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## *"Hannah's Hope"*

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Dear Friends,

Having returned on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, after four and a half weeks in Tanzania, I am ready to give you a brief update. Before I begin, I want to ask you to visit the new *"Hannah's Hope"* web site at [www.water4tz.com](http://www.water4tz.com). Let me know what you think about it.

The first two weeks were devoted to project preparation and quality family time with the Burkholders, [www.burkholdersonline.com](http://www.burkholdersonline.com). Once again, I waited for word on the drilling equipment needed to drill wells in Simbay and Gidika, two villages in desperate need of water. During this time, word came to me about a village called Wandela. A report had been found claiming that a well drilling project had started in mid 2004 but had not been completed. It appeared that all that was needed was the installation of a hand pump. If I was going to continue to wait for that drill rig, I may as well wait in Wandela while evaluating the chances of getting clean water for these people.

Wandela turned out to be one of the most remote of the villages in the Hanang District. It took the better part of the first day to locate the village and then the site of the reported borehole. Thank God for GPS. I found the site and after three days of work, successfully installed a hand pump, which then lifted the clearest, coolest water imaginable from about 45 meters below the surface. This was the first clean water that the nearly 1000 people of this village had ever known. What a joy and a thrill to see the expressions on the faces of these people...especially the children. I asked a Barabaig (Datooga) woman and her children to be the first to draw water. At first she backed away but then started pumping and pumping and pumping. When the water first gushed from the pump I cupped my hands and filled them to overflowing. Then I started a good old fashioned water fight with the kids. The water thrown back in my face successfully camouflaged the tears of joy and gratitude streaming down my face. God is so good.

The Gospel message of Hope was given and well received throughout the three days in this village. Images of the Samaritan woman that the Apostle John spoke of continually come to mind. When I next return to Tanzania, I hope to revisit Wandela. I'll keep you up to date.

Following the project in Wandela, I traveled to Mrumba, a village visited on earlier trips. These people had a unique water problem and had asked for help. If you don't mind, I'll save this project report for the next letter.

Needless to say, there was some disappointment in that the drill rig did not show up to drill wells in Simbay and Gidika. I'm certain that God has a reason for this.

I am going to believe that one day the funds will be available for the purchase of a drill rig and that we will no longer need to depend on contracting private drillers. This is something you and I can pray for on behalf of "*Hannah's Hope*".

I will soon post the project reports and past news letters on the web site. But don't let that stop you from visiting [www.water4tz.com](http://www.water4tz.com).

Thanks for taking the time to listen.

Blessings,

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