

Water to Thrive

The Water Crisis

Water is essential for life and for economic independence, but even today it is estimated that over one billion people around the world face water shortages every day. The lack of water has a debilitating effect on their lives.

Not having access to water cripples families, threatens lives, and destroys opportunities. Being without clean water means that each day millions of people must resort to using ditches, rivers, ponds, and lakes that are polluted with human and animal waste.

The Need

- ◆ In rural Ethiopia, **only one person in 3 has access to clean water.**
- ◆ Millions of women and children are forced each day to spend hours collecting and carrying water.
- ◆ A typical jerry filled with water can weigh between 40 – 60 pounds.
- ◆ For women, gathering water can consume their lives, robbing them of the time needed to properly support their families.
- ◆ For children, time spent gathering water reduces their chance for education, keeping them trapped in a cycle of poverty.
- ◆ The lack of a sustainable water source reduces food production for crops and livestock.
- ◆ **At any time, 50% of the rural population suffers from water borne disease.**
- ◆ **1 in 10 children die before their 5th birthday, 50% from diarrhea.**

The Solution

- ◆ Provide rural villages with a sustainable clean water source.
- ◆ \$3,500 can provide a fresh water well for 300-500 Ethiopians.
- ◆ For as little as \$7 per person (2 lattes or 2 bottles of water at your local airport) you can change a life.
- ◆ 100% of your contribution goes to changing lives.
- ◆ We work with proven partners with local management (over 2,000 wells completed).
- ◆ Providing a holistic solution, including management, training, maintenance and a local water council.
- ◆ Investing in the future of these people and their country.
- ◆ Breaks the cycle of poverty! Saves lives!