

When the Clean Water Came

Pastor / Leader,

We are excited you are reading this! We have put together resources for you that will help connect your congregation and community to the world this Christmas.

Matthew 1:23 says, "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." NRSVUE

Emmanuel, God with us. God's presence with people. Sustainable transformation begins with presence. Jesus transformed people through his presence with them, and as we embody Jesus in our communities and world, our presence with people is essential to seeing God's Kingdom realized around the world. World Hope staff are embodying God's presence in vulnerable communities, empowering local leaders and individuals to work towards the change they long to see.

Impact of Clean Water

One of the ways this transformation happens is through increasing access to clean water. It's hard to express the impact that having nearby access to clean water has on individuals and communities.



School Attendance



Migration



Infant Mortality



Safety

From girls' ability to attend school, parents not having to leave home to find work, babies no longer dying from waterborne diseases, increased safety as girls no longer have to walk on long, unsafe paths, thriving agriculture and livestock, to more financial stability, when clean water comes it changes everything!

This Christmas we are highlighting the transformation that happens through clean water projects and inviting your church to give towards [The Hope Fund](#) which allows us to respond quickly to urgent clean water needs around the world.



Resources

We have included for your use:

<u>In-Service Videos</u>	<u>Slides</u>	Talking Points
<u>Social Media Posts</u>	Bulletin/weekly communication write-ups	<u>Kids Colouring Page and Videos</u>

You have freedom to use these resources across all your tech/media channels and in whatever way works best for your church.

Talking Points

- In 2022, World Hope International drilled 113 wells impacting 49,313 people in Sierra Leone.
- Wesleyan churches in Canada have helped drill dozens wells in some of the hardest, most vulnerable locations in Sierra Leone, such as safe homes, schools, clinics, and forgotten communities.
- Over 17 years, through World Hope International projects and partnerships, a million more people have access to clean water!
- 2 billion people still lack access to nearby, clean water.
- Some of the ways nearby access to clean water impacts a community:
 - Girls can now go to school rather than walking to fetch water on unsafe paths where they are at risk of assault
 - Parents don't have to leave home to find work in another country
 - Babies and toddlers don't die from waterborne diseases
 - Women and girls are safer as they don't have to walk long, unsafe paths to collect water
 - Agriculture and livestock can thrive
 - Families can experience economic stability
 - Overall communities are healthier

Bulletin Weekly Communication Write Ups

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This Christmas, our church is partnering with World Hope International. As the official relief and development arm of The Wesleyan Church, World Hope works to alleviate poverty and injustice in vulnerable communities around the world. More specifically, World Hope has been bringing clean water to hundreds of communities who have no access. Our goal is to raise \$ _____ by _____ so that more people can discover opportunity, receive dignity and have hope for their future. www.worldhope.ca

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This Christmas we are encouraging you to prayerfully consider a special gift to the mission of World Hope International, who is the relief and development arm of the Wesleyan Church. Through sustainable projects and programs, World Hope is seeing transformation happen in some of the most vulnerable communities around the world. More specifically, World Hope has been bringing clean water to hundreds of communities who have no access. Please note that your donation is for World Hope. www.worldhope.ca

Social Media Post Content

2 billion people still lack access to nearby clean water and while that number can feel staggering, we can be a part of more people getting access to clean, safe water.

Access to nearby, clean water gives people the chance to discover opportunity, receive dignity and have hope for their future.

Imagine having to walk upwards of 30 minutes one way to collect the water that you would need for that day. Access to clean water matters.

When the clean water came... I could open a small business. Access to nearby, clean water offers opportunity allowing entrepreneurship to flourish. Let's be a part of offering opportunity!

When the clean water came... I could keep my family healthy. Access to nearby, clean water gives parents the dignity of caring for their family, keeping them healthy. Let's be a part of offering dignity!

Ideas for Giving

If you think your congregation would get behind a specific giving goal, here are some options:

Connect a home to clean water in rural Cambodia	Borehole well maintenance and repair kit	Provide clean water after a natural disaster	Train a Water Management Committee
\$250	\$400	\$500	\$750

Thank-you for partnering to offer opportunity, dignity and hope!



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