Welcome to the first Global Water Community Newsletter, Summer Edition! This newsletter is intended to bring readers up to date with Global Water’s recent activities.

The next few pages describe some projects in Central America and Africa that we are either currently working on or just finished. Through our water, sanitation and hygiene related projects, we are able to have an impact not only with public health issues but children’s education, women’s rights and environmental sustainability.

In addition to sharing with you what projects we are currently involved with, we feature two donors and share how they came to think about water issues and how they partnered with Global Water. We hope these stories inspire you to think about how your unique interests and talents can support Global Water’s efforts!

This book was created to share with teachers and parents who would like to educate children on the science of water, common water problems including lack of access and poor quality and that everyone deserves clean water!

Global Water has created a children’s book entitled Every One Deserves Clean Water, which has both a humanitarian and science focus.
Projects in Central America Update

We are keeping busy with sixteen village and school projects in Central American countries, including Guatemala and Nicaragua. Here are details of two projects as examples of the work in which we are currently involved.

La Esperanza Village, Nicaragua

This project is building a spring catchment system and latrines for the community of La Esperanza. A spring catchment system will protect the water source and transport water to the village, distributing it among the individual homes.

The rural village of La Esperanza is located about 12 miles from the larger town of Rio Blanco, in the department of Matagalpa. The community was devastated by a landslide in 2004, so the remaining villagers that live there renamed the community “La Esperanza” or “the Hope” to strengthen those who continue living there. With help from a local organization and community members, this project will improve the water and sanitation for 30 families in the community.

Acul School, Guatemala

This project is building a hand washing station, storage tank and latrines for the Acul School. The rural village of Acul is located six miles from the larger city of Nebaj, Guatemala. This indigenous community speaks the Mayan language, Ixil, as well as Spanish, and the typical level of education of community members is sixth grade.

Students currently use the water from a nearby river for drinking and cooking. This is an unsafe practice because the same river is often used as a bathroom and bathing facility.

This project will benefit 670 children who attend the school in addition to the families that live in the surrounding community by providing clean water throughout the year and latrines to ensure improved sanitation.
Projects in Africa Update

After recently finishing projects in Botswana and Kenya we are currently drilling a well in Tanzania and also looking for new projects. Here are some details of two projects that were recently accomplished.

The wells drilled in these two communities have had a life changing effect on the village members. Closer access to water immediately relieves women and children from spending much of their time during the day traveling to search for water. Now they have time to pursue things such as an education and business opportunities, for instance selling hand made products. There are also new agricultural opportunities that have never been available in these arid regions before. However, the main benefit will be the improved health of the communities associated with drinking clean water.

Maasai Village, Kenya

The Maasai community is a group of six villages adjacent to the Amboseli National Park in southern Kenya. This rural region is remote with approximately 1,500 Maasai villagers living in the community.

The water sources in this region vary depending on the time of year, transportation, and rainfall. Prior to this project, the primary source of water for the community was from a swamp-like wetland, which was located three miles from the community.

Dobe Village, Botswana

The village of Dobe is a small rural community of 300 people and is located in Botswana, about an hour from the Dobe border crossing with Namibia.

Prior to this project, the primary source of water for the community was from rain and surface water catchments (ponds and ditches), which were polluted when in existence and dried up half the year. During dry periods, women and children would walk to a drilled well six miles away.
Featured Global Water Partners

Here are brief descriptions of two people who partnered with Global Water earlier this year and how their successful events supported Global Water’s efforts.

Jeremy Maltz
Jeremy decided for his Bar Mitzvah project to raise money to help give clean water to those in need. He did this by hosting a dinner for 15 of his family and friends. He planned the menu, helped shop and cooked a three-course dinner for everyone. Jeremy also created a poster board to display information about Global Water and water issues. He used this poster to discuss with his guests Global Water’s work and asked for donations. In addition, he asked that any monetary gift to be given to Global Water instead of himself for his Bar Mitzvah. He even made a personal donation to Global Water by collecting money from recycled bottles and cans. “I was looking to raise money for a cause that would help the world by improving lives. Knowing that people are dying because they are unable to obtain clean drinking water made me much more inspired to pick Global Water.”

Susan Esterley
Susan is a 5th grade teacher, who organized a 5K Walk-A-Thon with her entire school campus, including Kindergarten through 8th grade. The Walk for Water raised money to aid Global Water and also enhanced awareness of water issues among the school community. “We realized that we took for granted the water we used on a daily basis and hoped to spread the awareness for water conservation and preservation. We also wanted to help those in need of water in some small way.” “The students felt a great sense of accomplishment as well as knowing they were making a difference in the world. They also gained such an incite to those less fortunate and the experience was humbling as well as heartfelt.”
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