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YOUR CHURCH

We know that you long to see people in your church community grow into fully devoted followers of Christ. At Living Water International, we are committed to helping you, the local church, see lives transformed. Our desire is to provide you with a toolset to engage your church in mission, ministering to the poorest of the poor and addressing the global water crisis one village at a time.

We hope that each of the opportunities in this kit will enable you to take action. Whether it's a mission trip, a prayer emphasis, or sacrificially giving towards water projects, we want to partner with you to see God continue to do great things.

Please feel free to contact us anytime. For further resources or information on the water crisis you may visit our website: www.water.cc.

Looking forward to the journey!



MISSION TRIPS

We know firsthand how life-changing a mission trip can be. We led our first trip to Guatemala in 2001. This year, we will lead more than 100 volunteer teams to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Haiti. The focus of each project is transforming lives through relationships. This happens through the practical service we perform, and through sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those we are serving.

Each mission trip will give you the opportunity to actually implement a new well or repair an existing well for a community that desperately needs clean water.

TRIP PARTICIPATION

Trips are open to both groups and individuals. In order to book a trip, a group needs to commit 8-12 people; at least half of these should be willing to operate drilling equipment. Some participants may help conduct health and hygiene education or work with children in the community.

Trips cost \$1,700 per participant, which includes food, lodging, transportation, translation, and all other in-country expenses, and round-trip airfare from Houston. If your church would like to sponsor your own well, you can do so for an additional \$5,000.

You can view our trip calendar online at water.cc/take-action/#trip. For more about our short-term mission trips, contact Brandon Baca (281.207.7848 | brandon@water.cc).

TRAINING

Part of taking action and getting your hands dirty is in the preparation. Living Water offers several different opportunities to get practical training that will help you as you seek to be on mission in the developing world.

WELL DRILLING

Living Water's four-day well drilling seminar is an introductory hands-on training program that will prepare you to drill wells in developing countries. Contact: Rita Hough (281.207.7831 | rita@water.cc).

PUMP REPAIR

Living Water's Pump Repair Training Program is an introductory hands-on training program that prepares volunteers and development professionals to repair broken water well hand pumps in developing countries. Contact: Brad Salzman (281.207.7820 | brad@water.cc).

HEALTH & HYGIENE

Living Water also offers hands-on training in basic health and hygiene education that equips each participant to guide a village through basic hygiene and sanitation practices, demonstrating how these lead to improved health. Contact: Jodi Mohney (616.499.1396 | jodi@water.cc).

CONTEXTUAL BIBLE STORYING

In our Orality Training Workshops, we invite you to interact with the stories of the Bible as an oral learner—just like the four billion people in our world who don't learn through literate means. During the workshop, you will participate in the same orality training that Living Water conducts in developing countries and experience Contextual Bible Storying as both a listener and a storyteller. Contact: Marisol Sampson (281-207-7834 | marisol@water.cc).



PRAYER ENGAGEMENT

*"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture said, from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water."
... John 7:38*

October 10, 2010 is the Global Day of Prayer for the World Water Crisis. Join with millions around the world as we pray for those who desperately need clean, safe water.

Water is mentioned in the first chapter of Genesis, the last chapter of Revelation and several hundred times throughout Scripture. Water is often used in scripture to communicate God's character and provision for all creation and for every living creature. Without water, there is no life—spiritually or physically.

One of the most important things we can do on behalf of the world's thirsty is to pray. After all, they are praying, too. In many places where we work, people tell us that we are an answer to their prayers.

As you engage in strategic intercession for the water needs of the world, the following guidelines may be a helpful focus for your prayer:

Worship – Effective prayer begins when we worship the Lord Jesus in Spirit and in Truth. True worship enables us to walk in purity and holiness and be effective intercessors.

Adoration – As we engage in times of adoration and acknowledgment of God, He will direct our paths and direct our thoughts and attention to those things nearest His heart.

Thanksgiving – A heart of gratitude will enable us to recognize that He controls all things and that He is working everything according to His purposes.

Edification - God will edify His people as we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. He has promised to show Himself strong on our behalf as we have pure hearts before Him.

Repentance – As we receive God's Word, confess and repent of our sins, He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness and renew our hearts.

"The poor and the needy are looking for water, but there is none. Their tongues are parched with thirst. I, the Lord, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will not abandon them. I will make rivers flow on bare hilltops. I will make springs flow through valleys, I



PROJECT SPONSORSHIP

Since 1990, Living Water International has completed more than 9,000 water projects in 26 countries. We are so amazed, encouraged, and challenged by what God continues to do as we seek to serve him and the developing world.

We recognize that the water crisis is an enormous issue in our world, and that it requires us to continually trust God to provide. This year we hope to implement over 2,000 projects; to do this we depend on partners like you.

What would it look like for the Church to lead the way of transformation in the world?

One dollar gives clean water to one person for one year. ONE.

What if we—the Church—were able to take that reality and change the world?

We know that not everybody is called to the mission field. However, there is a way for a whole community of believers to be involved in a project together.

SPONSOR A PROJECT

By sponsoring a project you will directly impact people's lives by providing clean water, health and hygiene education, and the gospel—in word and deed.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Well Rehabilitation:	\$3,000
Shallow Well:	\$5,000
Deep Well:	\$10,000 - \$30,000

By sponsoring a well project you are able to partner with Living Water International to bring a cup of water in Jesus' name.

QUESTIONS?

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THE H2O PROJECT

Did you know that Americans spend more than \$61 billion on soft drinks every year? That's 15 times the budget of USAID (United States Agency for International Development)!

What if you took a break from soft drinks, along with many other beverages, for just two weeks? What if you could bring clean water to people in need just by making that sacrifice?

THE CHALLENGE

For two weeks, make water your only beverage. Save the money that you would normally spend on sodas, coffee, and sport drinks. At the end of the two weeks, contribute the money you saved to Living Water International for the drilling of wells. Churches, youth groups, clubs, school groups, and other organizations have all participated in The H2O Project.

When you register your group to participate, you will receive bracelets and stickers for everyone involved—all completely free!

LENT

Many groups have found great meaning in taking on this challenge during Lent, as the sacrificial nature of the project lends itself to a thoughtful preparation for Easter.

GET STARTED AND ORDER SUPPLIES

Visit our website to get started on your very own H2O project: <http://www.water.cc/the-h20-project>

QUESTIONS?

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ADVENT CONSPIRACY

God gives us a son. And we give gift cards. Christmas.

In a season that should belong to the Church, we let culture, media, and the shopping mall define how we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The presence of God in the world is remembered by obligatory presents, frenzied spending, and debt. Are we losing our way?

In 2006, four pastors and their communities united to re-envision the story of Christmas—to imagine how the truth of the season could, 2000 years later, still change the world. They called it the Advent Conspiracy. Four churches in 2006 turned into hundreds in 2007 and even more in 2008 and 2009. An international movement began.

Participating churches, families, and individuals vow to:

WORSHIP FULLY: We too often get lost in the frantic rush of the holiday season. We will celebrate a season where we put down our burdens and lift up a song to God.

SPEND LESS: Americans spend an average of \$450 billion every Christmas. We will celebrate simply, freeing ourselves from the compulsion to buy expensive gifts.

GIVE MORE: At Christmas, Jesus gave himself to us. We will give meaningful, relational gifts to the people we love rather than buying gifts out of obligation.

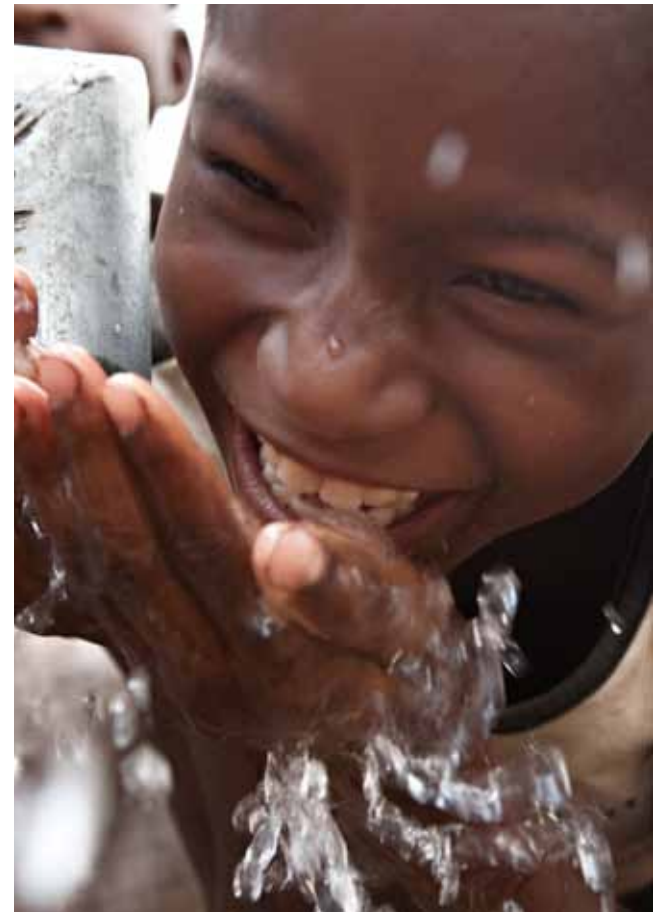
LOVE ALL: Jesus loved the poor, the forgotten, the sick. We will join him giving some of the money we saved to help those who need the most.

Living Water International has been part of the Advent Conspiracy from the very beginning. We connect congregations to communities in need of water. Every dollar is accounted for. Every project is reported, with GPS coordinates, stories, and photos.

Because of the contributions of Advent Conspiracy congregations, hundreds of thousands of people are now drinking clean water from hand pumps instead of carrying water from swamps and rivers... all because people decided to celebrate Christmas a little differently.

It's hard to know what is more sacred—the family deciding to give gifts that really matter, or clean water dribbling down the chin of a child for the first time. At Living Water, we have a hard time seeing the difference.

Find out more and download resources at www.water.cc/adventconspiracy.



THE STORY OF THE THIRSTY

You want to spread the word. You want to see the gospel change the world. The Story of the Thirsty is a fun and easy way to do just that.

Part film, part fact, part poetry, The Story of the Thirsty is where we fit in to the story that began in the beginning and ends with all things made new. It's a chance to make an impact, because we're thirsty too.

Schedule an inspiring one-hour presentation at your church. You'll be entertained, touched, and moved to action. In the process, you will transform an entire village with clean drinking water in Jesus' name. We'll show you how.

HOST AN EVENT

Enlist advocates, choose a venue, schedule an evening, set a goal, and partner with us to host a Story of the Thirsty event at your church! Find out everything you never knew you wanted to know about hosting this event at www.water.cc/story

REGISTER

Find a Story of the Thirsty event in your area and register to attend. More at www.water.cc/story/register

QUESTIONS?

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