

WaterKenya



The saying is that **'water is life'**. This couldn't be truer in many areas of Kenya. Many brethren and sisters are facing great hardship due to a lack of clean water. There are two main problems:

Problem 1: There is not enough water! Children are often very dehydrated. There are common complaints of headaches. Women and children walk great distances carrying heavy jerry cans of water. This keeps children out of school.

Problem 2: The water is dirty! Sicknesses from dirty water are commonplace. Dirty water kills 4000 children around the world every day. Parasitic and bacterial infections among brethren and sisters and their children are very common.

Example: January 2009 – Mukundi ecclesia

When the Agape in Action team visited Mukundi in Jan '09, the dam used by B&S to collect water had completely dried up. The ground was cracked and dry where the water used to be. The brethren and sisters were being forced to cross into a wildlife reserve to get water from a waterhole that was also used by the wild animals. They were risking their lives to do this. In particular, aggressive elephants were challenging them. At sunset as it was getting dark, you could see a line of fires in the distance that the locals had lit on the path to, and around, the waterhole in the reserve to try and protect themselves from the animals. All this for a bucket of dirty water.

Example: January 2009 – Godo ecclesia

The area of Godo is a semi-arid area near the Tanzanian border. The main source of income in this area is the making and selling of charcoal. For some of the year they can get water from a small dam about 2 kilometres from the ecclesial hall. However, the water from the dam doesn't last long and then they travel 20 kilometres across the border to Tanzania where they get dirty water from a river.

Agape in Action is researching solutions (e.g. bores, dams, tanks) to provide clean water to ecclesias in Kenya that will benefit B&S and their communities. A Christadelphian engineer is currently in Kenya developing project plans. If you would like to know more about AinA water projects please contact us at agapeinaction@rogers.com or (519) 837-9094



"...I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me..." Matt 25:35,40



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