

Sister Water Project

Honduras, Central America

Funding needed for:

- Pipes, pumps, transport and all needed materials to install a water system
- Supplementing the costs to help send a mission team to Honduras to install a water system

Facts:

- 50,000 children under 5 years of age die annually from water related illness
- 80% of all illness in Honduras is caused by impure water
- In rural Honduras, the only source of water is surface water that is full of parasites
- People in Honduras are treated for parasites with the same medication we give hogs in Iowa
- Once a water system is in place, daily diarrhea may decline by as much as 90% in 3-4 months
- Villagers are actively engaged in this project and in maintaining it

Tanzania, Africa

Funding needed for:

- Rings, well covers, hand pumps, labor and transportation costs for ring wells
- Simtanks (above-ground collection tanks) for rainwater harvesting
- Underground water tanks (cisterns) to collect rainwater
- Pumps, labor, and all needed materials for new wells and for rehabilitation of existing wells
- Pipes, labor and materials to connect people to water

Facts:

- Less than 40% of rural population and less than 70% of urban population have access to piped water
- Women often walk many kilometers to fetch water of dubious quality
- Malaria is the leading killer of children
- Many rural schools have no access to piped water nearby
- There is often no water available for sanitation purposes
- 50% of the population live below the poverty line
- Life expectancy is 46 years

Ways to be Engaged

- Study and learn the reality of the water situation in Honduras and Tanzania
- Educate others about the issue of water
- Donate or solicit donations to the Sister Water Project to meet the needs
- Participate in and/or support the mission trip to Honduras

Send donations to:

Sisters of St. Francis
Sister Water Project
3390 Windsor Ave
Dubuque, IA 52001-1311

Information updates posted at
www.osfdbq.org



The Sister Water Project

is the realization of our mission statement:

*Rooted in the gospel
and in the spirit
of Saints Francis and Clare,
the Sisters of St. Francis
live in right relationship
with all creation.*

In our personal, communal and public life,
we commit to ongoing conversion as we:

- deepen our relationship with Mother Earth and Sister Water
- stand with persons who are poor
- make peace and practice non-violence

This is who we are; this is what the global community can expect of us.

Core Franciscan Values:

conversion • poverty
minores • contemplation
community

**Praised be you, my Lord,
for Sister Water ~
humble, precious,
life-giving, pure.**

St. Francis of Assisi
Canticle of Creation



Guiding Criteria

- Meets a real need of the poorest of the poor
- Flows out of our Franciscan values, Chapter commitment, and the Earth Charter
- Includes theological reflection
- Allows for personal presence at the project if possible
- Connects with our Franciscan presence in that country
- Engages sisters/associates on many levels challenging one to be stretched
- Has an educational component so that action flows from awareness
- Works to change structures and empower people
- Is a 'heart project' as well as a financial project
- Has the potential to engage others and collaborate with existing groups



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