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Faithful Supporters,

Blessings to all of you and we pray that you are healthy and safe as you read this! During this time of uncertainty, we continue to give thanks for all the blessings God has provided to Water Wins over the last six months. We are thankful for:

- A nurse that is now a part of our team
- Pastor Iliya Justice who has joined the team
- The wisdom of the WW board
- WW drilling team jumping to action to drill 16 wells with the old impact rig when they heard the rotatory rig could not make it to the EKA
- The superb attitude and willingness of the local WW team
- Donors gifts and prayers to meet our needs and concerns
- A team of WW employees that continue to maintain 483 hand pumps
- Work beginning on kids Bible clubs across the EKA
- No negative effects of COVID-19 with the team or in the area that we are aware of

A God who cares and protects.

Thank you Friends, for your continued support,

- Water Wins North America Team

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NEW WW PASTOR



Pastor Iliya Justice with all of the WW Evangelists

Water Wins welcomed Iliya Justice Tarah in February as the new Supervising Pastor and leader of the Water Wins Evangelism team. Our Evangelists are funded by Water Wins but employed through Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria. We asked him to share a brief biography of himself.

Share about your family history.

I was brought up by my parents, Mr. Tarrah Iliya (JP) and Mrs. Iliya Christiana Talatu (both are Christians) of Lufu, Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State.

TRIBE: Jukun

After secondary school, I enrolled into Taraba State Polytechnic Wukari in the year 2007-2009 and obtained my National Diploma in Purchasing and Supply. I later enrolled into the Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCNN) Bukuru, Jos in the year 2013 for my First Degree and completed in the year 2017 with second Class lower in Bachelor of Divinity (Arts/CRS)."

Why did you want to be a pastor?

"To be used of him, God, as an agent of transformation and preservation and also a dehydrating agent to dehydrate every fluid that may possibly cause decay in the life of many by preserving them onto eternity. Also, to be used of him as agent of illumination to illuminate the path of many that they may walk unto salvation of their souls, and as the audiovisual of the word in winning more souls into his kingdom."

What makes you excited about the work in the EKA?

"What excites me most is uniqueness of the people and their communal living, also their hospitality. Lastly the nature of the work here."

Iliya Justice is also excited about being engaged and planning to be married later this year. We praise God for equipping and leading Iliya Justice to be a part of the Water Wins evangelism. He is passionate about proclaiming the gospel and has a genuine heart for connecting with people. Please be in prayer for Iliya Justice and all the evangelists as they build relationships and strive to share the love of God in their EKA communities.

- by Kip Haverdink

16

Wells drilled
in 2020

483

Total wells
maintained

433

Total wells
drilled since 2005

WELLS

MIDYEAR WELL DRILLING/HANDPUMP REPAIR



Our Nigerian well drill team extends warmest greetings & heartfelt thanks for all the continuous prayers and support through these changing times!

It has been a different kind of a year due to Covid-19 in Nigeria as well. Our plan was to drill 40+ wells in 2020. We were not able to begin drilling in February due to wet conditions in the bush. The Water Wins well drilling team did complete 16 wells using the old percussion drill rigs. The rest of the wells were planned to be drilled by our Nigerian partner Blessed Hope using their rotary drill. Unfortunately, unsafe travel conditions on the roads to EKA because of gangs stopping, robbing, and stealing commercial vehicles prevented Blessed Hope from drilling wells. In addition, Nigeria has issued stay at home orders. Unfortunately, we have 20 communities that did not receive wells this season due to the Covid-19 order & safety factors. Drilling operations ended on June 3 due to heavy rains.

There have been no reported virus cases in our area. We continue to repair hand pumps as needed on a limited basis due to the stay at home order.



Water Wins is investigating purchasing a rotary drill rig that would be kept in the EKA. Options include purchasing the Blessed Hope drill rig or purchasing a good used one in Nigeria. The goal is to have our own rotary rig by next drilling season to be able to serve communities in the EKA as soon as possible. The cost of the rig will be roughly \$250,000 US dollars.

We have been truly blessed to have a well drilling/hand pump repair team that is dedicated, committed, and in alignment with the work God has called them to do despite the challenges we face, and for that we are thankful! It is only by the grace of God that our work continues!

- by Doug Tubergen

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A TRIP TO ABUJA

This past March 3-6, 2020, I traveled with Pete Lanser, Kip Haverdink and Mario Veldhuijzen to Abuja, Nigeria to meet with the Water Wins Board and Team Leaders to discuss future plans. We met with all the evangelists working for Waterwins in the EKA to listen to their experiences and to encourage them in their work. We also met with CRC-N Missions leadership and Multiplication Network Ministries to form a partnership to streamline the church planting process.

Do you ever wonder what piece you are in the body of Christ? Some days I feel more like a useless appendix than a helpful nose or femur bone. Regardless of how we might feel, we can lean into the promise that we are part of the body of Christ, each uniquely designed to work together necessarily with the other parts. My recent visit to Abuja was a delightful reminder of this biblical picture-promise. Gathering with a committed group of believers on the Water Wins team, who live their faith uniquely the way God individually designed them—whether evangelists, well-drillers or medical workers—was an incredible privilege. I'm so thankful for each of these dear friends that contribute to the beautiful body of Christ and the joy of watching God at work in Nigeria.

-by Laura Sharda



SCHOOL

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

All Water Wins Academy primary schools in Kamfani, Mahula and outposts and secondary school in Mahula have been closed for COVID-19 at the end of the 2nd term in mid-March of this year. The Nigerian government has announced multiple dates for re-opening schools but has postponed this to date. Schools could still re-open yet this summer, but we just don't know when.

Going forward we have a number of significant issues to deal with:

- *Boarding' is a common concept in Nigeria; our school has significantly more requests for Boarding than our current capacity allows. Increasing our capacity is a priority.*
- *A Senior Secondary School comes with many government requirements. We need to work through this list and prepare our Academy for this transition.*
- *We see an urgent need for vocational education; finding the bandwidth to properly address this is challenging at this time.*
- *Our outpost schools need more attention to grow to maturity. The goal is to have a school start-up in each area where there is an evangelist but have work to do to plan this properly.*
- *We feel called to support a school managed by CRC-N about 45 minutes west from Kamfani that is struggling.*

Please pray with us as we work to wisely use our time, energy and money to address these significant issues.

- Mario Veldhuijzen

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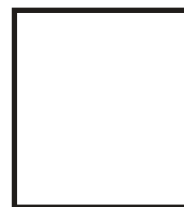
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