

WATER PROGRAM



A WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT

There is a saying that 'water is life'. This couldn't be truer in many areas of Kenya. Many brethren and sisters are facing great hardship due to lack of clean water. There are two main problems

Problem 1: There is not enough water! Children are often very dehydrated. There are common complaints of headaches. Women and children walk great distances carrying heavy jerry cans of water. This keeps children out of school.

Problem 2: The water is dirty! Sickesses from dirty water are commonplace. Dirty water kills 4000 children around the world every day. Parasitic and bacterial infections among brethren and sisters and their children are vey common.

EXAMPLE: Mukundi ecclesia

When the Agape in Aciton team visited Mukindi in Jan '09 the dam used by the brothers and sisters to collect water had completely dried up. The ground was cracked and dry where the water used to be. The brethren and sisters were being forced to cross into a wildlife reserve to get water from a waterhole that was also used by the wild animals. They were risking their lives to do this. In particular, aggressive elephants were challenging them. At sunset as it was getting dark you could see a line of fires in the distance that the locals had lit the path to and around the waterhole in the reserve to try and protect themselves form the animals. All this for a bucket of dirty water.

EXAMPLE: Godo

The area of Godo is a semi-arid area near the Tanzanian border. The main source of income in this area is the making and selling of charcoal. For some of the year they can get water from a small dam about 2 km from the ecclesial hall. However, the water from the dam doesn't last long and then they travel 20km across the border to Tanzania where they get dirty water from a river.

Agape in Action has provided 2 boreholes and more than 25 rainwater tanks to ecclesia's and schools in Kenya. Work is currently in progress for 2 more boreholes in the coastal region of Kenya.

If you would like to know more about AinA water projects please contact us at info@agapeinaction.com

"...I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me..."Matt 25:35,40



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