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“Nurturing the human spirit through the gift of clean water.”



A message from Elena

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I send you hope that during these challenging months of living in an ever-changing COVID reality that you and your family are well and thriving.

Water=Life has taken these months to re-assess our mission and our commitment **to nurture the human spirit through the gift of clean water**. It remains the same in light of these global challenges.

Our commitment to the **Africa Initiative** continues. Our successful humanitarian trip to Masaka, Uganda in January 2020 left us with a sense of accomplishment. However, the pandemic has temporarily halted our plans to return at this time.

Nevertheless, a new opportunity has arisen in 2021 that has taken our mission back to Kenya! We are proud to announce we are beginning a new clean water project with **Friends of Kenya Rising** in Kakamega, Kenya. Enjoy reading the second page of this newsletter to learn more about this exciting collaboration.

Rev. Elena Delgado, President, Water = Life

Water=Life President Elena Delgado (right) and Vice President Susan Riley (left) updating the poster at **Elm Street Bakery** in East Aurora. A big thanks to owners Kim and Jay Deperno and the staff for designating this area by the water cooler in support of Water=Life. We are grateful to your customers for their generosity.

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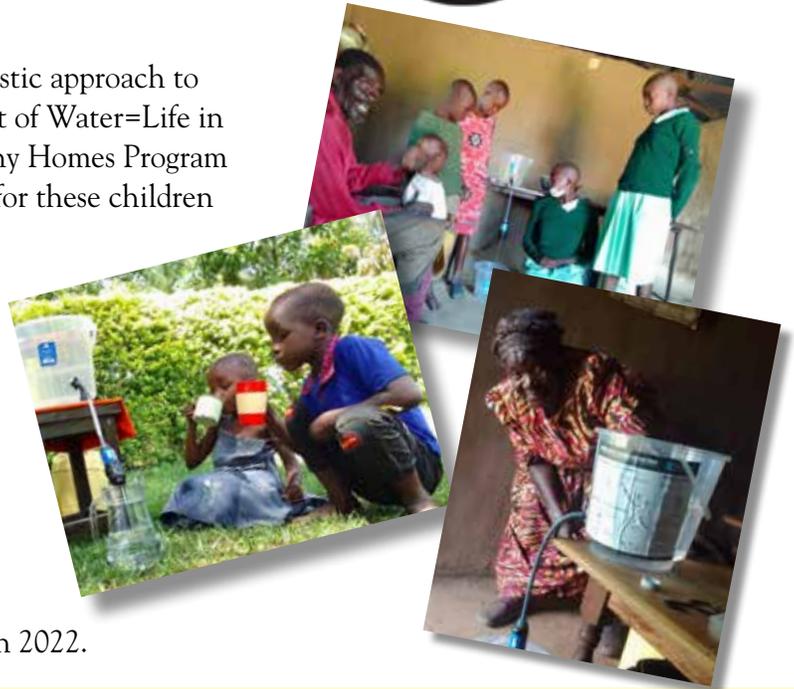
Water=Life in Kenya!

Water=Life is developing a new clean water project in Kakamega, Western Province, Kenya. In collaboration with *Friends of Kenya Rising* (friendsofkenyarising.org) and its executive director John Chisholm and his staff, Water=Life returns to Kenya where it started its first project in 2012 at Cross Roads Springs Institute.

The mission of *Friends of Kenya Rising* takes a holistic approach to student and family self-development. Your support of Water=Life in collaboration with *Friends of Kenya Rising's* Healthy Homes Program will change lives and nurture a hope-filled future for these children and their community.

When executive director John Chisholm visited the U.S. in June, Water=Life donated Sawyer water filters for him to deliver to Kakamega. Upon his return, he demonstrated the effectiveness of the water filters to his public health staff who, in turn, provided them to families in need of clean water in their homes.

With your support, we look forward to providing additional water filters to *Friends of Kenya Rising* in 2022.



Thank You to First Presbyterian Church of East Aurora

Water=Life thanks Darcy Sowyrda and Pastor Buddy Hubbard for inviting us to speak to the congregation in June. President Elena Delgado presented an overview of our mission and showed a video of Phase One of our **Africa Initiative**. Vice President Susan Riley talked about the January 2020 humanitarian trip to Uganda. The church's response was very generous. We are profoundly grateful for the congregation's ongoing support to Water=Life during the past several years. Thank you!

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