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***“Give a man a fish and feed him for a day
Teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime”
(Chinese Proverb)***

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Dear Friends,

Both aspects of the Chinese proverb are valid. The first addresses relief efforts and the second addresses community development. Often times the two overlap in that when disaster strikes, it seems that the undeveloped and underdeveloped communities suffer the greatest losses.

Living Water International is passionately involved in both relief and development efforts. Efforts, which are interwoven with the message of hope and God’s love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The vision of ***“Hannah’s Hope”*** is to demonstrate the love of God by drilling wells and providing clean water in the rural villages of Tanzania (East Africa). Additionally, to teach the villagers how to maintain their new wells and sustain this valuable resource and to share with them the source of the water that can quench their eternal thirst. (John 4:13, 14)

Having just returned from Tanzania, I thought it appropriate to update you on the ***“Hannah’s Hope”*** project.

Village of Simbay (The children collecting drinking water in the photo above live in Simbay)

Hydro geological survey completed at a cost of \$500 (funded by BBMT). The estimated cost of drilling and well completion is \$10,000. The people of Simbay will raise \$2000, Baptist Bible Missions of Tanzania (BBMT) will contribute \$3,000 and LWI will fund the balance of \$5,000.

Village of Gidika – Hydro geological survey completed at a cost of \$500 (funded by LWI). The estimated cost of drilling and well completion is \$9,000 for each of two wells. The people of Gidika will raise \$4,000 in this effort. LWI and BBMT will partner to fund the \$14,000 balance.

Village of Kwedigole - Hydro geological survey completed at a cost of \$500 (funded by BBMT). The estimated cost of drilling and well completion is \$3,000. Funding will be shared equally between the village, BBMT and LWI.

Village of Murumba – This is a well repair project. Two wells are involved. The cost of repairs and security for a hand pump is \$1,000. The cost for repairs and security for the wind mill pump is about \$7,000. The goal is to first restore the hand pump and then begin raising funds for the wind mill pump. These costs will be shared equally between the people of Murumba and LWI.

Village of Galangana – This is a project that requires \$900 to complete the electrical connection between a submersed electric pump and the nearby power grid. The cost sharing on this project has yet to be determined.

It is an honor for me to report that slightly more than \$16,000 has been received by LWI for the project “*Hannah’s Hope*”. It is possible that the training of villagers and drilling can take place between January and July 2006. Hopefully all of the necessary funds will be on hand to complete each of these projects.

Pray also that God would provide a vehicle. Having a small 4WD pickup would give me greater freedom and mobility to travel between villages

All of this seems quite overwhelming to me. And that’s a good thing. You and I can’t begin to do this of our own will, wits or resources. This is something that God, Himself, will do. You and I...we just need to pray about it.

Blessings,

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