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A PRAYING PEOPLE IMPACTING A LOST WORLD

New Wells and Living Waters

BAPTIST GLOBAL RESPONSE (BGR) IS A DISASTER RELIEF AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH TRUSTED PARTNERS, LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD, TO MEET HUMAN NEEDS AROUND THE WORLD. TOGETHER, THEY SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE TO THE POOR AND HURTING AND HELP COMMUNITIES FIND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO CHRONIC PROBLEMS. ONE OF BGR'S PRIMARY GOALS IS TO PROVIDE IMPOVERISHED PEOPLE GROUPS WITH CLEAN WATER.

Water system saves mother hours of daily walking

For much of her life, Myrna* has spent hours upon hours trekking miles in a seemingly endless cycle to find and retrieve one of the most basic elements of survival—water. She lives in a remote mountain area with her eight children. Every day, they would have to walk for hours in hopes of finding a water source. When they did, there was never any assurance that the water would be clean or safe. Her children have gotten sick time and time again from drinking the polluted water.



“This endeavor was very exhausting and extremely difficult for my children,” Myrna says. “We had to walk to the river every few days since I was a small child.”

Today, Myrna is sharing a new story. Baptist Global Response has installed a new water system in her area that pools the natural springs around her home, and a network of pipes carries clean water directly to her house. It is a game changer and a lifesaver.

“Now, I feel so blessed because I have an abundance of water right here at my house!” says Myrna. “This is such a great blessing for my family and me!”

“The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.” (John 7:38 HCSB)

1 CENTRAL ASIA. Pray that people living in a small group of Central Asian villages will feel hopeful as workers cap two springs and pipe water directly into their communities. Pray that they will also taste the living water that truly satisfies every thirst.

2 HORN OF AFRICA. In the Horn of Africa, two windmill pumps and one solar pump will replace an inoperative well and defective handpumps. Pray that this project will provide access to unreached areas and will improve the health of villagers.

3 EAST ASIA. Nomadic herdsmen and villagers in rural communities lack access to clean water and need deepwater wells. Pray that well-drilling teams will remain safe and healthy as they work and that their equipment will function properly in each location.

4 BANGLADESH. A project in this country is improving the drinking water supply for about 4,500 people by installing wells and latrines. This is

a cost-effective way of providing safe water. Pray that this project can meet both physical and spiritual needs.

5 GUATEMALA. A respected Baptist pastor is working with a rural community to dig a deep well and end a desperate need for water that has lasted six years. Pray the relationships established through this effort will inspire spiritual growth.

6 MOZAMBIQUE. Villagers in one area are avoiding salty groundwater by digging below dry riverbeds, and volunteers are installing an infiltration gallery system to access the fresh water. Ask God to give project leaders wisdom as they finish this work.

7 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Clean water is the most fundamental component of good health, especially for the residents of a Southeast Asian country. Pray God will provide the workers needed to conduct follow-up after drilling teams dig new wells.

8 CENTRAL ASIA. Some Central Asian villages collect water from a nearby stream. Their only other options are to buy it or to draw it from dirty canals. Pray for the installation of

spring-fed gravity water systems that will help roughly 3,000 people.

9 SOUTH SUDAN. Many communities need access to clean drinking water in this war-torn country. BGR has recently funded wells in five of them. Pray these villages will experience physical and spiritual transformation as a result of this project.

10 CAMBODIA. Teams of community health workers are distributing water filters to homes and schools in the poorest regions of this country. Ask God to give them endurance and wisdom as they hand out filters and teach sanitation and hygiene basics.

11 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Struggling widows in one community are receiving bags containing basic food items such as rice, oil, tomato paste, and sugar. Pray that these women will realize the reason for the gift and discover the hope that lies in Christ alone.

12 SOUTHEAST ASIA. BGR is partnering with a fashion business in Malaysia to offer quality sewing training and practice time to impoverished women. Pray that the women taking these classes will find opportunities to improve their quality of life.

13 AMERICAS. Locals in a South American community are learning soap-making and marketing so they can begin small businesses. Pray God will use this project to improve the income of the participants so they can better care for their families.

14 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Several Muslim refugee women living in a country of Sub-Saharan Africa are taking courses in English as a Second Language to improve their job opportunities. Please pray these language skills will help them build new lives.



An elderly Turkish couple stop their horse and carriage to draw water at a well.

15 EUROPE. A halfway house in a European country is offering refugees a secure place to learn both English and the national language, as well as job training to integrate into the workforce. Pray for asylum seekers as they pursue security.

16 EAST ASIA. Community centers are impacting neighborhoods in an East Asian country by offering women's and children's activities, teaching sessions, summer camps, and more. Ask God to give center managers confidence and creativity as they plan events.

17 SOUTH ASIA. Poor communities in South Asia are receiving health screenings and affordable treatments for many common—albeit serious—illnesses. Pray that government agencies and other partners will cooperate with the project and help it succeed.

18 EUROPE. BGR is partnering with a church in the Netherlands to offer a monthly meal to Middle Eastern refugees. The menu will consist of familiar food from their home country. Pray families will experience Christ's love as they eat together.

19 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Hundreds of bedridden people in a Sub-Saharan country have received in-home care kits containing basic hygiene and sanitation items. Pray that the project will make a lasting impact on the lives of those who have received these gifts.

20 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Educators in a war-torn country are receiving training that will not only improve their teaching skills, but also help them guide students through trauma. Ask God to grant them peace and wisdom as they help children cope with tragedy.



People need fresh water for more than drinking. They need it for cleaning, bathing, watering gardens, and more. Every well BGR installs revolutionizes a community.

21 UKRAINE. Conflict in Ukraine has displaced over 1.5 million people. BGR partners are providing some of them with basic food supplies, medicines, and household items. Ask God to help the displaced rebuild their lives.

22 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Inhabitants of a refugee camp in Sub-Saharan Africa are learning urban gardening techniques so they can grow vegetables in limited space. Pray for peace in the region so the people in this camp can return home and reestablish their lives.

23 NIGERIA. Recent ethnic confrontations have forced more than 4,000 people from their communities, and BGR partners are providing them with sleeping mats, buckets, and soap. Pray that God will heal survivors' minds and hearts from the trauma they have endured.

24 VENEZUELA. Food is becoming more difficult for Venezuelans to buy as the country's economic situation worsens. One project's goal is to purchase snacks and meals for children. Pray that God will raise up partners to work alongside this ministry.

25 MIDDLE EAST. Displaced people in a Middle Eastern country struggle with diseases and disabilities. BGR partners are providing medications, medical equipment, and clinics. Pray that this project will help partners develop relationships in needy communities.

26 EAST ASIA. Minority farmers in an East Asian country are receiving much-needed agricultural training and will learn how to increase their yields. Pray farmers' financial situations will improve so they can better provide for their families.

27 NEPAL. BGR has collaborated with partners over the past year to help Nepali farmers rebuild their agricultural capacities after an earthquake devastated the country in 2015. Pray that communities will find security in the aftermath of this disaster.

28 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. The remote location of a safe house in Sub-Saharan Africa makes it difficult for staff members to purchase food for abuse survivors. BGR partners are supplying them with meals. Please pray for the women living in the house who need healing.



New well brings water, food, and dignity to Kyi's village.

There's a reason that Christ chose water as a metaphor for everlasting life. A well full of fresh water can fill a community like Kyi's* with new energy, bringing both the people and the land back to health.

Kyi lives in a village that has only one natural water source nearby—a lake. But the lake would dry up in the dry season, and when it did, villagers had to rely on neighbors for supplies. They couldn't even spare water for cleaning or washing clothes.

And, of course, no one had enough water for gardening. That became a problem for Kyi when she got sick and her doctor told her to add green vegetables to her diet.

But a local Christian told her God would provide. And he did.

Baptist Global Response provided a well and storage tank for Kyi's village, not only giving the community a year-round supply of drinking water, but also allowing them to grow gardens. Now, Kyi cultivates healthy vegetables for her family. Her health has improved, and she can even wash clothes regularly!



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