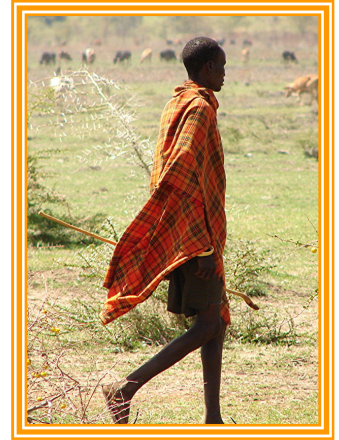


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Dear Friends,

In January and February I made my fifth trip to Tanzania. What made this trip so special was that after months of developing relationships and networking with government officials as well as district and village leadership, the first effort to drill a well was going to take place in the village of Simbay. As a matter of fact, I was standing at the site where the drilling would take place when I took the above picture of a Datooga (Barabaig) tribesman. Perhaps you can sense just how hot and dry this sun beaten piece of Tanzanian real estate is.

On the previous trip, I contracted for the drill rig needed for this project. The week started out with a seminar for the village leaders on the importance of a water committee and the development of a water plan. All was going according to plan until the plan changed. The promised drilling equipment did not and, as I soon learned, would not show up. How could this happen? What purpose could it possibly serve? We were ready, the villagers were ready, and all were riding high with excitement and anticipation of seeing the first clean water well in this village...ever. Calling this a setback seemed quite an understatement.

For the better part of the next two days I struggled to find an answer. One evening God brought to my mind the name of a man who I never met. All I knew was that he was involved in drilling someplace in Tanzania. A year earlier I wrote his name and cell phone number down and remarkably so, I found it in a side pocket of my brief case.

I prayed and then dialed the number. Todd answered and listened to my story. I learned that he was a man of faith and that he was moved by the vision of Living Water International and "*Hannah's Hope*". Todd asked where I was, to which I replied, Simbay. "Is it on a map?", he asked. My reply was "no, but it is near Katesh which is on most maps". To my amazement, he then told me he not only knew where Katesh was but that he'd like to help. What he said next blew me away. He had a drill rig and an eight man drill team only two hours from Katesh. WOW!

A week later the rig and team showed up in Katesh and early the next day we headed to Simbay. The atmosphere was electrifying. A large crowd of villagers came to see the excitement. Soon, missionary pastor Steve Burkholder and Tanzanian pastors Elyia and Nicodemus were talking to small groups of people about God's love and His purpose for their lives. At one point I heard a reference made to the Samaritan women who went to Jacob's well to draw water and there, she met Jesus Christ, who offered her water that would quench her thirst for all of eternity (John 4:6-14).

The drilling went on for two days and for two days all that came out of that hole was granite dust. Like you, I expected water, *not granite dust*. And I trust that like me, you are willing to wait on God to provide the next lesson in finding water in the harshness of this region of Tanzania. It was just not to be on that day.

I pray that the people of Simbay will see that our faith is not in our plans, our equipment or our knowledge, but in the living God. I will return to Simbay in June to re-survey the village and to drill again.

Please continue to pray for and if so prompted, to give to the "*Hannah's Hope*" project. Pray specifically about the possibility of purchasing a drill rig and developing a drill team. Pray too, that all would go well in the establishing an NGO (non-government organization). And of course, pray that lives would be changed, both physically and spiritually as the work and vision in Tanzania unfolds.

If you would like to receive these updates by email, let me know by emailing me at lwhyle@satx.rr.com. If your email address does not clearly identify you, please include your name.

Thanks for taking the time to listen.

Blessings,

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