



SPECIAL GREETINGS TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OUR FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS

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NOT BY WATER ALONE



(left) A very happy village elder after a new bore hole is commissioned!

(right) Children hauling water.



I bring you very warm greetings in Jesus' name. I am indeed blessed to be a part of this partnership-- the good partnership between you and us--to model Christ Jesus by loving justice and doing mercy in this part of the world. I call to mind the joy that the Apostle Paul had over the partnership between himself and the church at Philippi. And like the great apostle, our prayer also for you is that the Lord God may supply all your needs - physical and spiritual-according to His riches in Christ Jesus. It is with joy that I share with you some of the things that the Lord is doing through our partnerships.

The partnership between you, Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM), Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), and Partners Worldwide (PWW) has provided in the Eastern Kambari Area (EKA) more than eighty community-owned boreholes equipped with hand pumps. The overall health of these communities improves dramatically when they start to use potable water. Beneficiaries of these wells in the EKA, which is an area that covers parts of Niger and Kebbi states in northern Nigeria are poor, pre-literate tribesmen. Adult literacy is less than 1%! And child mortality rate (ages 1-5 years) is astronomically high. This good partnership is producing more than just good water. The whole life of the people in this area of Nigeria is being touched. A good example of spiritual transformation occurred recently in Verembe, a remote village in the EKA, where the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ had not been preached until very recently. Through the partnership of CRWM, CRWRC, PWW and Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN), a weekend of evangelistic outreach was organized in this village. During this event, there was the preaching of the gospel and screening of the Jesus film and other gospel films. At the end of the campaign, forty-one adults had publicly renounced their traditional religions and idols, and received Jesus as their

Lord and Saviour! Praise the Lord. Since this campaign, local CRWRC staff persons visit Verembe each Sunday to hold worship services and also to teach the Bible. The CRWRC staff person who had visited this village the very next Sunday after the campaign was pleasantly surprised to find the community members already assembled, awaiting his arrival to hold worship service. Please pray for these young believers and for others across the EKA that they will stand and continue to grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus.

Another project with which we are involved in the EKA is sanitation. We provide training and also work with partner communities to construct communal demonstration Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrines. Adult literacy in the EKA is less than one percent! CRWRC is a partner in providing adult literacy classes in ten pilot communities across the EKA. In addition, we are working in two pilot communities to increase primary school enrollment, as well as increasing the percentage of children who stay in school to graduate from primary school. Alongside the adult literacy programme is the training of community leaders as justice and peace facilitators.

Our programme for increasing immunization cover to children under five years old has been very successful. Late last year, at Kamfani village, we had a visit from the World Health Organization (WHO) doctor in charge of monitoring immunization in the EKA. This visit was sequel to the marked increase in immunization cover after our intervention.

We are indeed thankful to the Lord for His encouragement through your support and partnership, as well as through the results that have been recorded.

This month, September, I will be visiting some churches in Canada and the United States. Please pray for the logistics of this trip. Although I may not be able to see all of you face to face, I really look forward to seeing some of you.

Thank you again for your partnership in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

With His love,

Esther and John Orkar