

SHELTER & WATER



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As the village gathers, murmurs of excitement ripple. Arms push down the handle and silent anticipation washes over the crowd. Gasps sound as a deep gurgle emerges followed by the hiss and spit of droplets. Children shriek with delight as beads tag their toes. Moments later, they dash away as clean, clear water gushes from the ground. Roars of laughter and relief spill from the crowd as the earth before them turns from orange dust to cool mud.

Many in the village of Masinja live in deep poverty—like those in the neighboring village of Nsanganiza. These rural Malawian communities revolve around agriculture. Years of floods and drought cause crop failure—leading to famine and a lack of income for laborers and farmers alike.

This year, CRI was able to drill a well in this village. Redson Makwinja, our international partner in Malawi, shares that, *“Words are not enough for us to describe the joy that the people of the Masinja village are feeling. There has never been a water well in this village since its creation. People are rejoicing and thanking God that He is good and caring!”*

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In addition to the well, we were able to build a Green Door home. The recipient is a 28-year-old woman named Berthia Scott. Her husband left when their child was 6 months old.

Then shortly after, their home was destroyed by cyclone Freddy. Berthia says, *“I did not believe it when I was told that I would be among those who receive a Green Door home. Ever since the work began, my life hasn’t been the same. God has changed my life! I have always felt abandoned, but now I see that He cares for me! Thank you, Lord!”*

Redson and Maryam’s ministry has been to the people of Nsanganiza. But now, this water well and Green Door home in Masinja are the beginning of an exciting new chapter—one that goes out to villages beyond Nsanganiza!

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we are able to meet tangible needs faced by the poor of our time. And for your support and prayers, we are most grateful.

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