WATER FOR GOOD

Our Latest Update

Dear {{{Recipient.FirstName}}},

As I look back on the third quarter of 2025 in this latest newsletter, I'm filled with gratitude for the lives changed through your faithfulness and compassion. This year, your generosity has strengthened our teams, expanded our reach, and helped thousands of families experience the blessing of reliable water, improved sanitation, and hygiene.

Because of you, families who once walked hours for water now have a reliable source in their village. Girls feel safe, supported, and dignified in school. Communities once struggling are now thriving with hope and faith for the future. Your support literally changes lives every day.

And as we look ahead, we're preparing for a season of Overflowing Joy—a time to celebrate all that God has done and to invite even more people to be part of this mission of transformation and hope. Thank you for walking with us every step of the way. Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

With joy,

Dave LeVan
CEO, Water for Good

I thank my God every time I remember you. - Philippians 1:3

Donate Today

Melba's Birthday Gift of Water

Most kids want cake, gifts, and a big party to celebrate their birthday, but 8-year-old Melba Meribo of Minneapolis chose something very different. After hearing his father's stories from growing up in Ethiopia about long walks for unsafe water, missed school, and heavy jerrycans, Melba asked, "Can we give my birthday money to build a water point?"

His $5,000 gift helped complete a spring-fed gravity system that now serves 378 people near the village where his father grew up. In July, Melba and his family stood with the community as water flowed. There were men on horseback celebrating, singing, dancing, and shedding tears of gratitude. The local village leader thanked "the compassion of a child," while Zerihun Desta, Water for Good's Chief Operating Officer, reflected, "I've seen many inaugurations—this one is different. Today we celebrate a child's courage and compassion."

A child from the community, Abdulaziz, also 8 years old, said, "Before this, we walked very far… Sometimes I

was late for school. Now, water is close. Thank you, my friend Melba."

What began as one boy's birthday wish became a lasting gift of dignity, education, and health—proof that generosity has no age limit.

Click here to read more about this story.

News From the Field

Ethiopia:

Nensebo, Ethiopia, is a rural area comprised of around 160,000 people. Across its remote villages, the lack of safe, reliable water, sanitation, and hygiene is slowing progress and leaving communities vulnerable to preventable diseases. Today, thanks to your generosity, this region is changing dramatically.

Water for Good has been implementing our proven model of change, Vision of a Healthy Village, in Nensebo since 2022, and just completed our fourth project in the area.

We are thrilled to share some highlights of our endline study results from Project 4 with you.

- The percentage of households with children under 5 who had diarrhea in the 7 days prior to the survey decreased from 13% at baseline (before project implementation) to 5.5% at endline (directly after project implementation)
- The percent of households drinking safe water (using an improved source or always treating their water) increased from 22% to 86%
- The percent of households observed to have improved latrines with dignity increased from 0.3% at baseline to 42% at endline
- The percentage of respondents who reported washing their hands at the two most critical times (before eating and after defecation) with soap and water in the past 24 hours increased from 16% at baseline to 85% at endline

These remarkable results are a motivation to keep up this life-changing work!

Cambodia:

In Cambodia's Svay Leu district, moms no longer fear for their children's health after every glass of water. When our project began, more than half of all households with children under five had experienced diarrhea

in the previous week. Our endline study results showed that number had dropped to just 4.3%.

What changed? A coordinated approach that tackled safe water access, sanitation, and hygiene together:

- Basic water access (to an improved source within 30 minutes) rose from 14% to 84% in the dry season.
- Households drinking safe water increased from 35% to 99.5%.
- Access to dignified, private latrines jumped from 24% to 96%.
- Handwashing with soap at critical times went from 39% to 92%.

Behind every number is a healthier child, a parent with peace of mind, and a village better equipped for the future. These results are a powerful reminder of just how transformative the combination of safe water, hygiene, and sanitation can be for the communities that need it most.

Central African Republic (CAR):

During this quarter, the CAR staff leaders dedicated considerable time to hiring new staff, making significant strides in strengthening our operations and elevating our work standards and practices. The goal was to have all critical staff in place by September. The CAR team welcomed Rabilou Mamani to the team as our new Logistics and Procurement Manager. Originally from Niger, Rabilou brings a decade of experience in logistics and supply chain management, most recently with the IRC. He'll be based in our Berbérati office in the Central African Republic, where he'll support program logistics and help oversee safety protocols at the site. We're glad to have his expertise on board and look forward to the impact he'll make.

Tanzania:

A single question from an elderly woman in a quiet rural village captured the heart of a five-day field visit by Water for Good senior leaders in Tanzania. “Who developed this program?” she asked the visiting delegation. For CEO Dave LeVan, Chief Operating Officer Zerihun Hailu, and Chief People Officer Beth Graves, this moment became the defining encounter of their August trip to the Shinyanga region.

The delegation had come to witness the impact of holistic water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs by touring solar-powered water systems, visiting schools and health centers, and engaging with families in rural communities. Yet it was one woman’s testimony that revealed the true measure of change.

Zerihun Desta, our COO, documented her story in his field notes: “Her story began with hesitation… and ended with transformation. When our team first visited her home, she listened politely but refused to take part. She simply did not believe change was possible. But our local team returned day after day, sharing training, knowledge, and hope. Slowly, her heart and mind began to change... Today, she says, ‘Now my family and I are much healthier.’ From doubt to dignity. This is the power of persistence and the promise of change."

Uganda:

Safe water doesn’t just quench thirst—it changes everything.

For years, families in the lakeshore village of Mitimito, Uganda, lived in survival mode. Moms like Hasfa woke up before dawn to fetch muddy lake water, walking nearly an hour round-trip with heavy jerrycans. Her kids skipped school to help.

“We feared for our health every day,” Hasfa said. “But it was the only water we had.”

After years of failed drilling for a water source, a breakthrough came—clean water was finally found deep underground! With that, Water for Good built a solar-powered system that now delivers safe water to more than 1,800 people through community taps, schools, and the local health clinic.

Best of all, the community helped make it happen—digging trenches, cooking meals for crews, and training local technicians to keep the system running. As one leader put it: “It’s not just infrastructure. It’s ownership.”

Today, Mitimito is thriving. Kids dream bigger, parents breathe easier, and life no longer revolves around the daily search for water.

U.S.:

In July, over 300 members of our global team came together for a virtual Bi-Annual Global Team meeting. The gathering was a powerful time of reflection and celebration of the last six months, as well as a chance to

look ahead with hope and excitement for the remainder of the 2025 year. The team covered program updates, budget, development updates, staffing, and heard a powerful transformation story to encourage continued perseverance in this important work.

Global:

Several members of Water for Good's leadership team attended the SIWI World Water Week conference in Stockholm at the end of August. Our team co-convened sessions on behavior change, market-based sanitation, and carbon credit financing with our WASH alliance partners. They also met with several foundations, nonprofits, and program partners—engaging new prospects and helping the Water for Good brand achieve higher sector visibility. Our conference booth attracted strong interest and sparked valuable conversations.

Program Milestones During Q3 of 2025

Water for Good's Total Impact:

1. Maintenance/Repair Visits: 828
2. Water points constructed: 47
3. People with access to reliable water, sanitation, and hygiene: 2,150
4. Open Defecation Free (ODF) communities: 39
5. Registered Healthy Villages: 10
6. Registered Healthy Homes: 3,137

Central African Republic (CAR):

Our team in CAR began implementing our VHV program in quarter 1 of 2025. We look forward to providing

progress updates in future newsletters!

1. Maintenance/Repair Visits: 828
2. New water points installed: 8
3. Registered Healthy Homes: 32

Cambodia:

1. Registered Healthy Homes: 804

Ethiopia:

1. New water points installed: 26
2. Open Defecation Free (ODF) communities: 39
3. Registered Healthy Villages: 9
4. Registered Healthy Homes: 1,848

Tanzania:

1. Registered Healthy Villages: 1
2. Registered Healthy Homes: 453

Uganda:

1. New water points installed: 7

Donor Spotlight

Seeing is Believing: Carol's Journey from Witness to Advocate

After joining Water for Good's 2025 Vision Trip to Ethiopia, Carol saw the water crisis not just as a statistic, but as a lived reality. Moved by the resilience and hope of the communities she met, she returned home and launched a fundraiser to support our work. "This work is deeply personal once you see it," she said.

Carol was among a group of U.S. donors who spent six unforgettable days witnessing the power of clean water to transform lives. From visiting remote villages still using contaminated springs to dancing with communities celebrating their new water points, the trip revealed both urgent needs and inspiring progress.

Along the way, donors connected with local families, schools, churches, and our Ethiopia team—building relationships and a deeper understanding of the impact of safe water.

Sustainers: Our Monthly Giving Program

This year, we launched a special program for our monthly donors called Sustainers. This special group of supporters gives $25 or more a month and is a vital part of our work. So far in 2025, they have collectively given over $800,000 to Water for Good.

Meet Amanda, one of our Sustainers! When she learned about the global water crisis, she knew she wanted to help. So, she became a Sustainer, joining our committed community of donors who give monthly to help us plan ahead, train local teams, and build clean water systems that last.

But why did she become a Sustainer? “I was so impressed and humbled,” Amanda says. “We take clean water for granted every time we shower or fill a glass. Not everyone is as fortunate, and knowing that such a small amount can impact families in a big way? Why wouldn’t you?”

To our Sustainers, thank you for being a part of this amazing group.

Not a Sustainer yet? You can learn more by visiting: https://waterforgood.org/sustainers/

Get Involved

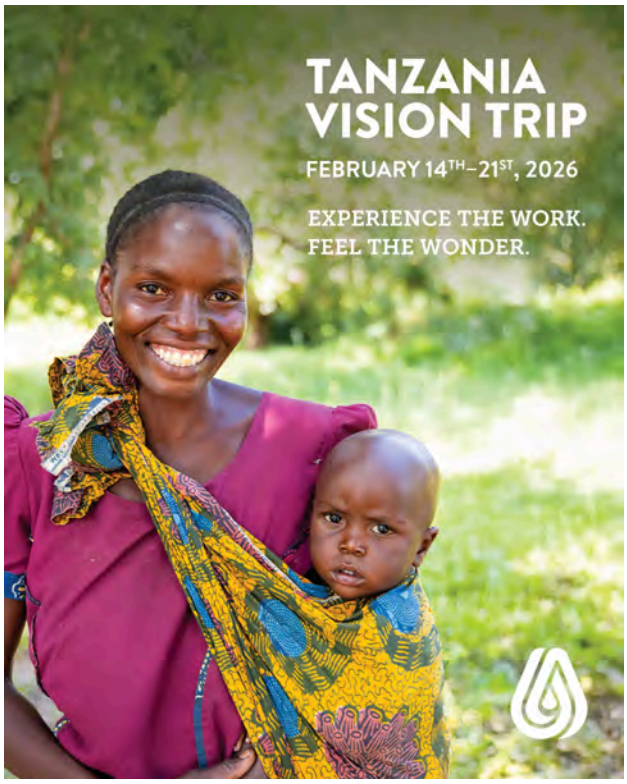
Tanzania Trip

Our Vision Trip to Tanzania (February 14–21, 2026) is coming soon, and there’s only a short time left to sign up! Don’t miss your opportunity to see how faith, connection, and clean water are changing lives.

On the trip, you will walk alongside local leaders, witness communities thriving, and end your journey on a safari through Tarangire and Ngorongoro. It’s an unforgettable experience and a breathtaking reminder of the wonder we share.

Reserve your spot by Dec 1, 2025. Visit our website for more information: https://waterforgood.org/vision-

trips/



Stocks: The Perfect Year-End Gift

If you're contemplating a year-end gift, consider giving appreciated stock. Not only will you further the important work of Water for Good, but you will also benefit from tremendous tax-wise savings!

When you donate stock or other securities that you've owned for at least a year, you can: Give substantially without restricting your cash flow

Receive a fair market value tax deduction at the time of your gift

Avoid taxes you would have owed on the sale

Giving stock is the perfect, cost-effective way to close out a year of generosity and experience the peace of knowing you have accomplished the greatest good with your God-given resources. To learn more about giving stock or other strategic and powerful ways to support Water for Good, contact Ethan Hayman, ehayman@waterforgood.org.

Looking Ahead: Overflowing Joy

Something joyful is coming! And you can be part of it.

When safe, reliable water flows for the first time, everything changes. Moms don't spend hours searching for unsafe water. Kids stay healthy and go to school. Businesses thrive. Churches grow. Health and hope ripple through an entire village.

For our annual year-end campaign, we have an ambitious goal to kick-start 10 new Vision of a Healthy Village communities. That's over 5,000 lives that will be transformed. And we can't do this without your

partnership.

It's about more than clean water access; it's our three-year model of change that builds lasting health, sanitation, and hygiene—creating joy that lasts for generations.

We need your support to help achieve this big vision. Together, let's make joy overflow in the places that need it most.

Learn more here!

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