of using flexible water solutions (boreholes and piped systems) has allowed us to reduce the cost per water user by almost \$9 per user year over year. This efficiency further ensures that more of our neighbors can be reached with water and the Word.

While we celebrate our achievements, we recognize that the global need for safe water remains urgent. Globally, there are still over 771 million people who desperately need safe water and the *living water* of Christ. The coming year presents us with opportunities to accelerate our efforts and scale our impact and efficiencies to reach even more of our neighbors. We invite you to become not only a donor but a partner in serving our neighbors so we see more thriving communities across the globe.

The world is waiting, and I am confident that with our shared vision and unwavering commitment, we will bring safe water and hope to those in need. Thank you for your exceptional contributions. May we continue to be united in our shared mission of accelerating God's Kingdom.

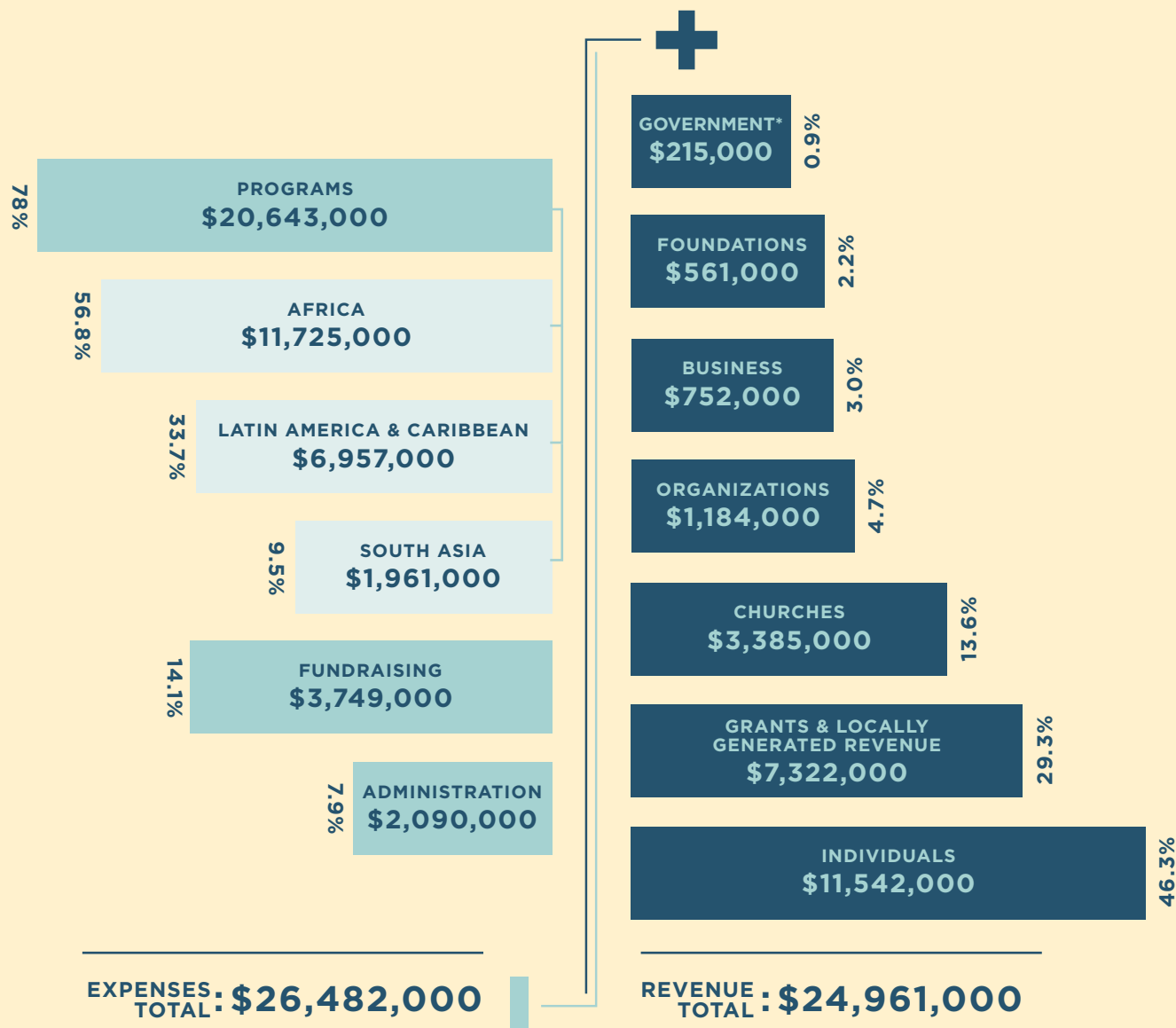


Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Schinzler', written over a light blue background.

Jonathan Schinzler
CFO

Expenses & Revenue



*Funds from Employee Retention Tax Credit

Year ended June 30

| Revenue | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Contributions, Fees & Events | \$21,982,000 | \$23,644,000 | \$24,961,000 |

| Operating Expenses | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| WASH and Christian Witness | \$17,062,000 | \$20,722,000 | \$20,061,000 |
| Living Water Mission Trips | \$172,000 | \$215,000 | \$582,000 |
| Total Programming Expense | \$17,234,000 | \$20,937,000 | \$20,643,000 |
| Fundraising | \$2,771,000 | \$3,102,000 | \$3,749,000 |
| Administration | \$1,923,000 | \$1,998,000 | \$2,090,000 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$21,928,000 | \$26,037,000 | \$26,482,000 |

| Net Assets | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Change in Net Assets From Operations | \$54,000 | (\$2,393,000) | (\$1,521,000) |
| Consolidation of Affiliates & Other | (\$35,000) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Assets Beginning of Year | \$12,410,000 | \$12,464,000 | \$10,071,000 |
| Net Assets End of Year | \$12,464,000 | \$10,071,000 | \$8,550,000 |

Figures above are management-generated; audit for FY23 is currently underway and will be available online at water.cc/financials.

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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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