

Water Ambassadors Canada Annual Report July 2017

As we come to the end of another fiscal year at Water Ambassadors Canada (WAC), we feel so blessed and fortunate to be able to continue our ministry of providing safe drinking water to those without in some of the most remote areas of the developing world. As a recap, WAC drills and rehabilitates wells; installs chlorination and filtration systems; and teaches health and hygiene.



Rehabilitating Wells in Nicaragua

Through your generous support, words of encouragement and personal sacrifices to join our trips, we were able to complete close to 50 water projects, impacting an average of 250 people with each system. This does not include the 36 biosand filters that were built in Guatemala by our in-country partner Mission Impact (MI) as well as 26 well repairs / rehabilitations completed by our in-country partner Puentes de Esperanza (Bridges of Hope) in Nicaragua, all funded by generous donors like yourselves. Add another house build and 10 bed builds by our Richview team; 550 hygiene kits made and delivered to hospitals and communities; 1600 bowls of soup donated by Christian Gleaners; the teaching of hygiene classes, craft and activities for women and children; AND the sharing of the gospel message, I'd say we had a very meaningful, fruitful and holistic year of ministry at WAC.

This year, we continued to explore new opportunities for partnership in the Dominican Republic, Belize and in Kenya. In November 2016, we sent a small team to the Dominican Republic and in partnership with an organization called *Go and Make Disciples*, we successfully installed a water chlorination system at a local prison in La Vega. Planning ahead, we are hoping to augment the safe drinking water situation in about a dozen prisons including a chlorination system in Puerto Lempira, Honduras with our Latin American Mission (LAM) partners Benjamin and Isobel Martinez.



Giving Drinking Water to a Prison in the Dominican Republic

In late March 2017, in partnership with *In His Footprints*, we also sent a team to visit the town of Armenia, Belize, with a population size of 2800 people. There, the team installed a water chlorination system at their Mission Base as well as donating a second chlorinator to be installed later at a local school by staff at In His Footprints and maintained by the school's vice-principal. As you can see in one of the photos below, the second system was subsequently installed and their students were able to enjoy safe drinking water for the first time at their school. In addition, 5 Sawyer filters were also distributed to families to be shared in the area.



Safe Drinking Water in Belize

In Kenya and in partnership with *Connecting Countries / Adopt a School*, we sent a team to the area of Tabor Hills to visit 4 schools in May 2017. These schools had populations ranging from 400 to over 900 students, averaging 40-50 children per class. Sadly, safe drinking water was non-existent, with one school having no water at all. Our team installed a chlorinator at Chaka Reli School where there were 580 children. A 8000 liter tank was installed and filled with water from a local town and while the team chlorinated the water, they also trained 3 men from the school on how to use the system. Beyond installing the chlorinator, the team also assisted the other schools in making soap, building desks, installing a hand-washing station, and teaching hygiene.



Serving Schools in Kenya

On April 1, 2017 in the southern region of Colombia, a huge landslide swept away homes and cars, killing 254 people in the city of Mocoa. Colombia issued a state of emergency, identifying safe water as their top priority. As we did in past years (with the Nepal, Haiti and Ecuador earthquakes, as well as the Haiyan Typhoon in the Philippines), we sent an urgent message to our Water Family asking for financial aid and working with our partners at WaterStep in Louisville KY, we were able to contribute precious chlorination units to that devastated region of the country. Thanks to everyone who responded to our call for help!

We continued to spread the word about WAC through local churches, clubs, fairs and radio ads. Not only were we a regular voice on Life 100.3 in Ontario, we also aired on Reach FM (Grand Prairie, AB; Dawson Creek, BC; Fort St. John, BC) and Shine FM (Edmonton, AB). Once again, we were present at Mission Fest Vancouver, Jesus to the Nations in Halifax and the Ignite Fair (Greater Toronto Area) in the fall. Our golf tournament was another huge success at Pinestone Resort in Haliburton and our involvement with the Scotia Charity Challenge continues to grow and exceed our expectations. Once again, we held our annual Water Training Camp in June with over 60 trainees and volunteers coming to take part. Thanks to everyone who came to support, train and advocate for our cause!

On behalf of the staff and board of directors at Water Ambassadors Canada, we want to wish everyone a Happy Canada 150 and convey our thanks to our valuable team leaders, prayer partners, contract staff and treasured volunteers for supporting us in this most important call of providing safe drinking water to those without! We are SO BLESSED to have you as part of our Water Family!!

Blessings to all,
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