

*Water for Life
Water Sunday*

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(Date here) designated as Water Sunday at (name of congregation here)

Clean water is life. Without it, we perish. With it, we have the opportunity to live healthy lives through which we can bless others. But too many people throughout God's creation do not have access to clean water — and many of those people are children.

Sunday, (date here), has been designated as Water Sunday at (name of congregation) — a time when we can give thanks for the blessings of clean water and, through our support of the Kenyan Children's Fund Water for Life project, take steps to share that blessing with a parched, poverty-stricken region halfway around the world.

Several members of the (name here) congregation already have been involved with and contributed to the Water for Life project, which was founded by members of Kansas City's Immanuel Lutheran Church who are related to or personally acquainted with people in Masii. The Water for Life steering committee in the U.S. works closely with a steering committee in Masii and with Water Missions International, which has extensive experience with installing water systems in Africa.

The project founders prayerfully set a goal to raise \$90,000 to pay for a community borehole and tap system that will bring clean water to more than 7,000 Masii children and families. Completing the project will help eradicate water-borne diseases — which kill one child every 20 second in the world today — and will allow Masii's children to attend school rather than spend their days carrying tainted water from an often-dry riverbed 6 kilometers way.

With support from individuals and churches throughout the U.S., the project has raised \$52,000 toward its \$90,000 goal — enough to drill a Masii-region well that contains clean, potable water. Yes! A life-changing, health-promoting well now exists in Masii!

But work remains to bring the water to the children and families who are burdened by disease-ridden water or no water at all. On Water Sunday, we can play our part in helping to raise the remaining \$38,000 to:

- Install the tap system that will transport the clean water to the people.
- Educate and train native people to use, care for and repair the water system, if required. Water Missions International, our experienced partner in this project, will provide the education and training, and will remain available to advise the people of Masii for a year after the completed water system is fully operational. This crucial step will ensure that our Water for Life project will benefit the people of Masii for many generations to come.

Our special Water Sunday contributions will help bring springs of hope and a better future to a parched region that needs to desperately.

If you have questions or would like to assist with Water Sunday, contact (names here).

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For bulletins or emails

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We will have the opportunity make special contributions that will help:

- Install a tap system that to transport clean water from the newly drilled Water for Life well to the people of Masii.
- Educate and train native people to use, care for and repair the water system, if required. Water Missions International, an experienced partner in the Water for Life project, will provide the education and training, and will remain available to advise the people of Masii for a year after the completed water system is fully operational. This crucial step will ensure that the Water for Life well and tap system will benefit the people of Masii for many generations to come.

Check the (date here) newsletter or our website (add link here) to learn more about Water for Life. If you have questions or would like to assist with Water Sunday, contact (names here).