

Water for Peace: Shalom/Salaam/Marembe/Pax/Pac/Paz/Peace

Today is March 22, 2024, designated by the UN as #WorldWaterDay2024

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day>

For **WorldHope Corps** “*Water is Life*” and providing clean water in Africa is one of our core programs.

Since 2007, we have drilled by ourselves or co-sponsored the drilling of over 85 village wells in Northern Malawi. We also started a community Water Store utility in western Uganda (including drilling a deep borehole, high water tank, filtration system, and pipes to waterpoints –now privately managed).

And we are ready to drill the next village well in Mzimba, northern Malawi, in the village of Duka Kalua during the season of Easter. But we do not yet have a sponsor or a group of donors for the Easter Well. We are looking for you!

Are you the single sponsor the villagers have in mind?

Are you one of many willing to contribute a gift of any amount next week—during Holy Week—to an Easter Well Fund for the 725 villagers who do not yet have access to clean water in their village of Duka Kalua?

If so, please respond to this one-week campaign. Or contact a member of our community development team for more info. Or go directly to our website to contribute online.
www.WorldHopeCorps.org

One deep-water well in rural Malawi costs \$10,500 to drill and install. Often, a single individual, a church group, or a Family Trust becomes the sponsor. Sometimes, a group of individual donors contribute to the Village Well Fund to get the job done. Single sponsors name the Well and a donor plaque is affixed to the pump. Sometimes, donors remain anonymous. Again, I boldly ask: *Are you the one we are looking for?*

Duka Kalua is a worthy village and the people have been waiting long for God to provide clean water close enough for daily use. Currently, their nearest water source is a stream several kilometers away. There also is a shallow well nearby from which animals drink, but it is muddy and dirty and not considered safe for human consumption.



On February 5, 2024, Pastor Dennis Singini, Director of WorldHope Corps Malawi--our partner in ministry since 2008—was visiting another village to assess its borehole; and on the way he saw two women drawing water from a stream in the rain. “This caught my attention,” says Dennis, “so I approached them to ask why they were doing this in the rain? A woman named Stella told me that this was their only source of water, and though it was not very clean, they had no other option but to drink it. Sometimes they boil it, but not always, and many villagers suffer from waterborne diseases. I asked her to direct me to the village chief who explained more to me:

"I am grateful that you have stopped by to hear from me...about the challenges of my village and other surrounding villages. My name is Village Headman Kalua and I oversee ten different villages. Unfortunately, all 700+ people in my village rely on the stream for water. We do not have access to our own borehole, only a shallow well which can be dangerous during the rainy season. Despite multiple requests we have been unsuccessful in obtaining a borehole from the municipal District Council due to a lengthily political process. Therefore, I decided that we must start contributing to a well fund to hire a driller ourselves. This process is taking longer than expected...[and is a hardship for subsistence farmers]."

So far, the poor villagers at Kalua have contributed a total of 500,000 Malawi Kwacha (approx. \$320 US) to their Well Fund. Pastor Dennis believes --deeply and prayerfully--that WorldHope Corps Malawi must help the people of Duka Kalua have clean water. Personally, I want to help Dennis help Headman Kalua to help his people; and I'm asking my friends to help me.

During Holy Week let us together contribute \$10,180 to drill a well in *Duka Kalua* during the Easter Season so that 725 villagers (290 women, 185 men, 135 girls, and 115 boys) can drink clean water and not get sick this year!

How can you help?

Send a check directly to WorldHope Corps, Inc. designated for the "Easter Well."

P.O. Box 6241

San Diego, CA 92166

OR

Give online: <https://www.worldhopecorps.org/>

Please watch this [video clip](#) taken by Pastor Dennis during his February 5th visit to Duka Kalua Village so that you can better pray for their great need to be met.

And share this campaign with others in your network.

Thank you, friends, and have a blessed Holy Week and Easter Season.

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