Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker

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Using the gift of good, clean abundant water to share the gospel of Jesus Christ

Last Spring we shared our hopes and dreams to install a water system for the Berega Orphanage in Tanzania, East Africa. You may remember the orphanage is overseen by some friends of ours, Lemsanya & Kristen Mateveia Tisho. As you can see from the photo above, **YOU**

have made this dream happen! In October of 2024, we traveled to Tanzania to dedicate the well. It was a lively, colorful group who gathered at the well site to dedicate the well. In the photo above and to the right of Ed is Bishop Godfrey Sehaba of the Anglican church in Tanzania. He oversees over 200 churches in his district. He took time from his busy schedule to attend the dedication. Here is part of Kristen's newsletter after the well was installed.

"As we've previously mentioned our village has had some major water issues over the last year. Our village borehole wasn't dug deep enough and poor rains over 2 years meant that the well went dry fairly soon after

the dry season started. We contacted friends of ours with TMS Global, Ed and Linda Baker, to ask for help in drilling a well. The Baker's agreed to help fundraise for a well at the orphanage, gave us lots of advice and in a few short months already were giving us the go-ahead to drill!

A well for the orphanage is a blessing not only for us, but also for our community. The village has kindly given the orphanage, hospital, and one local school priority for receiving water. What that means for people in our village is that they rarely have the opportunity to have water come to their houses or the village pumps. By removing the orphanage from the village water supply, we are giving a chance for water to reach more families within Berega. The well also means that we will



be able to continue to expand some of our income -generating projects. With a steady water supply we will be able to keep the gardens growing yearround, have plenty of water for the livestock, and we will look into the possibility of growing crops year-round in a small section of our farm. Some of our staff have even suggested we begin raising fish as they believe we would have a ready market here in Berega.

The well ended up being 180 meters. The water is very clean and doesn't

have the mineral taste that the village water has."

The photo shows how clear the water is coming from the well.

BUT what is fun is to see kids enjoying water! <u>Click here</u> to see some kids who are using the water for the trees and gardens as a swimming pool! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!



Operations that have already begun to offset the cost of maintaining the system is by selling the water to the public. The public

pays a very small fee per "jug". The chain link fence you see divides the orphanage property from the public.

And you may ask how does the orphanage collect the money? This young lady is outside the fence, and is in charge of being the Treasurer.



Here is a photo of the ladies working at the orphanage and their use of available water.



Plans for 2025 are starting out exciting! Linda has been active with the ministry Restoring Women's Healthcare to Liberia, dba Healthy Women Healthy Liberia (HWHL). So we will be heading to Liberia, West Africa this year. This ministry has grown over the past 14 years to now include a full hospital, Waterfield Medical Center. The Center



includes in-patient care, a maternity center, as well as in the completion phase of 2 surgical units. This advancement of medical care in the Margibi County has been the dream of national Dr. Chris Hena. The Center has a team of 12 Community Health Workers who now reach 117 communities. Check out their website at <u>Healthywomenliberia.org</u>. Our current needs are for a full time resident surgeon, portable solar lighting for the Community Health Workers to use in the field, scholarship funds for continued educational opportunities for

tunds for continued educational opportunities for the staff, and always continued funding to operate this ministry. We will also be looking to complete at least 2 water projects when we visit this year.



 \mathcal{P} raying together is a vital part of all ministries. Here are a few of our prayer requests:

- † Our health as we get older, now 74 & 75.
- † Our 2 churches we are proud to be able to serve as Pastor husband & wife.
- † Our 6 precious grandsons
 - For HWHL as they bring good health to Liberia

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