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"I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink." - Matthew 25:35

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A GIFT FROM OUR SON MARTIN

BY TOM LOGAN

This year, on what would have been his 47th birthday, Jocelyn found some handwritten notes he'd written in 1996 when he was only 22 years old. I thought I'd share a couple of them with you. They are extraordinary.

"Admitting: Yes, I am very wrong. This is my fault: Arrogance (It is an arrogance born of anger and frustration, but arrogance none the less). I am arrogant about what I am right about. I feel disgust with the lambs who follow blindly. I believe in Jesus Christ because I chose to, because he stood up for people that were being abused and mistreated...the hungry, the poor, the suffering; the people Jesus cared for, healed, gave hope to, and commanded us to do the same...If you want to meet Jesus, he's there waiting for us all, reaching out his hand to us...Jesus needs not my anger to have his enemies destroyed, what he needs to "destroy" his enemies (hunger, hatred, suffering) is my compassion & love...for the least of these, for him."



2 Timothy 2: 14 "Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen." 23 "Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, they must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful."

Together, together... Africans, Americans, black people, white people, the poor and the not so poor, college professors and those who have never attended school, **God's creation. Together, we've built 42,205 wells in Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania providing an estimated 5 million people with a sustainable source of safe drinking water.** Last year, during the covid-19 pandemic, we built a record 3,172 wells covering roughly 60,000 square miles, providing an estimated 396,500 (237,000 children) with a sustainable source of safe drinking water.

The point is, the Well Program infrastructure is made up of dedicated, capable, passionate people...the very best. Each village well has a well committee, each group of 10 to 20 wells make up a Zone. There are 4 African Well Program Coordinators, 21 Field Officers, 108 Installation Supervisors, 1,100 well builders, and 3,500+- maintenance people.

Marion Medical Mission means loving your neighbor. It means joy, making a difference, making life count, adventure and goodwill. Join us!!

Only together can we be who God created us to be. When we pray we move our feet.

“None Of Us Are Free” by Solomon Burke

Well, you better listen my sisters and brothers,
'cause if you do you can hear.
There are voices still calling across the years.
And they're crying across the ocean,
And they're cryin' across the land,
And they will till we come to understand.
None of us are free.
None of us are free.
None of us are free, if one of us is chained.
None of us are free.

Message from Rev. Mwasakifwa
MMM Coordinator, Tanzania



It is extraordinary, during this time when we are all struggling with covid 19 and the economy, you in the United States are still seeking to serve our people in Africa. Thank you so much for your continued efforts in the United States: working hard to make sure the work can be done. We pray for you. We ask that God may keep you and give you long life. The world needs people like you that love others and help them. You are struggling for us. We thank you very much. There are few people with such a spirit that keep going when there is such difficulty. We know the spirit that you have God has given to you, and we are with you.

I trust we are one, we are sisters and brothers. We expected to have the Americans into this land of Africa this year. We miss them, we miss them, we miss them! But though we are apart, know we are strong; we are all together to work and to make sure that all the wells are installed, even in the absence of the volunteers. We are strong, we are ready, we pray, and we will do the best ever! The Field Officers and Installation Supervisors are ready to work hard this year. So, we promise you that we will complete the wells. We pray, we are courageous now, we will do the work. We pray for you in the States that you are healthy and strong. Thank you so much. Bless you all!

MMM Daily Devotions 2021



These devotions were written by the African staff, U.S. volunteers, and friends of MMM. One devotion for each day of the 2021 Well Season (Sep. 1 through Oct. 31) is included. Each is a heartfelt testament to the power of God at work through MMM. **Get a copy so you can participate!** Email devotions@mmmwater.org to receive a

daily devotion via email or download a Kindle version for .99 cents at Amazon.com.

Please share these with your friends, family, and church. Thank you for keeping the African staff in your prayers as they bring the gift of clean water to God's people in Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia.

Special thanks to **Jane Swanson**, who worked countless hours to put these devotions together.

In loving memory of William “Bill” Heath

June 14, 1943 - June 10, 2021

Bill Heath from Decatur, IL was an MMM volunteer in Malawi in 1997 and a strong Marion Medical Mission supporter. His wife Joyce Heath has been a member of our teams to Malawi numerous times and served on MMM's board for over 20 years. In addition, Bill and Joyce have yearly donated first aid kits for the U.S. volunteers. **Bill's legacy of love will live on** as we have received many donations to build wells this Fall in his memory and honor.



TO BUILD A WELL

THE VILLAGE MAKES THE BRICK AND PROVIDES THE SAND AND STONE AND UNSKILLED LABOR.



MARION MEDICAL MISSION PROVIDES ONLY WHAT THE VILLAGES CANNOT:



THE CEMENT, MARK V GALVANIZED STEEL PUMP, PVC PIPE AND SKILLED AFRICAN WELL BUILDERS.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

By Karen Dragano, MMM Volunteer

"Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Luke 18:17



How did kindergarteners and popsicles lead to a well in Africa? Just ask the teachers and students of High Plains Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado. It all began with a Problem Based Learning Unit on the need for clean drinking water around the world. The kindergarteners learned about water issues in drought-prone Colorado. But then the teachers wanted to look at water issues far from home. Of course Marion Medical Mission wells fit right in. You know how God connects people! God put the teachers in touch with MMM volunteers and we shared the MMM story with the kindergarten classes through Google Meet.

The key idea is "kindergarteners have big hearts!" They saw Malawian children who are just like them. They tried carrying water (heavy!). They understood the upset stomachs you get from unsafe drinking water. They wanted to help! Two of the kindergarteners had a genius idea-popsicles! The classes sold popsicles after school for \$1 each. Suddenly, the whole school became involved. The result? \$548 to support a well for children on the other side of the world. Of course, their well will serve villagers of all ages. But The High Plains children are focused on their new friends, the children in that African village. These kids want those kids to grow up strong and healthy so they can learn and have fun too. **They are growing up together, even though they live so far apart!**



↑ The well

Two lessons:

- 1. Children helping children-**
It's never too early in life to reach out and help others.
- 2. God can use anyone-**
God can even use **you!** Whoever **you** are, wherever **you** are, however old **you** are, God can use **you** to help others! Praise God!

YES! I want to share God's love by providing clean water

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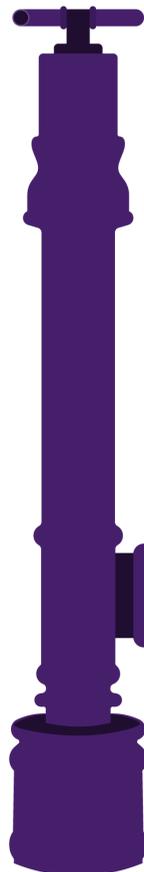
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