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"Hannah's Hope"

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Dear Friends

In East African Tanzania, a common greeting is "*Habari gani*, which essentially means "Hi! What's new?" I'm writing because I wanted to tell you about something that is very new. There is a history to what I am about to tell you, but I'll leave that for another time and another conversation. Suffice it to say that over the past seven to eight years, God has orchestrated events and circumstances in my life that have brought me to this day. One thing He is teaching me is that every child of His is born with a burden, a burden or desire to serve Him. For that burden to be transformed into a vision, *faith* is required. For that vision to stand upright and walk, it requires... once again, *faith*. It seemed like each time I asked Him for a glimpse of the big picture, He would lead me to do something or go some place and then seem to say..."I'll get back to you".

Two years have passed since I became a volunteer partner with Living Water International (LWI). About sixteen years ago a small group of Houston businessmen formed LWI with one goal in mind. That goal was to provide clean water in the name of Christ to people in undeveloped and underdeveloped nations. Know this; 30,000 men, women and children die each day from *preventable* water related diseases. A math wizard I am not. But even I know that that is one person every 3 seconds.

Over this past two years, LWI has trained me in shallow well drilling and pump repair. I have traveled to Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua and to East Africa to drill for clean water and to train others to do the same. It is most amazing to me to see how clean water can change the physical and spiritual lives of individuals and communities. The image in my mind of the Samaritan women that the apostle John spoke of in John 4:7 really comes to life.

LWI has asked me to become the project developer for a new drilling project in Tanzania. The project will be called "*Hannah's Hope*". I'll explain the project name in another letter at a later date.

For the time being I simply wanted to make you aware of what was new and of the work being done through Living Water International. I have enclosed a LWI informational brochure. More information can be found on line at www.water.cc. Also, please check out my web site at www.water4tz.com.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. A Tanzanian would say “*Asante sana*” (thank you very much).

Mungu Akubariki (may God Bless you)

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