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Kiwere Water Project in Tanzania

Kiwere is a village of subsistence farmers in Iringa Rural district in Tanzania. The lack of water is the biggest issue facing the village so the community leaders have requested help from the church. Currently the residents of Kiwere are forced to fetch water from polluted pools or the Little Ruaha river two hours' walk away. Emmanuel International is working in partnership with the Anglican church in Kiwere, together with the local community to bring water within easy reach of the population of approximately 2000 people.



Children fetching water from a seasonal water hole



The Little Ruaha River, which will provide the source of the new water supply

Through a gravity water system, water will flow from an intake on the river to storage tanks in the village, and water distribution points will provide water

close to people's homes and at the primary school. Gravity water systems have no moving parts or machinery which are prone to maintenance issues. The technology is so simple that it can be maintained by local people with local resources, and as part of the project a local water users committee will be formed to operate the water supply for sustainability. In addition, each household will be trained in point-of-use water treatment so they can drink clean, safe water in their homes. In addition, the community will be mobilised to improve their household hygiene and sanitation, through simple interventions like 'tippy taps' for handwashing and 'sanplat' latrine slabs.

Kiwere Village Chairman

Yustin Lupita is chairman of the village government, and has lived in Kiwere for 53 years. He said that water is a big demand of the Kiwere villagers which is why his government decided to seek help from The Diocese of Ruaha in order to alleviate the problem. Water has a big effect on the Kiwere community. Some of the impacts are:

- Lack of water has led to economic difficulties for members of the village.
- Poor school attendance for students because a lot of time is used in fetching water.
- Diseases like cholera, diarrhoea, schistosomiasis, typhoid, etc. affect many people in the village.
- Safety and security of women and children going to collect water is not good because they can be raped while a long distance from houses.

Lupita said that members of the village are ready and able to perform all labour activities like excavation of the pipe trench, excavation of foundations for building tanks, carrying of material to construction areas and provision of houses for project technicians and to keep material as well as security for the work. He said they are happy to receive this important grant. When the project is completed, he expects people in the village to be in a good position to improve their lives and increase their household income.



Village Chairman (right) with Executive Officer

Interviews with...

Veronika Bafta Sanga



Veronika is 39 years old, a widow with five children. Three are boys (aged 12, 9 and 7) and two are girls (aged 16 and 4). She has lived in Kiwere since birth, and is used to fetching water from the Little Ruaha River which takes her 2½ hours for the round trip from her house.

She needs 9 buckets of water per day, so she goes to the river to fetch water 3 times per day, and her children have to go after school to get more water in the evening. They are then too tired to revise their school lessons. Not only is the water far from her house but it is not clean and safe to drink. The family suffers from diseases like typhoid, cholera and diarrhoea. This affects her children's school attendance.

Happy Mpagama

Happy is married, aged 32, and has lived in Kiwere village since she was born. She has two children, a 7 year old boy a 4 year old girl. She uses two different sources of water, depending on the season. In the dry season she uses the Little Ruaha River and in the wet season she uses natural water holes. It typically takes her 2½ hours getting to and from the sources. Her

Kiwere Community Members

family needs five buckets of water per day, so she fetches water twice a day from the source and buys two buckets per day from the water vendor, at Tsh 500 per bucket, which is very expensive for her.

Even from the water hole, the water is not clean and safe to drink, and the family is much affected with diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea, schistosomiasis, and typhoid. She is so glad to hear that the water project is coming to Kiwere village, because she says that it will help them to reduce diseases and they will get time to do some other things such as earning more money, and life will be better.



Kiwere Anglican Church Pastor

Rev Ernest Ndogwe is the Pastor of the Anglican Church of Kiwere and has been there for the three years now. Pastor Ndogwe explained that in Kiwere village there are many challenges that community members encounter, but the biggest is water. Villagers spend a large amount of time fetching water when they could be doing more profitable activities or attending church. Some villagers use a lot of money buying water as well, and even this water is not clean and safe to drink.

He explained that the Diocese of Ruaha wants to build the church in Kiwere, wanting to save people both spiritually and physically, and at the moment the church is growing well, with many Christians there. He said that they still face some challenges, as the church is not finished and there is no house for the pastor and other parish workers, but the water project will be a blessing to the whole village, not just the Christians.

Pastor Ndogwe also explained his perception about the role of the church, which is to save the community, meeting spiritual and physical needs, rather than, as some people think, that the church should concern itself with spiritual matters only. He said that people with good health, good social services and reasonable economic position are encouraged to worship God.

He is thankful to God that sponsors have been found for Kiwere Water Project and he hopes that due to this project, Kiwere community and the surrounding area is going to be blessed.



Rev Ernest Ndogwe (left) talking to El Water Project Officer Benedict Sanga

Fundraising for Kiwere

Emmanuel Church in Stoughton

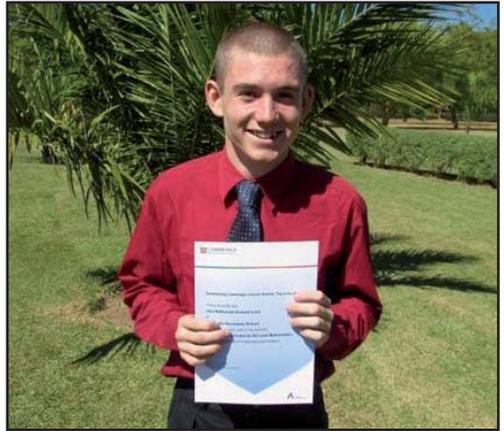


The Lions Den boys have completed their Walk for Water! The Year 10 boys, aka Lions Den, walked 20 miles through the night, from Slinfold to Guildford. They pushed through the pain barrier of blisters, sore muscles and lack of sleep to complete the walk in just under 10 hours. "We enjoyed spending the time together, eating loads, discussing life and talking about how faith impacts each of our lives and even had time to watch a few videos along the way. Breakfast upon the top of St Martha's Hill at dawn was another highlight. The final walk up to church and the welcome that the boys received was a real highlight. To raise over £1000 for the Kiwere Water Project has been a real pleasure."

12th High Wycombe (Union Baptist) Beaver Scouts

The Beavers have done a 'water walk' - each person carrying 5 litres of water for 1km - to raise money for the Tanzanian water projects. This was part of a term of activities learning about the culture, cooking, language and fashion of Tanzania. They have raised over £400.

Julu Lund Top of the World



Julu sat his Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) AS Mathematics in November 2014, and from over 170 countries, 10,000 schools and 400,000 students, Julu excelled with the best result, a perfect 100%! On Monday 11 May Julu was presented with the prestigious 'Cambridge Top in the World' award.

Julu is the son of Wendy and Glen Lund (EIUK Alumni to Malawi and Uganda in the 1990s). The Lunds are currently living and working in Zambia. Julu attends the Chengelo Sixth Form.

John and Samuel Naudé

Thank you for your prayers for John and Samuel. The Thanksgiving Service for Belinda's life was a beautiful tribute.

John and Samuel have gone back to Malawi but will return to the UK for the summer holidays.

Dates for your diary

EIUK summer meeting: 11 July
2015 at Trinity Church, Harrow
Board of Trustees Meeting: 30
October 2015