

Who Stole the Water? Water Well Report by Roy Wanta

Individual materialistic Christians in pursuit of the American dream often ponder how many cars can they place in their garages or how many bedrooms they can have in their mansions on earth. Many Western Christian organizations have billions of dollars secured in their corporate bank accounts. Unfortunately, all will soon discover that temporal blessings are not equal to God's divine favor. In comparison, Christians in other parts of the world—who are in dire need of food, drinking water, clothing, shelter and medicine—continue to abound in their faith with no shadow of turning back. There are some Christians from prosperous nations and Third World countries that have sacrificed all to gain a more excellent eternal reward. Those who are selfish have adopted the philosophy of "out of sight, out of mind". Jesus purposefully exposed His disciples to the essence of Christian love through application.

Many First World Christians do not come to the aid of their brothers in other parts of the world nor intercede on their behalf. Does one not think that the Lord of heaven sees the affairs of His children and their lack of love and compassion for their brothers who are going through great distress? Do they not understand that there is a possibility that the Lord will one day reverse the situation so the Western church can truly know Him and comprehend the greater depths of the gospel? (Psalm 10:1-18) Are some perceiving God to be their "sugar daddy" who supplies them with whatever they desire and lust after with no strings attached? God forbid, quite to the contrary!

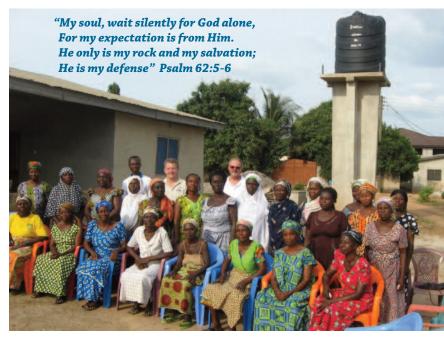
In the fifteen or twenty years of traveling to Third World countries, I have seen death, disease, poverty, starvation, etc. In Africa, Doug and Greg and I were able to witness the wells drilled by NGO's (non-governmental organizations) where someone of good intention drilled a well and gave it to the people of the village. This well was meant

for the people of the village, but if you look in the picture, you will see that the village chief took the water away from the people and directed it to his own house after the NGO's left. Guess what? The people never got the water, but the chief did. Chiefs have a lot



of power in Africa. Going against a chief would be like one person going against the U.S. president or the governor of a state; that is how much power they have. I have seen many abandoned wells in Africa because no one went back to check.

In October of 2014, Pastor Benjamin from Kumasi asked if we could drill a well. I had told him, "No, it's not in the budget. We don't have it; it's not going to happen." But this water project was different! God is the provider of our needs and in Him we trust. In January, I received a call from someone who said that they would be willing to help "I Am" drill a well for Pastor Benjamin and his village. It was to be for the widow's project, the church and the community. So the Lord has blessed this area in Africa using someone in the States who listened to His voice!



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On our last visit to help the widows, or may not happen. That's not the definition Pastor Benjamin organized them and of the word "hope" in the Bible—glory! If we appointed a team of leaders. We advised them have hope in Christ, it means it is that as a cooperative group of many, they guaranteed to come to pass. We just don't know the time that it will happen. have a voice. It is customary that when a husband dies, the widow loses everything-Guess what? The water well came to be. the house, money, support and everything Glory be to God. Pastor Benjamin said he goes to the husband's family. With no money, had his hope in Christ, not knowing the one woman can do nothing in court. But as time, but knowing it would happen. God an organization of twenty or sixty or a bless those who offered to pay for the well hundred, they can confront the government for these people. It's going to come. Jesus is and help the widow who has lost everything. going to come, and He is the Blessed Hope. After all, who in his right mind would want We needed the water so these women to go against a hundred angry, upset women? can sell water in the market. Lord willing, I wouldn't! These ladies are street smart hopefully with time, we can bag the water survivors who fight to protect one another and sell it to cover the operating expenses and their children. If hope is removed, of electricity and maintenance there is nothing but despair, and to provide income for and really, hope is only in these widows. We needed Christ. If we only hope in water nearby for the people this life, we are of all men who have been traveling a (women) most miserable, distance to get clean water. but thank God, in Jesus Thanks to those who have we have hope. We are glad offered and bought grinding that Pastor Benjamin has machines for the widows, stepped in to work and they now have the hope of teach the word of God selling their food in the and has concern for market. They also needed these women. In the this water for washing the materialistic world, vegetables to be ground in the definition of hope the vegetable machine. is that something may Leadership team

Serving Christ does not require that one become a pauper or a beggar. God allows some of His people even to be rich, knowing that those who will not be corrupted by riches will bless the kingdom with material needs. It is those people who have been helping the widows and the orphaned street children. Christ even promises that "...no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life." Mark 10:29-30