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The Medicine of Thirst

“Having a fairly robust infrastructure, we could turn on our taps during the dry summer with confidence that we would have water and that it was safe to use.”

For Mama Rhoda her life has been very different in Kambini, Kenya (**project 234**). In 2009, Kambini was listed as one of the twelve parishes in the Bungoma diocese having the greatest need of clean water. However the old church roof was unsuitable for water harvesting. A new roof and the quest for clean water was looked at again. A well was suggested, as now there were successful wells in the area.



Funded in January 2018, the well was dug with considerable difficulty. At the start of each day, water had to be emptied from the hole in order to excavate more granite. Finished! With a depth of 30 feet, the water depth is 17 feet. Hopefully there will be enough water throughout the year, for this the twelfth and so last parish to receive clean water.

“The last Day! The day started as other days but had a different end, putting a smile on faces After 5 hours of work, fixing the pipes and pump, everything was set. Clean water was pumped out by Mama Rhoda. Passersby stopped to watch; kids from a nearby school did not hesitate to pop in and quench their thirst... a great joy for everyone ...Mama Rhoda could not hide her happiness...she confessed that she had given up (hope) with the project ...The community, together with the church, promised to take good care of the well, which they proudly said will transform their lives. The well is called The Medicine of Thirst ,” Elizabeth



Jenny Gibbs

THESE THANKS ARE FOR YOU:

Without your support by attending events, serving on committees, inviting us into your gardens, remembering us at significant times and so much more, we would not be able to fund this project (238) and others. For each event much time is spent on the many aspects of its organisation – including releasing publicity, such as updating our website (John Fallows), Facebook (Kate Bryant) and Twitter (LeeAnn Taylor).



This year people have been impressed with the trifold, which so beautifully showcased the gardens and our charity for Gardens Day. James Townsley, who prints so much for us, printed these at no cost to us. Thank you!

- Gifts given in memory of Beryl Jones and Betty Allen.
- The 7th Wilmslow Guides for raising £130 from their sponsored swim.
- Handforth Children's Concert for raising £130.
- Ena Hughes, gifts given for her significant birthday raised £625
- Gardens Day raised a magnificent £15,075

ELEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:

Project 216 Paicho and Nangabo, Uganda - water harvesting for over 2000 pupils plus 60 householders *"Water has been our biggest problem at school. There is only one borehole in the area which is shared by the whole community. We could spend 2-3 hours waiting to fetch water- affecting class attendance and performance, most especially we girls...Now our problem has been solved....we have the opportunity to concentrate in class...WW will always be remembered"* Winnie Aol aged 13

Project 225, Rwentamu, Uganda, charco-cum-valley tank Drinking water was problematic and had high levels of mineral deposits making ground sourced water unpalatable. Thus storage of surface run-off during heavy periods of rain was the only solution. Now - *"The reservoir has filled up impressively...20,000 m³ of water, sufficient for the community's needs throughout the year."*



NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

209 Malawi Phase 3 at Sam's Training Village, 4 over ground water harvesters in rammed earth with Africa Vision £1450

239 Ghana, Apau School and Village , Amede School and village - for a total of 4,134 people, water harvesting and hygiene education with Village by Village £2717.

240 Malawi, 7 borehole repairs for 1678 households (10,000 people including passing foot traffic) with Aid Africa £490. The pumps had broken down in 2017. During the year, seeds were not planted as there was no hope of irrigation – diminishing the quality of the family diet.

241 Mozambique, Chachiana Village (275 people) and **Muwawa Village** (295 people), two wells and hygiene promotion with Village Water, £9600.

242 Zambia, Siamwamvwa Community School (450+ pupils) and **Lubombo Community School** (230+ pupils), water tanks for hand washing alongside hygiene education with African Revival £1,155

243 Uganda 6 hand dug wells with TDT £9,000. These wells will be in the remote Soroti region of NE Uganda.

244 Kenya, Embul-bul Special School, water harvester for 34 children £ 1,550. The residents in the area are mostly of low income. Ministry of Education grants are irregular and inadequate, leaving the unit dependent on donors to meet its operation costs.

TRIBUTE TO BERYL JONES



When Beryl died in April she was almost a nonagenarian and Wilmslow Wells had lost a most valued supporter. She joined the charity's General Committee as a representative of the Methodist Church in 1991, and continued to be a reliable and enthusiastic worker to the end. As a talented artist, we were pleased to use Beryl's designs for two of our WWA Christmas cards. Her contribution to the cake stalls at our fundraising events will be long remembered. Thank you, Beryl, for your conviction that WWfA is a worthwhile cause.

Helen Battilana

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

Monday October 1st AGM at 7.30p.m. at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. Find out how the monies you have donated are spent. It includes speakers about.....

Africa Vision, Malawi - water harvesting. The training model results in the skills rippling out into the community- life changing differences on a huge scale. (Project 209)

Bujagali Trust, Uganda – completing the picture of what we fund - from safe water to hygiene and now sanitation. (Project 235)

Thursday October 11th Bridge Drive at 1.30- 4.30p.m. at Morley Green Club. An enjoyable time with friends and a delicious afternoon tea! Details on our website.

Thursday November 1st Souperday 11.00a.m. – 2.00p.m. at St John's Church Rooms. Monies raised at this event will be matched by the family of Diana Armstrong. Diana was a long serving volunteer at our events.

Saturday March 2nd Souperday 11.00a.m. - 2.00p.m. at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.



2018 CHRISTMAS CARD

This is the design for this year's card, generously donated by Rosemary Stubbs. They will be on sale at our Souperday and in the Wilmslow Library Charity Card Christmas Shop from October 27th until December 8th, price £3.50 for a pack of 10.

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