



# WATER FOR CHRIST



The children and people in the villages of Ghana were suffering from drought conditions this past June. The people were overjoyed with the water wells drilled by Water for Christ! (W4C)

### ***Greetings of friendship and brotherly love,***

Water for Christ wants to personally thank the body of Christ (the individuals & the churches) for standing with us in prayer and financial support this year. We are thankful to be part of the body of Christ with you! In this letter you will find joy, mini-stories from our recent June trip, updates about Water for Christ, and a list of needs and ways to help at the end.



This Ghana girl was thrilled and overjoyed while in church w/ the W4C Team



Brother Rodney delivered a wonderful "on-the-spot" message during the most important time of the church service in Zangum, Ghana.



Brother Rodney is sharing the gospel with the children who came to the well site.

The W4C Team is blessed to have an effective and powerful international ministry. **It does take money and time to accomplish this work, but we attest that seeing children and adults believing in faith that Jesus is Lord and receiving their very own personal Bible is worth every penny W4C & it's supporters spend.** (In fact, we don't have enough pennies because we also attest to leaving a site where children were shouting for Bibles and we ran out and that is about the worse feeling one can have.) W4C hopes to ship a container of Bibles to Ghana and other necessities early next year.

A highlight from this summer's trip is the story of Hammer-Bit Hole. One of the wells W4C previously dug at a church ran dry in the dry season because the well wasn't deep enough. W4C had rented an air compressor this trip, so we decided to dig a deeper well at the same church in order that the well would work all year. During this process, an expensive air hammer drill bit got stuck 200+ft. down in the Earth with dirt collapsed on top of it, leaving little hope to pull it out. With a lot of prayer, and a little wisdom we were able to pull most of the pipe out; yet, the hammer bit still remained in the bottom of the borehole. Nevertheless, the well was salvaged because it was still twice as deep as the previous borehole and full of good water. We left the drill bit behind, hence the name, Hammer-Bit Hole. The highlight about this story was when the pump began pumping water, word got out quick and within minutes there were about 50 buckets in line for water. In fact, the locals pumped the well so much the first two hours that it ran dry, and they had to wait for it to refill. In days to come everyone wasn't coming all at once, but reality set in quickly when we witnessed just how dire the water situation was in northern Ghana.



Another rewarding experience was the visits to the schools. First of all, to me, a foreigner to Ghana, it was shocking that they let complete strangers visit the schools and speak to the children about Jesus in a Muslim region. One reason for this is because we are guests in their country and with joy they want to grant our requests, another reason is the great respect they had for the work W4C was doing for them. My favorite response was from one girl who came running up to us afterwards saying, *"Thank you so much for sharing about Jesus at our school, many of my friends don't know about Jesus, I am Christian, but my friends are not."* I thought to myself, why doesn't she just share Jesus with them. But then I remembered growing up as a teen in America, it wasn't always easy to share about Christ with others. We gave all the children tracks at that school, and some team members bought the children pens. We can't begin to tell you what a \$2.00 box of 50 ink pens meant to those children, it brought us great joy to see their smiles of joy and excitement.

**NOVEMBER TRIP AGENDA: To dig water wells in the northern region of Ghana. Spread the Gospel.** The plan is to dig 2-3 water wells. One water well will be at the house W4C rented in the northern region which serves as a base both to W4C (uses for storage/lodging) and the BMAA missionaries (uses for church planting training/W4C maintenance). Another well will be at a new church plant. The 3rd might be at the police department. The Water for Christ team will depart October 31st, and will arrive in Accra, Ghana on early November 1st. We will then fly from Accra to the northern region. The American team will be a party of 6 including: Tim Tyler, Rodney Castleberry and his grandson Robert Colvin III, Ben Temple, Bill Hooten & Mitchell Burnett. Special about this trip is our return, where we have coordinated our trip to coincide with the return of missionaries Dale & Celia Broom who will be returning on furlough to America for 6 months. We are scheduled to leave Accra on the 12th of November, returning to America on the evening of November 13th.