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SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER





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Dear Friends of Water Wins,

Greetings to all of you! We are so thankful for each one of you and the part you have played in the story of Water Wins.

In this Newsletter, Pete Lanser shares some of his reflections on Water Wins and how God's providence has brought us ALL together since that lunch meeting in 2004. We've all become part of Pete's vision to make a difference in the EKA - to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus to a community that was in great need in 2004 and still holds so much opportunity for our support.

Nigeria continues to face challenges in 2021. Lack of peace and security has again impacted our work and, for some time, our Team could not leave their homes. Fear of kidnappings and armed bandits is unimaginable for most of us, but a reality in the EKA this year. Currently, there is more stability in the EKA and we are thankful that our schools are opening this fall, our Team is back at work and Farmers feel confident to be back in the fields. We pray for continued improvement and that we can soon visit the EKA. Currently, we still have not moved the rotary rig to the EKA both due to security and maintenance issues.

Amazingly, the Drilling Team was able to drill 18 wells this Spring with our old percussion equipment. This brings our total number of wells drilled to over 500. Thank You for the part you've played to provide clean water in the region. We are planning to drill 60 wells in 2022.

We ask for your continued prayers for Water Wins, for peace to be achieved in Nigeria, and for our Project Leaders working in the EKA. Thank you so much for your support!

Water Wins Team

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.
1st Corinthians 1:4

18
Wells drilled
in 2021

501
Total wells
maintained

451
Wells drilled
since 2005



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Pete Lanser - A Bit of History and a Lot of Thanks

A bit of history for me relative to Water Wins begins a year before my retirement in 2004. We all know the value of having access to clean water, and also know that there are many areas in the world where it is not available. It was my wish upon retirement to do something that would improve that situation somewhere in the world. Frederick Buechner shared, **"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."** So we set out. After contacting several organizations who we thought might align with our intentions, none of them seemed quite right. But, [God had a plan.](#)

At a CRC denominational conference in the fall of 2004, Jan and I were blessed to sit at lunch with David Tyokighir, the Nigerian representative of what now is World Renew. He informed us of the well drilling that they had going in the East Kambari Area (EKA) in northwest Nigeria, and he presented the need. So, in January of 2005, Doug Tubergen, his wife Lee, and Jan and I traveled to Nigeria to see what was happening. The need was immediately obvious. There were more than 500,000 people in that area with maybe 1% having access to clean water. We could see the effect on the health of the children. A very old drill rig that had been donated by Lambert Hunse from Canada was being used to capacity by Jeremiah Yongo. Jeremiah and his wife Marietta treated us very well and made us feel so welcome on this first visit. Because of the leading of faithful North American missionaries, some native Christians were following the teachings of Jesus.

After that first visit, Jan and I have been blest to have made many more trips. [We have shared the experience of traveling to this area with fellow employees, friends, and many of our family members.](#) All of them have stories to share of how their lives were and continue to be impacted. These people have been a significant encouragement and support. And some of you who we hardly know continue year after year to prayerfully and financially support this ministry. For that we are so very thankful!

Since our involvement in 2005, there is a [very active, growing church](#) in the village of Kamfani, WW home base. There is a [Christian School with 22 teachers and over 250 students](#) covering all grades, [12 evangelists with families spreading the Word over the area.](#) We have drilled and continue to maintain [over 500 wells throughout the area](#) all done by native team members. We are so very thankful for David Tokighir and Jeremiah Youngo who continue to advise and give direction to our activity. It is with gratitude to God that we converse weekly with our on the ground team. The heart and leader of that team is Amos Ukerchia who leads and encourages so ably. [We are thankful for each team member and their families.](#)



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It continues to be an exciting part of my life seeing what God is doing. Only God knows what we don't see, and that also is exciting to think about. Again, I praise Him that you are part of the Water Wins team. **None of this would be possible without the hearts and gifts of people like you.** Thanks be to God.

Please pray for peace and security for our friends in this area. Pray as we continue to seek to develop healthy Christian communities.

Pete Lanser

P.S. If you have questions or want to hear more my phone number is 616-634-0231



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