

Water Wins 2025

Every Well we drill IS the Love of Christ





Celebrating 20 Years of Water Wins

Dear Friends of Water Wins,

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas season, we rejoice that 2025 marked the 20th year of Water Wins' ministry in the Eastern Kambari Area (EKA) of Nigeria. Over these two decades, through God's grace, we have drilled and maintained over 500 wells, bringing life-sustaining water to countless communities. In addition, Water Wins has opened a school, established a health clinic, and added over a dozen Evangelists faithfully serving throughout the region. Through every challenge and every victory, **God has provided**. He has heard our prayers and used something as simple and as powerful as clean water to show His love.

Updates and Prayers for 2026

Safety & Prayer for Nigeria: Life remains very challenging, and often dangerous, for Christians in Nigeria. This past year, eight EKA community members, including an Evangelist, were kidnapped. Praise God, all were released unharmed. Please continue to pray for protection over our Nigerian team, boldness for our Evangelists, and peace for all families living in Nigeria.

Well Drilling: We eagerly await a container of necessary equipment so we can begin drilling for the 2026 season. Our plan is to drill 30 wells, bringing hope and life to more communities. The need for a drill bit is urgent, and as we write this update, we are coordinating a hand delivery so we can drill.

Century Bike Ride 2025: Thank you to all the riders and volunteers that supported this event in Chicago suburbs last fall. The 100-mile bike ride raised over \$60,000 for Water Wins! Praise God!

Thank you for standing with us with your faithful prayers, encouragement, and generosity. As we celebrate Christmas and step into our 21st year of Water Wins, we hold tightly to this commitment:

"Glory to God in the Highest, And on earth Peace, Goodwill toward all Men." —Luke 2:14

May your Christmas be filled with the peace, hope, and joy that only Christ can bring. With gratitude and hope,

The Water Wins Team

100% of every \$1 you give directly supports Water Wins. Each year, we prayerfully seek to raise over \$250,000 to sustain and grow the work in Nigeria. Thank you for your generosity over the last 20 years and for continuing this life-changing mission with us in 2026.



Water Wins Academy Scholarship Recipient



Water Wins launched its Scholarship Program in 2025 to encourage graduating seniors from Water Wins Academy to pursue a university education. We are incredibly thankful to now have **four students** who have received scholarships through this program. Below is an update from **Phoebe**, sharing her experience as a scholarship recipient.

My name is Phoebe, and it is with profound appreciation that I reflect on the beginning of my academic journey at Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University (IBBUL). **I acknowledge the guidance and sustaining grace of God Almighty, whose support has brought me to this meaningful stage in my educational pursuit.** As one of the first children in my father's family to attend a university, this opportunity represents a major milestone for both myself and those who look up to me.

Entering the university as a 100-level student marked a significant transition. The experience was characterized by excitement, anticipation, and the realities of new responsibilities. Adjusting to the academic system, understanding course expectations, and adapting to independent living posed challenges initially. Yet, with determination and perseverance, I embraced the learning process.

Although academic demands can be rigorous, the challenges have helped build resilience, discipline, and strong time-management skills. These qualities continue to guide me as I navigate my studies and prepare for future professional responsibilities. Beyond the classroom, the university environment has encouraged emotional maturity, interpersonal growth, and a deeper appreciation of teamwork and shared learning.

As I progress in my academic journey, I remain committed to excellence and to becoming a positive influence in my community. My long-term aspiration is to use the knowledge and skills gained through higher education to contribute to social and economic development. **I believe strongly in the transformative power of education and remain dedicated to making the best use of this opportunity.**

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the donors and partners whose generosity continues to create educational opportunities for students like me. Your contributions go far beyond financial support—they represent an investment in the future of young people, in community growth, and in national development. I am a direct beneficiary of your kindness, and I remain deeply grateful for your commitment to empowering students across EKA.

With continued hard work and the support of individuals and organizations devoted to advancing education, I remain hopeful for the future and motivated to achieve greater accomplishments. Thank you for believing in our potential and for strengthening the foundation upon which we build our aspirations.

HOW YOUR GENEROSITY WILL MAKE AN IMPACT IN 2026

Support 275 students enrolled in WW Academy



Drill 30 Wells in the EKA



18 Evangelists living in EKA Communities



100% of the over 500 wells are maintained



Steve Buer – Drilling Legend, Faithful Servant

Some thoughts shared by Doug Tubergeren: I met Steve 20 years ago, shortly after returning from my first trip to Nigeria in February 2005. Water Wins needed support from a professional well driller as we knew nothing about well drilling.

I stopped by Buer Well drilling in Caledonia in March of 2005. Steve was in the office that day and I explained that we found this very old Bucyrus Erie 20W drill rig in Nigeria that needed some attention. During our conversation Steve explained that he had just finished reading a book by Bruce Wilkinson called the **Dream Giver** and felt God calling him to find something in the well drilling field that he could steward. I told Steve that I also just finished reading the book. To this day I believe that was our first true connection – God had been leading us to service together.

In May of 2005, Steve and I headed to Nigeria so Steve could check out exactly what he was getting into. **Steve and I both shared a sense of adventure and God's calling to make His world a better place.**

That trip would become one of dozens we would take to train the team in the EKA on well drilling. This picture is of Steve and I on one of our early trips (Steve is also in the cover photo). Steve was a true teacher and a tremendous asset to Water Wins. Sadly, Steve passed away this fall after a courageous battle with cancer. **His legacy will live on in every drop of clean water, saving lives in Nigeria.**



Pictures from Board Meeting in Abuja



Mario Veldhuijen attended the March 2025 board mtg in Abuja. These are photos of Evangelists and Water Wins Academy Students that attended the three-day Board Planning Meeting.

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