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How far would you walk for clean water?



For the women and girls of Kora Village, Burkina Faso (**proj 293**) here were their choices.

1. Over 2 miles each way to a well and then 1.5 to 2 hours of waiting to use the pump. Total time - up to 4 hours.
2. Another well less than 5 miles away but a longer wait.
3. A polluted river, also over 2 miles away. Access to the water is quick but still the round trip is more than 2 hours.

Added to this, often two trips a day are needed. **What would you do?**

I think that for many of us the choice would also be option 3, to save so much time in a day. Even so

“40 billion hours a year are spent by women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa collecting water. This is equivalent to a year’s worth of labour by the entire workforce of France.”



Clean water projects improve the health of the whole community; allow children to be in school and the time saved allows women to earn a living, helping to lift their family out of poverty.

For Kora Village, one of the most needy that our partner charity visited, the well in their village is complete. Named after Joyce who was a long serving volunteer with us. The men are enjoying the photo opportunity before the women resume collecting water!



Jenny Gibbs

THANK YOU:

You surprised us again. Over £22k was raised at Gardens Day. A huge thank you to the gardeners who opened their gardens for us; to their family and friends who support them and to the many who came making it a memorable day for all.

We would also thank Lavinia and Wilmslow Garden Centre for their generous donations of raffle prizes. In total over 6000 people will be helped plus two schools, with projects ranging from new wells to protection of springs, rehabilitation of wells to latrines and hand-washing stands.

- Hough Garden at Home raised £450 with many thanks to Diana Von Cranach and Peter Woollam who organised the event and gave an enjoyable and interesting afternoon.
- Prestbury Probus Club have kindly given £111
- Support from the Mulchand Foundation



Events could not happen without members of committees and volunteers willing to be called upon.

REMEMBERING JIM TOWNSLEY



Sad news to hear that Jim Townsley died in August. In the June 1995 edition of this newsletter we announced that Jim would be joining the General Committee as a representative of Styal Methodist Church. Since then, both he and Pam have been stalwart supporters, most notably providing our Christmas Cards, Gift Cards and Notelets, generously printed at no cost to us by their son James. They have also managed the postal distribution of newsletters for many years and Jim compiled more than a few editions of them.

Thank you so much, Jim, for your many contributions.

Helen Battilana

SEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:



Project 278 - Light of Hope School, Zambia.

Our contribution to the cost of new latrines was funded by Highway One Trust. This is the transformation.



NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

302 Uganda Refurbishment of 3 shallow wells using stainless steel parts and supported by a professional maintenance programme, with Busoga Trust £6k

303 Uganda, Kosovo Slum in Kampala , 25 taps each serving 5 families, with HUGS £3250 (funded by The Mulchand Foundation)

304 Uganda, Rutunguru, The Little Shepherd School, water harvesting using a 10,000 l tank, with HUGS £640 (funded by The Mulchand Foundation)

305 Uganda, Teso community 4 wells Opapa (600 people), Kongoto (570) Olua (720) Moru (720) all close to Lake Kyoga, with TDT £6,000

306 Zambia, Kosolo village, well rehabilitation for 234 people, with Village Water £940

307 Mozambique, Trangapasso EPC community, well rehabilitation for 360 people, with Village Water £1018

308 Zambia, new well with hygiene, with Village Water £3929

309 Malawi Ibuluma village, deepen a well, with Friends of William Stewart £700

310 Uganda, protection of 10 springs, with Afrinspire £2,200

311 Zambia, 2 washstands each for 18 students, with Build it International £3,600

312 Malawi, Liphala, Ethiru, Chitawo villages, 3 pump repairs for 1180 people, to be supported by an Area Mechanic visiting 3 times a year, with Aid Africa £1175

313 Malawi, 2 public latrines for 60 people from 2 villages, with Aid Africa £435

314 Sierra Leone, Manowa community, boreholes, tap points around the town,

improved latrines facilities for 12,000 people including 3 schools, health centre and surrounding settlements. The community are victims of civil war and the Ebola epidemic resulting in a higher number of widows and orphans as well as a significant number of disabled people. With CED £5k with a further £5k later towards the total cost



PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

Wednesday 20th October 7.30 Festival of Nature, in Wilmslow URC sanctuary. Wilmslow Wells for Africa will be participating in this local event to promote awareness of both local and international green issues. In particular we are highlighting a talk by Dr Admos Chimhowu from Manchester University, hosted by Wilmslow Civic Trust, entitled 'The impact of Climate Change on low income countries'. The talk will also be streamed live. Further details from Helen Battilana 01625 250368 or helen@wilmslowwells.org and at www.festivalofnature.co.uk Talks are free but donations for WWfA are encouraged by the organisers.

Thursday 28th October

The committee have decided against holding the regular Autumn Souperday. Instead we will be having 'Afternoon Tea delivered to your door'. £8 per person. Details will be emailed shortly or you can contact Helen Battilana: helenbattilana@gmail.com or 01625 250368



Monday November 1st AGM at 7.30p.m. at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. Find out how the monies you have donated are spent. It includes Kevin Kelly who will speak about Ghana Outlook (Proj 284), which assists rural communities in education, health, hygiene and sustainable projects and Richard Bircher of HUGS (Projs 297, 303, 304), which supports the building and development of schools, mainly in Uganda.



2021 CHRISTMAS CARD

This is the design for this year's card, generously donated by Rosemary Stubbs and printed without cost by James Townsley. They will be on sale in the Wilmslow Library Charity Card Christmas Shop from October 30th until December 11th, price £3.50 for a pack of 10.

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