



"I Am" hath sent me unto you.

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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!

***"My soul, wait silently for God alone,
For my expectation is from Him.
He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defense" Psalm 62:5-6***



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On our last visit to help the widows, Pastor Benjamin organized them and appointed a team of leaders. We advised them that as a cooperative group of many, they have a voice. It is customary that when a husband dies, the widow loses everything—the house, money, support and everything goes to the husband’s family. With no money, one woman can do nothing in court. But as an organization of twenty or sixty or a hundred, they can confront the government and help the widow who has lost everything. After all, who in his right mind would want to go against a hundred angry, upset women? I wouldn’t! These ladies are street smart survivors who fight to protect one another and their children. If hope is removed, there is nothing but despair, and really, hope is only in Christ. If we only hope in this life, we are of all men (women) most miserable, but thank God, in Jesus we have hope. We are glad that Pastor Benjamin has stepped in to work and teach the word of God and has concern for these women. In the materialistic world, the definition of hope is that something may

or may not happen. That’s not the definition of the word “hope” in the Bible—glory! If we have hope in Christ, it means it is guaranteed to come to pass. We just don’t know the time that it will happen.

Guess what? The water well came to be. Glory be to God. Pastor Benjamin said he had his hope in Christ, not knowing the time, but knowing it would happen. God bless those who offered to pay for the well for these people. It’s going to come. Jesus is going to come, and He is the Blessed Hope.

We needed the water so these women can sell water in the market. Lord willing, hopefully with time, we can bag the water and sell it to cover the operating expenses of electricity and maintenance and to provide income for these widows. We needed water nearby for the people who have been traveling a distance to get clean water. Thanks to those who have offered and bought grinding machines for the widows, they now have the hope of selling their food in the market. They also needed this water for washing the vegetables to be ground in the vegetable machine.



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