

# WATER WINS

Fall 2017 Newsletter



SAVING LIVES, SAVING SOULS





# Faithful Supporters,

**W**e are very excited to share this Fall Newsletter to update you on the amazing growth within the Water Wins Academy in the EKA. For nearly 12 years, saving lives and saving souls through clean water continues to be the core focus of Water Wins. More so, clean water has truly opened many doors to share the message of Jesus Christ, and using Christian Education is yet another method to share and grow the plans God has for all those living in the EKA.

What we could not have imagined is the growth of the schools. As you will read, we just graduated our first primary class and we are literally bursting at the seams in our classrooms. Additionally, just this month we've started two more primary schools in communities in the EKA.

As you read this newsletter we first and foremost ask for your prayers as we make key decisions with the growth of the schools that fulfill God's plan for community development, not our own. Please also consider committing to pray for our teachers and staff as they lead. Also, prayerfully consider supporting a student or class room as well as a way to share God's love with those in the EKA.

Again, thank for your faithful support, we are forever grateful for you!

Thank You,  
The Water Wins Team









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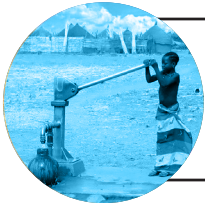
## WATER WINS ACADEMY

This school year, classrooms are overflowing with over 140 students enrolled!



## 45 NEW WELLS IN 2017!

Our drill team completed 45 wells using a rotary rig , providing clean water to 18,000 people!



## 275 HAND PUMPS INSPECTED

Our hand pump team visited 275 of the 350 water wells we manage. All but 4 were fully functional and scheduled for repair.

45

Wells drilled in 2017

380

Total wells maintained by Water Wins

330

Total wells drilled since 2005



**76%** still need clean water  
even as Water Wins provides clean water to  
132,000 of the 550,000 people in the EKA



# FIRST GRADUATION



**Personnel, from right standing:** Grace Bauchi (cook), Dorcas Abdullahi (teacher), Ishaku Sami (teacher), Abigail Bitrus (teacher), Hirra Adams (Head of School), Gloria James (teacher in Mahula), Job Sunday (teacher), Faith Uzomechine (teacher), Sabatu Matthew (cook).

**From right sitting:** Habila Matthew (teacher). Teacher Patience Jolly is missing from picture.

**Graduates, from right standing:** Timothy Bulus and Bitrus Iliya; sitting from left: Daniel Marafa, Pheobi Matthew, Victor Awolola, Naomi Matthew, Silas Bulus, Elisha Yohanna.

In 2011, our Water Wins Academy was founded when Hope Anzaku started to teach her own children and the children of other employees of our organization in the local Kamfani church. A few years later, the school had far out-grown the church building and so we built our current school. From day one, its purpose was to support the vision of Water Wins: Saving lives, saving souls. The school is a non-government, Christian school, but of course complies with all Nigerian laws. The Nigerian education system is organized slightly different than the American system: Students

start their education in Nursery, 1, 2 and 3. After Nursery, students go to Primary 1 through 6 which parallels our Elementary Schools here in the U.S. After graduating from Primary 6, students attend Junior Secondary School for three years and then Senior Secondary School for another three years. Both of these schools are similar to our Middle School and High School Programs. It is a very memorable event to go from 'Primary School' to 'Secondary School' and this year our Water Wins school graduated our very first class!



# SCHOOL



## Water Wins Academy Current School Year

Our new school year just started! We are excited about the growth of our student population; and with that comes the growth of our team of teachers. Water Wins currently houses 3 Nursery classes and 6 primary classes (9 'grades') in this 5 classroom building. This means that almost every room is being used for 2 grades. And considering our 140+ students, during school hours this is a busy place! In Mahula, another village about 3 miles to the north of Kamfani, we have another school start-up, currently in a one-room building.

Student tuition is Naira 1,000 per period; there are 3 periods per year for a total of Naira 3,000 total per year. At the current exchange rate of about Naira 350 = US\$1, we charge roughly \$8.50 per student per year! The cost of teachers' wages per student is roughly \$60/year and the difference is bridged by donors. Even at \$8.50 per year, roughly 10% of our student population cannot afford this and we have a scholarship program for them. One of our donors has been supporting Blessing – a 14 year old girl in Primary 3. Her parents cannot afford the tuition. In addition, Blessing is from a traditional religion (animistic) family but she wants to be in the Christian school environment. Today, Blessing has accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and continues to learn in our Christian School.

Provide a **Scholarship** for a student or classroom: We are excited to offer our donors the opportunity to 'adopt' a **student** in our scholarship program for \$60 a year! You can also 'adopt' a classroom for one of the 3 periods per year for \$1,500. Please indicate on the **enclosed envelope** if you are interested in sponsorship!



The following five teachers have been added to our staff as of school year 2017/2018! **Left to right:** Saraya Lowrance, Meshack Makira, Danladi Babangida, Sunday James, Iliya Ishaku.





# SCHOOL

Your donation helps us  
build bigger and better  
facilities that hold  
eager, bright minds

## Building Plans

Now that we have Primary graduates, it is important that we can continue their education with Junior and Senior Secondary Schools. There is not sufficient land available in Kamfani to build a Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary School, so we have been looking in nearby villages. A family near the 1-room school building in Mahula, about 3 miles from Kamfani, donated 3½ acres of land, sufficient for the schools, dorms for our boarding students (we currently have about 30 boarding students in 3 over-crowded rooms), and apartments for our teachers! What a blessing!

We will continue to use the 5-room school in Kamfani as the Nursery and Primary school for the Village of Kamfani and surrounding area. We would like to expand our existing 1-room primary school in Mahula to become a full Nursery/Primary/Secondary School, and Kamfani Primary would become a 'feeder' school to Mahula Secondary school. We plan to start more Primary schools in surrounding villages; after Primary graduation, all students will attend the Junior and Senior Secondary School in Mahula.

Our philosophy is to build 'simple' buildings: the common design in Nigeria of a 1-story building, made of mud blocks, tin roofs and nice verandas. However, we do want to use quality materials and make sure we use a craftsmanship approach to construction – buildings need to be able to survive a storm. Sounds common sense, but in our environment this needs to be emphasized.

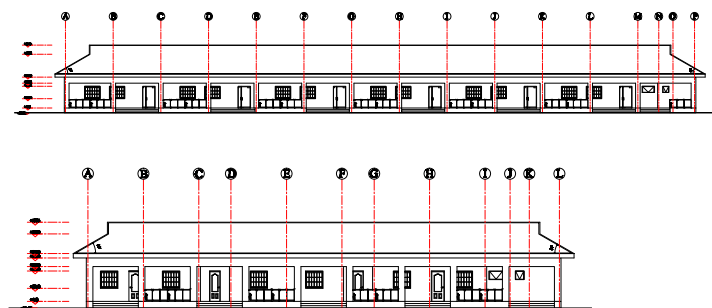
Phase I of our building plan is to build 6 classrooms and 12 Teachers' quarters. We are planning on moving 2 Junior Secondary and upper Primary classes to the Mahula campus at

beginning of school year 2018/2019. We expect to initially need 6 teachers' quarters and want to use the other 6 quarters for dormitories for our boarding students.

Phase II of the Mahula Campus building plan is to build the first 4 classrooms for the Primary school plus 3 labs for Senior Secondary school.

Phase III of the Mahula Campus building plan is to build an additional 5 classrooms for the Primary School, a principal's office and library, and additional teachers' quarters and dormitories. Also, an Exam Hall is a required building in the Nigerian School System.

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# PREPARING CHILDREN FOR PRODUCTIVE SERVICE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Partners for Christian Empowerment Network (PCEN), the local Nigerian business development organization from Partners Worldwide, organized a 2-day Education workshop on August 2-3, 2017 in Makurdi, Benue State. The workshop brought together 16 Christian school leaders within and outside the PCEN network, including Water Wins Academy Head Teacher Hirra Adams, and was led by George Guichelaar, principal of South Christian High School in Grand Rapids, MI.

Thoughts from George on this event:

"Our plan was to present to the school leaders a foundation for critical thinking about worldview and the implications for their schools. The format of the meeting included a variety of group activities and a couple of heavy duty lectures. I experienced a fair bit of anxiety as I thought about presenting the process of engaging in a worldview conversation that depended on the interests, motivation, and desire of the participants. I also experienced some self-doubt about how they would respond to some rather hefty lecturing about world view and how it impacts school curriculum and how we teach it. Our intent is to help school leaders guide their schools to provide an educational model that prepares their students to think critically about how they view the world, what they believe, and commit themselves to a life of productive service.

After the first day of the event, my anxiety and self-doubt evaporated. The school leaders and teachers engaged and demonstrated a hunger for the worldview conversation. It should be noted that this was not an entirely new concept. They have been involved in Christian Education for many years developing sound philosophies of education and hunger for more. Not only did they engage in challenging conversation sharing insights, asking questions, sharing experiences and listening, but it also became apparent that this event was a significant networking opportunity for many who had not experienced such events."



LORD, WHEN DID  
WE SEE YOU  
HUNGRY AND  
FEED YOU, THIRSTY  
AND GIVE YOU  
SOMETHING TO  
DRINK?

MATTHEW 25:37

It is good to organize a workshop; even better to apply this to every-day life. The curriculum **Water Wins** provides to the children in the EKA needs to be relevant for them to become productive members of their society. **Please pray** with us that we make God-honoring decisions in our Christian Education to the **future leaders in the EKA!**

## Investing in Water Wins

In this newsletter, we've included an envelope we hope you will use to invest in our mission to save lives and souls in Eastern Kambari. If you are reading this online, please see the information below on how to donate or visit our website at [www.waterwins.com](http://www.waterwins.com)

With your help, we can continue to bring clean water and schooling to the region. Our constant efforts to improve our facilities and technology means we rely on your support!

With 140+ students during school hours at the Water Wins Academy, there is ample opportunity to change a child's life!

An entire teacher's wages for the year is only \$60 USD. It could also sponsor a student's tuition for a full year!



### Yes, I want to support Water Wins!

I would like to give:

- ☐ \$5,000   ☐ \$2,500   ☐ \$1,000
- ☐ \$500 - sponsor an entire classroom for one year!
- ☐ \$60 - sponsor a child for an entire year!
- ☐ \$30 - adopt a student for three semesters
- ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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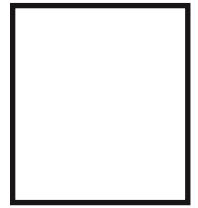
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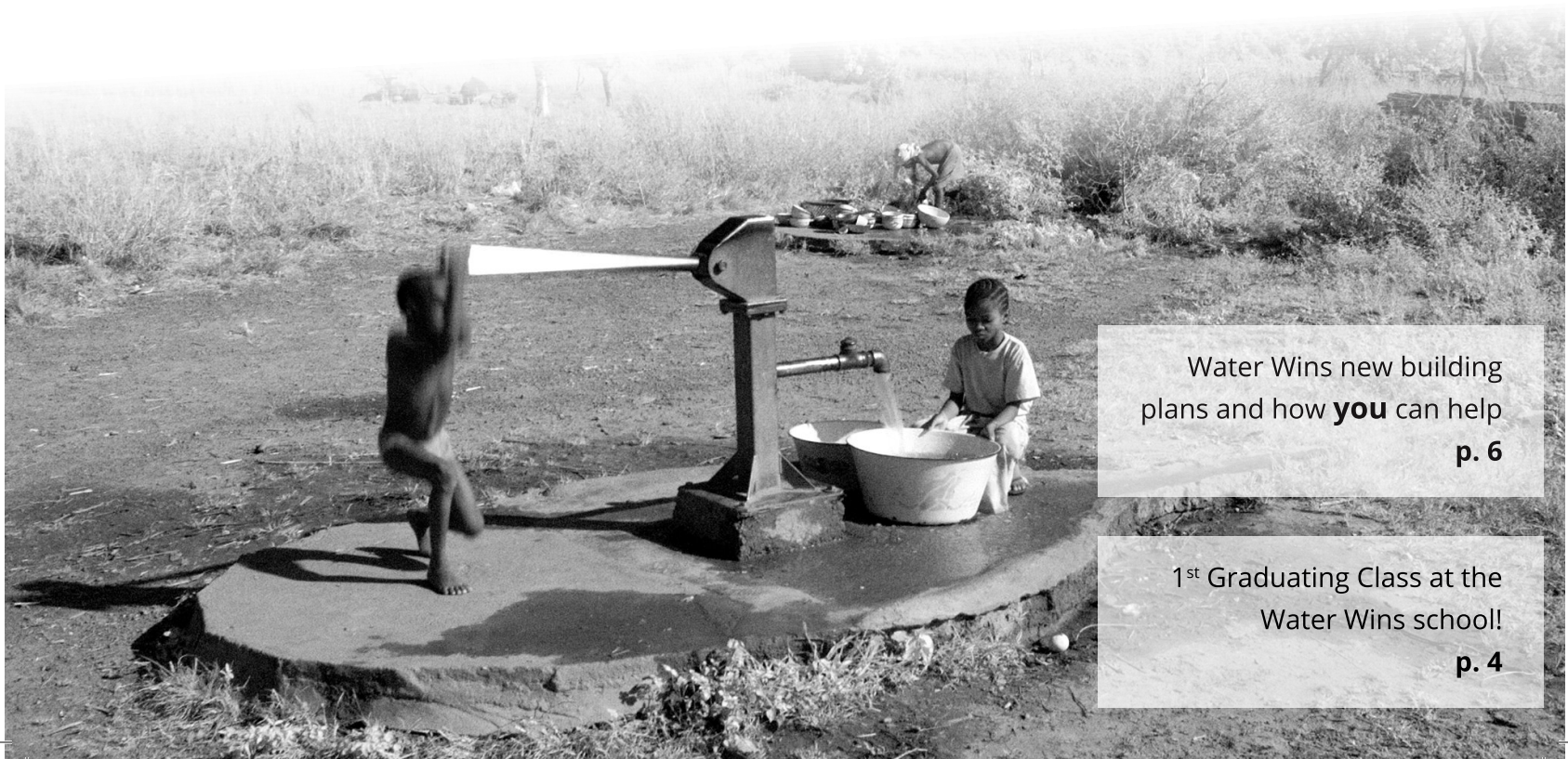


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