

Hello friends



Since our last newsletter back around Christmas time we've seen Living Water Africa spring into life with the completion of our first well projects in Ghana. Most of you will have seen our news flash on this recently; now for more detail on how we are investing your money, and on some plans to

raise much more with your help....

Well sorted!

As expected it took some time to work out our partnerships and logistics, not to mention dodging the West African rainy season, but we're now up and running with two wells repaired in villages in northern Ghana.

Ghana has emerged as the main focus for our work, and unexpectedly we've found a niche for Living Water Africa as funder of repairs to broken and unfinished wells. In these cases the expensive work of drilling the wells has already been done, and we can bring the wells to life at low cost by organising repair or completion work, backed up by appropriate maintenance programmes.

For those whose geography doesn't stretch to Ghana, you can see below where we are working.... a district in the Upper East province of Ghana, bordering the dry lands of Burkina Faso, known as Bongo... was this the original source of Cuban bongo drums?



Through our sister charity Bongo Development Organisation (www.bondotrust.net), whose work providing latrines in Bongo and elsewhere neatly complements our own, we were introduced to our intrepid partner water engineer Faustina Atipoka, without whom none of our work in Ghana would have got off the ground. The excellent Faustina roars around the villages of Bongo on her motorbike negotiating and organising the work on wells supported by LWA; more on Faustina in the next newsletter.

First Asilga and Lungo...

When the wells in Asilga and Lungo, two villages in Bongo, broke down, it was back to long-distance carrying of unsafe surface water for the village women. After recent discussions with village elders, Faustina organised repair of the broken wells using LWA funds and both villages now again have on-site supply of safe clean water. With your support the lives of these villagers have been transformed.



The technology, as you see in these photos, is simple and hopefully robust, but, just in case it isn't, we're working on setting up long-term maintenance contracts in which the villagers will take part.

... and now the others

Word has got around Bongo that there's a new sponsor in town. Faustina reports that villages are now coming to her asking for similar repairs to their own broken wells. Two more are planned before the rainy season closes in later in the year.

In many cases wells have been dug but not finished as funds have run out. Five villages have asked us to fund completion of their already-dug wells, a much more cost-effective way for us to get wells up and running than our original, target of digging new wells. *More bang for your bucks!*

Development of new contacts among the Chumburung people to the south-east of Bongo should soon lead to extending our work to other parts of Ghana. By the time of the next newsletter we should have plenty more to report to you....

Raising more cash



Salisbury's St John Singers staged a highly-successful Christmas concert with the proceeds going to Living Water Africa, raising £1300.

The budding Kate Mosses of Withington Girls School in Manchester, Sam's old school, staged a fashion show late last year which we reported in the last letter. Since then we've received the proceeds ... a magnificent £3600.



The congregation of Above Bar Church in Southampton, where the Verschueren family are members, chose Living Water Africa as recipient of their special Christmas collection. The spectacular result of £7700 will change the lives of seven villages.

Our warmest thanks to the above and to all of you who have contributed, and who continue to give so generously to Living Water Africa. The life-changing work in Ghana which is now well underway is your real reward.

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