

I have often gone into villages where a child has died from dehydration caused by diarrhea, which was brought on by the bacteria and contaminants in the drinking water. I've watched as people march toward a graveyard. The leader, usually an uncle of the family, would be carrying a rag-wrapped body of a small child, while the rest of the family and friends follow behind crying and moaning over their loss. When they arrived at the site, they would quickly dig a shallow grave, carefully lay the body in it, then cover it over with dirt, then finish with a layer of heavy rocks. There would be no marker, other than the rocks, and soon the grave is unrecognizable. Another little soul lost to history, and this could easily have been prevented if fresh, clean water had been available.

This booklet will show you how to change this situation. You will be able to organize the villagers themselves to drill a well that will provide good, clean water, which will make their lives easier and healthier as a result.

It is our prayer you will use this information for the common good of the people you are working among. We also pray you will share it with as many as are interested, so more and more people might have access to good clean water.

This information can also help individuals to find a source of income. Natives can take what they learn, go from village to village and drill water wells for the people, and, for their expertise, charge them a nominal fee. By doing this, more and more families throughout the world can be helped in many ways.

Let us be eager to share and ready to do whatever it takes to make the world a better place than we found it. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially those of the household of faith." Remember, freely you have received, freely give.

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