

ETHOS CHURCH IS TURNING



This October, **Ethos Church** is turning 4 years old. To celebrate, we are asking everyone we know to help us provide clean water for thousands of people in Ethiopia through **Charity Water**. 100% of the money given through our **Awaken a Movement Fund** during the month of October will go to provide clean water, as well as every penny given at Ethos Church on Sunday, October 28.

WHY WATER? READ ON.

The following pages are from Charity:Water downloads, found at charitywater.org



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It's hard not to think about it nowadays. In the western world, we face growing concerns about our stewardship of the world's most precious resource. There's talk of shortages, evidence of reservoirs and aquifers drying up and of course, plenty of people who simply don't care.

But forget about us. Most of us have never really been thirsty. We've never had to leave our houses and walk five miles to fetch water. We simply turn on the tap, and water comes out. Clean.

Yet almost one billion people on the planet don't have clean water. It's hard to imagine what a billion people looks like really, but one in eight might be easier. One in eight people in our world don't have access to the most basic of human needs. Something we can't imagine going 12 hours without.

Here, we'd like to introduce you to a few of those billion people. They are very real, and they need our help. They didn't choose to be born into a village where the only source of water is a polluted swamp. And we didn't choose to be born in a country where even the homeless have access to clean water and a toilet.

We invite you to put yourself in their shoes. Follow them on their daily journey. Carry 80 pounds of water in yellow fuel cans. Dig with their children in sand for water. Line up at a well and wait eight hours for a turn.

Now, make a decision to help. We're not offering grand solutions and billion dollar schemes but instead, simple things that work. Things like freshwater wells, rainwater catchments and sand filters. For about \$20 a person, we know how to help millions of people. Start by helping one.

why.

Almost one billion people on the planet don't have access to safe, clean drinking water. That's one in eight of us.



4,500 children die each day from diseases caused by a lack of safe drinking water and proper sanitation. In Sub-Saharan Africa, a baby's chance of dying from diarrhea is almost 520 times greater than here in the US. Illnesses like diarrhea are caused by drinking contaminated water and kill more than 2.2 million people each year. That's the equivalent of 20 jumbo jets crashing every day. Children under five are the most susceptible to water-borne disease; their developing bodies often fail to withstand the amount of parasites normally found in contaminated water sources.


average water use.

AVERAGE AMERICAN CONSUMES: 150G/DAY



AVERAGE PERSON IN A
DEVELOPING NATION CONSUMES: 5G/DAY



 = 5G

An average person in America uses about 150 gallons of water daily to cook, clean and drink. An average person in a developing nation struggles to find 5.

water changes everything.

Wells transform communities. Preventable water-borne diseases are drastically decreased. Long walks to muddy rivers and swamps are no longer necessary. Time spent collecting water is reduced, offering women a chance to earn an income and children a chance to get an education. Water projects bring people together and offer improved health, a better quality of life and hope for a better future.

water solutions.

Freshwater solutions are readily available and can give clean water to an average of 250 people.

charity: water partners with local organizations on the ground to build and rehabilitate freshwater wells. Clean water can also be found by protecting mountain springs and catching rainwater. Underground aquifers provide safe, clean water and can typically be reached by drilling down 100 - 300 feet. Appropriate technologies are crucial for providing sustainable solutions.

What can you do?

1 Pray

Spend time praying about what God would have you give towards our clean water project. Our goal is that every man, woman, and child in our church will spend the next 3 weeks asking the Lord what he desires for us to GIVE.

2 Share

Share the story of Clean Water. Tell people about what we are praying God will do through us on October 28. Tell everyone you know (i.e. Friends, Co-workers, Parents, etc) and invite them to help us.

3 Give

Give Generously. Give Sacrificially. Give Joyfully. 100% of the funds given to our Awaken a Movement Fund, and 100% of every donation given on October 28 will go to provide clean water. You can give online at www.ethoschurch.org/give