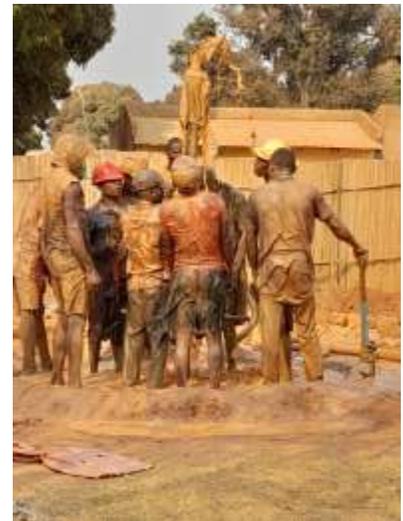


Water- The Gift of Life



In rural Africa, clean water to drink is truly the gift of life! It took two and a half months, but by September Nuru Ya Mapendo finally had success installing a well at the Galilee Church property. In the United States and in more urban areas of Africa, one is used to seeing a drilling machine on a truck platform which drills the well. We made two attempts to bring such a truck to Kasenga, however the urban companies refused to work with us due to the condition of the roads and the distance. In the end, we chose a good Christian man who insisted that his team could drill a well for us manually.

To drill a well manually, a system of small pools must be dug and lined with plastic. The pools allow the water to circulate into the water pump and back again. Chemicals are added which help stabilize the soil and prevent the hole from refilling. The team of eleven men twist the drill bit attached to a small pipe into the ground in small increments. After some minutes of twisting, they raise and then lower the bit to begin a new "bite" into the ground. All the while, the water is being pumped into the hole to facilitate the drilling. (Continued page 2)



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Because there was no water source nearby, 450 gallons of water had to be transported each day to the work site with our truck. As the circulating water primed the hole, it also soaked the men! Some wore raincoats and hard hats to cover their heads. As additional lengths of pipe were added for depth, lifting the bit out of the bottom became more difficult. This work continued from 7 a.m. each day until 4:30 p.m. The final well depth was 39 meters (128 feet).

The difficulty of the work defies description! We had a big celebration at completion with photos, snacks and drinks. In September, we added a security building around the well. Our heartfelt thanks to the two churches in Ohio who sponsored the well project. Your gift has given life to the school children, the church guests, and the pastor and his family.



Jane Wise School

To coincide with the gift of the well, a Vacation Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio collected money to provide gifts to the students at the Jane Wise school. The offerings from VBS provided a handwashing station for each classroom and office, two five gallon cans for the same (one for drinking, one for washing) and a case of bar soap. The teaching staff and students were all thrilled for the gift to be able to have clean drinking water and water to wash hands after recess! Your gifts make such a difference in the District of Kasenga!



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Your Gifts

Your gifts to Nuru Ya Mapendo are always working in the District of Kasenga! During the last half of 2022, here are some of the many things your gifts have provided:

- Partial roofs for six homes in the community which burned down (all at the same time!)
- Housing for a pregnant mother and her baby in a crisis
- Medicines for several church members who were ill
- Food for several homeless men
- Produce from our gardens for pastors and others who had need
- 5,000 bricks and 10 sacks of cement for a neighbor whose home collapsed in a heavy rainstorm
- 35 chickens to feed pastors and staff at NYM
- A bicycle for a teacher who walks 6 miles to and from work every day
- A Christmas lunch for 35 people lay members in the District who tirelessly serve the church

Did You Know?

- Jane has taken no salary for her work with Nuru Ya Mapendo during the past 10 years.
- Every dollar you give goes to the work of Nuru Ya Mapendo in the District of Kasenga!
- Jane has trained and mentored her staff of four so that they can continue the work, even if Jane is in the USA.
- One day soon, Jane hopes to mentor a young missionary to take her place and work with her wonderful local staff. Do you know someone whom God is calling to work in missions? Please let Jane know using the contact information at the bottom of the page.

Future Planning 2023

September, October, and November 2023 is my season for traveling, visiting churches and organizations, and raising funds. It's an opportunity to connect with friends and meet new ones. I'd love to connect with you and plan my visit. Unfortunately, communication is extremely limited in our rural area in the D.R. Congo. I will be reaching out to you in the near future to schedule our time together. Your interest and generosity encourage us in our work and help to grow the Kingdom of God as we serve the least of these.

Blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year from NYM!



Jane

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