

Get Involved – Continued

Purchase a Bracelet for our One Bracelet, One Life Campaign

To help unite us all against the water crisis in Ethiopia, W2T has launched the ***One Bracelet, One Life*** campaign. Each W2T bracelet purchased can transform one Ethiopian's life through the gift of clean water.

- For just \$7, the suggested cost of a bracelet, we can make a difference while spreading awareness and receiving a reminder of our gift.
- The bracelets are made of blue silicone, with the W2T logo as a reminder of our calling to give the gift of living water.

Support Ethiopian farmers through Coffee to Thrive.

W2T is selling Ethiopian organic fair-trade coffee. We work with Third Coast Roasters in Austin, Texas, to import, roast, and package the coffee. Third Coast Roasters is part of a national cooperative that has relationships with farmers in Ethiopia. For every pound of coffee sold, \$7 goes to Water to Thrive and nearly \$2 goes to the farmer who raised and harvested the coffee. The rest covers the cost of roasting and packaging. There are three varieties available.

- Yirgacheffe , Fragrant and floral with fruit overtones. Smooth, medium body.
- Harrar: Full body and rich flavor with a distinct mocha flavor.
- Decaf Sidamo: A great breakfast coffee. Well-balanced, moderate acidity.

Participate in various ways. Purchase coffee for personal use or gifts. Or contact us to sell the coffee through your organization.

Form a Fresh Water Well Committee

Is someone in your congregation or organization passionate about clean water? Empower them to make a difference and involve others in changing lives. Gather individuals interested and passionate about fresh water and form a Fresh Water Well Committee in your congregation or community.

- Coordinate activities within the congregation and community to lift up fresh water needs and give others the opportunity to give.
- Interface with other ministry teams and keep them informed of activities and needs. Communicate the stories of need and celebration.

Celebrate Change for Change.

Your extra change adds up and can make a difference! Use your extra change to change lives.

- Designate a container in your home or office for spare change. You can use a water bottle, jar or other container. You choose how big the container is.
- Daily, empty your pockets or purse of spare change. It adds up so quickly!
- Donate your spare change to W2T to change lives!

Join us to Make a Difference and Changes Lives!

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Host a Walk for Water.

Women and children in Ethiopia walk daily for the water they need to live. Increase awareness and raise funds by hosting a Walk for Water. Include youth, adults and community organizations. How does a Walk for Water work?

- Walkers can walk a set distance, which you can decide. Walkers can carry jugs of water to symbolize the water Ethiopians carry to survive.
- Walkers can recruit sponsors who will donate a certain amount depending on either how far they walk or how much water they carry. Or walkers can compete against each other in a relay.
- Show the DVD and have information and pledge cards available at the event, as well as water jugs in which to collect funds.
- Afterwards, debrief how the walkers feel after carrying the water. Share the importance of giving and concretely making a difference in the lives of God's poor children.

Participate in WOW! Water Only Week

As an individual or as a group, schedule a Water Only Week.

- Challenge yourself or your group to drink only water for a week.
- Set aside the money you would usually spend on soda, juice, coffee, etc.
- After the allotted time count money, ask family and friends to match your donation.
- Wow! It's just that simple.

As a variation, if it's too difficult to give up soda, coffee and tea, simply keep track of what beverages you drink during that week. Donate a matching amount to what you spent on these drinks.

Challenge Children and Youth to Get Involved.

Involve your youth and children in learning about serving God's needy children. Use our prepared programs.

Children's Water Curriculum: Raise awareness of the need for fresh water among your children and teach them the importance of giving.

- Use the Water Curriculum W2T will provide to concretely show children that there is a water crisis and that they can make a difference.
- Tell the story of the Walk for Water in Ethiopia. These women and children have to carry all the water they use. How much water would you have to carry?
- Encourage the youth to give. You can use large mouth water jugs to collect change, perhaps when ever youth use water. Or you can encourage them to give in increments of \$7.

Youth Empowerment Curriculum: Empower your youth to make a difference in the world.

- Use the Youth Curriculum W2T will provide to teach youth about the water crisis and how they can make a difference.
- Work through the educational and brainstorming material. Plan how each youth can concretely make a difference.
- Ask each youth to participate in a fundraising or educational activity.

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You can participate in so many different ways. Our programs offer easy opportunities for everyone to make a difference. Choose a program to participate in as an individual or as a group.

When you decide to implement one of these programs, please contact us. We would love to help you publicize your event and to support your efforts. We will provide you with some materials to use during your event. We may even attend and present information for you. Let us know how we can help you change lives.

Give Your Birthday

Each year we celebrate our birthday and the year's blessings. At the same time we are celebrating life, many less fortunate around the world are experiencing death. Without the basic needs we take for granted, their lives are cut short. By donating your birthday to Water to Thrive, your birthday can give the blessing of life to those who wouldn't have experienced one more birthday.

The program is simple, but the impact is profound.

- Instead of receiving birthday gifts for yourself, ask your friends and family to give to Water To Thrive in your name.
- As you spread the word that you are donating your birthday to such a worthy cause, those who love and support you will broaden the impact you will make in saving lives.

Designate W2T as your Group's Mission of the Month

Talk with your congregation's or organization's leadership about making Water to Thrive your Mission of the Month. Designate offerings to support Water to Thrive. These offerings can be in addition to the members' regular giving. How can these donations be gathered? You can implement any or all of the following in your congregation.

- Give a short presentation during a worship service or organizational meeting to introduce W2T. Show the DVD and share your passion for this service work.
- Set up an information and donation station in a public area. Include information about W2T. The DVD can be playing next to the donation station.
- Gather donations with a special pass of the basket. Water jugs can be used to gather the funds.
- Use the one-week or three-week W2T Bible study in your adult Bible study session. Discuss the need of world poverty and how you can make a difference.
- Plan and hold special fundraising events.

Create the Opportunity to Give. Plan an Event.

Plan an event in your congregation or organization to provide others with the opportunity to give to W2T. Possible events include a garage sale, car wash, bake sale or potluck. You can also host a meal in your home at which you show the video and collect donations. How do you plan such an event?

- Talk to your congregational or organizational leadership. Choose an event, date, time and place.
- Recruit a group of individuals to help you with planning and coordinating the event.
- Advertise in your congregation and community.
- Get the message out about W2T and why this event is an important opportunity to give.
- Host the event and collect donations.
- Celebrate your achievements and send the funds to W2T.

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