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Pure Water, Pure Love

because everyone deserves clean water

Since 1997, Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU®) has been meeting one of the most basic human needs of missionaries through Pure Water, Pure LoveSM (PWPL). Thousands of water filters have been given to missionaries so they can have a clean drinking water source. In 2005, PWPL expanded the ministry. A grant process was developed to give churches, Christian organizations, and missionaries another way to impact areas plagued by natural disasters, drought, and impure drinking water through clean-water projects such as well drilling or water purification systems.

One family serving in South Asia recently shared this, *"Thank you so much for blessing our family with water filters through PWPL. Knowing that we will be able to have safe drinking water for our family, especially our little girls, takes such a load off or us."* This family can now stay healthy as they share about Jesus- the living water!

Water Facts

663 million people lack access to clean water.

Women and Children in many countries walk up to **6 hours** to get clean water for their families.

Poor people living in the slums often pay **5-10 times more** per liter of water than wealthy people living in the same city.

1/3 of schools in the world do not have clean water access.

An American taking a five-minute shower uses more water than the typical person living in a developing country slum uses **in a whole day**.

(taken from water.org)

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How many times a day do you use water? How often do you stop and wonder if your water is clean? Most likely you use water more times in a day than you realize and you are blessed with not having to wonder whether the water you are drinking is safe and clean. However, this is not the case in many places around the world. Did you know that more than 780 million people lack access to clean water? The need for clean water access is great, as the lack of clean water leads to numerous water-related diseases. You may ask, what can I do help?

For one ministry in Gonavies, Haiti, PWPL was able to provide four wells for a community that was experiencing extreme drought. The wells in this community have provided clean water to an orphanage, allowing them to have immediate access for bathing and laundry. Most importantly, the people in the community are learning daily about Jesus Christ as their most basic physical needs are being met.

In 2016, PWPL provided a grant to Woodburne Baptist Church to assist with a water project they were engaged with in Granbouchi, Haiti with the purpose of distributing water filters. While there, they distributed 85 filters to the community, used 5 filters for a community water station, and were able to leave 10 filters to be used as replacements or as needed. This allowed the entire 500 person village to be impacted with the availability of clean water. As a part of this ministry, those in the community were trained in healthy water practices and how to maintain the filters. For this community, clean water will make a world of difference as they live their everyday life.





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