



A Final Update on Your Gift for Safe Water



LIVES TRANSFORMED IN BURKINA FASO

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A representative from a drilling company signs an agreement to begin work on the borehole well.

Cover Photo: Community members gather at a tap to collect water.

Water is Flowing For Children in Need

In two communities near Leo and Ouagadougou, children and communities are rejoicing and celebrating. Nearly one year after the project commenced, all construction, testing and training is complete, and we are so excited to share with you the incredible changes taking place through these two new wells.

Successful Construction and Training

After completing construction and testing of the two wells, both were fitted with solar-powered pumps, and each center also completed construction on hand-washing stations and community taps. The systems were immediately put to use, allowing for smooth program activities as workers easily accessed water for hand-washing, drinking, cooking and cleaning. With quick access to safe water finally available, ministry at these churches was instantly transformed.

Project committee members then hired local health officials to train the children, their caregivers and the center staff on healthy hygiene and sanitation practices. The training covered the sources of water contamination, prevention of water-related diseases, the importance of drinking clean water, personal hygiene, and hand-washing after using the toilets or before meals. As these practices were adopted as part of the children’s regular behavior, staff members noticed a dramatic reduction in the incidence of hygiene-related and waterborne illness. They plan to regularly remind children of what they’ve learned and monitor their health to ensure incidents of illness remain low.

Today, thanks to your support, the search for water for over 1,800 Compassion-assisted children, caregivers, staff members, and church and community members is over. They are enjoying safe, plentiful water right in their communities — something that will bless their lives for years to come.

Key Accomplishments



2 solar-powered boreholes constructed, supplying taps and hand-washing stations with water.



530 Compassion-assisted children and approximately 1,270 family, church and community members now have access to safe water.



2 churches have expanded their ministry reach, sharing Jesus’ love with more people every day.



Located right on the church property, the well draws hundreds of people to the church every day.

Gratitude from Burkina Faso

Thanks to the drilling of these wells, life in these two communities is beginning to change. According to Pastor Balibio at BFO506, the children no longer travel long distances to fetch water and the church has enough water to host activities for larger crowds. The children have been drinking water from the well for several months now, and he shares that “the registered children hardly suffer from waterborne diseases.” His church was also able to utilize the solar energy installed for the well to supply power for the church lighting and sound system.

For both centers, program activity days are running smoother. The meals are cooked on time with less burden on the volunteer cooks, and hand-washing is simple and easy for the children. Local authorities have also recognized the churches’ work and are rejoicing over the success of the projects! Ismael, a Compassion Burkina Faso staff member, shares, “Improved access to potable water, which seemed an impossible dream, is now a reality through this intervention.”

Beyond the health and education benefits that children are seeing, each church has been positioned as a meeting place and source of hope in its community. Whenever water is needed, it can be found by going to the church. Pastor Balibio is beyond grateful, and wishes to share, “I thank the donors for their great support and I pray God will watch over them and bless them abundantly. May they harvest many blessings and continue blessing many other people in need.”



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Your Partnership Makes a Difference



Surveys before drilling led to finding optimal well locations at both churches.

Water towers will ensure that enough water is stored to meet all of the churches' water needs.



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What was your life like before the wells were dug?

We managed with one old water pump that produced bad water and people would wait in line for long hours to fetch water from it.



What will water access mean for your future?

This change means that we can stay healthy.



What is one thing you've learned?

I learned the importance of drinking clean water to stay healthy.



What would you like to say to those who supported this project?

I say a big thank you to all those who contributed to this well. May God bless you abundantly!



Children gather at one of the new hand-washing stations to participate in a hygiene training lesson.



Thank You for Helping Change Lives

With these two wells so many lives have been touched and blessed. Thank you for partnering with the local church in Burkina Faso to make the dream of safe water a reality for 1,800 people, including hundreds of precious children served through Compassion's program. May God bless you greatly!

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