



GLOBAL PROGRAM UPDATE: WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

Your Impact: Supporting Clean Water and Good Health

Globally, one in three people don't have access to safe drinking water; even more don't have access to safely managed sanitation facilities or handwashing facilities. In fact, one of the leading causes of death for those living in poverty is illness as a result of waterborne disease or poor hygiene practices. Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) projects address these issues comprehensively. Together with local Nazarene churches, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries trains and equips community members to spread good WASH practices like using available resources to make handwashing stations.

To address the critical need for clean water, local churches, Nazarene schools, and child development centers also become clean water hubs and often include boreholes—wells that pull safe, clean water from deep within the ground. In many areas, gathering water involves walking long distances, a task that often falls to women and girls. If clean water is closer and easier to obtain, women and girls have more time for self-help groups, education, and more.

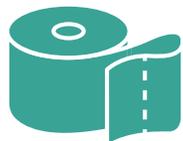
Highlights from the past three years:



In Sierra Leone, 17,000 people have been served by 13 new boreholes in 12 communities since 2017.



2,000+ people are benefitting from continuing WASH projects in India.



In Liberia, 1,800 students benefitted from 10 new latrines across 10 communities in 2018.



In 2019, 16,000+ people participated in awareness workshops in Ghana.



In countries like Sri Lanka, WASH projects also include economic empowerment initiatives.

Stories from India

In India, WASH projects go further. In addition to clean water and good sanitation, the projects also include self-help groups, kitchen gardens and training, and help accessing health care.

Each of these different facets help address the needs of the community, building resiliency and hope. Community transformation starts with access to clean water and continues through hygiene and sanitation. Once people are healthy and well, the kitchen gardens and self-help groups empower them to dream of a better future.

At one church in India, a borehole was drilled to the benefit of both community and church members. One Nazarene member explains that his family used to have a well, but it had become dry. There was no water—and no options—until the new borehole at the church was drilled less than a mile away from the family's house.

"Now the new borehole at our church serves the community to consume water regularly," the man shares. "I am very much overwhelmed with joy to utilize the water from the church premises for our daily needs."

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