



Ripple Effect

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



A message from Elena

With recent national and international news drawing our attention to clean water needs, friends of Water=Life have recently expressed interest in learning what we are doing presently to fulfill our mission *“to bring clean water and hope to children and their families through the gift of clean water.”*

In our last newsletter, we reported on the Board’s decision to maintain our commitment to Haiti. However, due to on-going political and social unrest in the country, our mission there has been temporarily halted. We remain concerned for the safety and well-being of our advisors and friends.

I went to Puerto Rico in March of this year to determine the clean water needs of the island following Hurricane Maria. Our contacts in the central mountain region had adequate access to clean water, and support from Water=Life was not needed at that time. Recovery is on-going and tourist areas are back on their feet.

We are very excited to introduce our **Africa Initiative**. Having established a clean water project at Crossroads Springs Institute (an elementary school) in Kenya, we also provided water filters to Agape Lutheran Seminary in Marangu, Tanzania. Recently, Water=Life began a new project in Masaka, Uganda (see details on the next page). The need for clean water is great. With your support, Water=Life will continue to identify areas in this community where we can **Make a Difference**.

Rev. Elena Delgado, *President, Water = Life*

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Elena Delgado, W=L president, Father Emmanuel Katabaazi and Susan Riley, W=L vice president.

In July, Water=Life met visiting priest Rev. Emmanuel Katabaazi, the Diocesan Health Coordinator for Health, Wellness and Fitness in Masaka, Uganda. Learning from him that his community lacks access to clean water, Water=Life explored whether we could assist his health project by providing Sawyer filters to the 35 medical clinics which he oversees. He was familiar with the success of the Sawyer SP180 filter and was excited to accept our gift of “nurturing the human spirit through the gift of clean water.”

In August, Father Emmanuel conducted a training demonstration with representatives from the medical centers. The water filters were met with enthusiasm and appreciation. Your contribution to Water=Life allows us to expand our mission to Uganda.



Kindergarten children on the shared premises with Mbirizi Health are benefiting from the gift of clean water.



A special shout out to Elm Street Bakery for their constant support!

Thank you to owners **Kim and Jay Deperno** and the Elm Street Bakery staff in East Aurora for designating the area by the water cooler in support of Water=Life. Thanks to their generosity of their customers, we have collected more than **\$300.00**.

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