

# Christmas Well Update...

The representative emailed and called when they received our check for two wells! They were so very grateful for the gift to provide *two* wells, that I just wanted to attempt to share their emotion and appreciation with you. She said the funds couldn't have come at a better time. They have assigned us the second village, which is the description below. The money will be wired over and as soon as safe water is found we will receive an email that the wells are finished. You can view the slide show of their current source of water by going to our website [www.peacedeshler.info](http://www.peacedeshler.info) ~ Marla

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Thank you for your amazing gift of fresh water for those in need in the remarkable country of Uganda in Africa! Your generous financial donation will relieve the suffering of thousands of men, women and children who are affected daily by the contaminated water they drink. Physical diseases, mental anguish, lost work and school time and even death plague these sweet people simply because they have had no other options for life-sustaining water. So many people, in so many ways, will thrive because of this new source of clean, safe water. The name of the village you will be directly impacting in Eastern Uganda is Buyombo (pronounced boo-yawm-BOW). It is located in the Busoga Region, Namayingo District in the subcounty of Banda.

The current water source of Buyombo is an open pond that is located 3 kilometers from the village. This pond is very wide and deep and it was dug by a former Member of Parliament in a swamp as a means of solving the water needs in this village. Since it is an open source it ends up with trash, dirt and waste products carried in to it when the rains are heavy and runoff pours in. When the rains stop during the dry season, there is no water to be found here and villagers must then trek 10 kilometers in search of equally contaminated water. When Pastor Hillary Malo, Water4Kids Project Manager, visited this site he met Egulasi Misachi. Egulasi poured out her story to Pastor Hillary and told him the heart wrenching tale of how many in their community have died, including many from her own family. Egulasi lives in a village that practices polygamy and thus she shares her home with other co-wives. In March, 2017, one of her co-wives died from the epidemic of typhoid that is ravaging this village. In addition, Egulasi has borne the unimaginable grief of a mother who has buried six of her thirteen children who have also died due to the effects of typhoid. Egulasi herself has repeatedly fought off this disease at the main hospital in Uganda called Mulago. But many have not been as fortunate and often they cannot even afford to travel to the health facilities. Besides the unrelenting sickness that permeates the lives of these villagers, ever-present fear fills their days as they wonder who will be the next to lose the life and death battle that comes with having to drink this water. The cost to repeatedly treat typhoid, cholera, diarrhea and other ailments quickly uses up any discretionary income these people have. The cycle of poverty continues when resources cannot be directed toward businesses and farming to help grow the economy. Students miss many lessons when they are gone so much due to sickness. Loss of life, loss of health, loss of finances, loss of hope - although it gives water, this pond takes so much more. These are the facts of daily life for this community. The precious people of Buyombo have never known the benefits of readily accessible clean water.

The situation for life and health are desperate and often hopeless in the village of Buyombo. But the lives of these dear ones will soon be radically changed for the better with your gift of a borehole. This deep well will provide fresh, pure water for these villagers and their surrounding community. They will simply have to pump a small handle on their new well to receive clear, clean water. Health, safety and abundant life will no longer be a dream for these families, they will be a reality. Sparkling, untainted water will be readily available to them year-round. The number of people impacted by your generosity includes 3,000 people from a catchment area including the three villages of Budianga, Buhula and Bugeda. Access to clean water will enhance the growth of every person in this area, particularly the children, thereby helping build up a nation and our world at large.

Thank you for bringing this unsurpassed gift of healthy, wholesome water to the village Buyombo and its' surrounding community. The people of this society will be blessed with abundant life and hope for generations to come. Pastor Hillary Malo sums up the thankful hearts of villagers everywhere as he prays, "Let the favor and blessings of Almighty God be upon you for making a difference in the Kingdom of God."

Dear Peace Lutheran Friends,  
Thank you for your love and unwavering support by living out God's mission of bringing clean water to His thirty children. We are humbled and moved by your generous support and by your faith in us to be the very best stewards of God's resources He entrusted to you. Your faithful support is bringing two more villages. from Egypt to Canaan, safe water and the love of Jesus. Thank you for allowing us to be your hands and feet. We deeply appreciate your partnership. May God's richest blessings await your congregation in 2018. ~ Angie, Water/Hope 4 Kids International