

# TWELVE NEW WATER WELLS FOR ETHIOPIA

**This Well Is a Gift  
To The People of Ethiopia  
Given By  
Hermosa Church of Christ  
and The Church of Christ Mission**

As the Covid restrictions are being lifted across the world, we were able to travel to Ethiopia in May. It has been over 2½ years since our last visit. During these challenging times our water well crew has been busy drilling and installing pumps on new wells. When we arrived we had 70 new wells to visit and prepare reports for all our well sponsors. It was great

to see the smiling faces enjoying the fresh clean drinking water. We supply the physical water and Jesus supplies the “Living Water” (John 4 13-14). The following 12 wells have been dedicated to the Hermosa Church of Christ.

## ADAME-TESO WATER WELL



Efrin Elase (upper right) along with his wife donated the land for this new well. He is an ambulance driver and his wife is a homemaker. Since the well is in front of their home it is always opened. They were excited when they were approached to have the well so close to their home. 100 families will use this well. It is 140 feet deep and pumps 20 gallons per minute. At this rate a jerry can is able to be filled very quickly. They used to walk 30 minutes to a natural spring or they could pay 5 Birr per 5 gallon jerry can at a town called Kibado 30 minutes from their home. This isn't a lot of money but a family of 4 can use over 4 containers a day. Many people couldn't afford to buy all the water they needed. Now they will have a continual supply of clean drinking water.

## CHUKO-LAMALA #2 WATER WELL



This well is 140 feet deep and can pump 4 gallons per minute. Pictured upper left is Matafi Muea. She is 60 years old and she and her husband have 3 children. They donated the land where this well was drilled. The area is very hilly and it is difficult to carry water. She said “Now my oldest daughter will be able to get clear, clean drinking water right from our front yard. This is something I never had. God bless those who made this possible”. She couldn’t stop smiling while we were visiting the well and taking pictures. The community used a stream near this well. It is seasonal and goes dry during the long season without rain. They have had to search other places, sometimes walking for more than 2 hours one way to find any kind of water for their families at all.

## DINAMA-SANTARIEA WATER WELL



This well will serve over 50 families with clean drinking water. They used to get their water from a seasonal pond that dries up



during the summer months. As you can see, people are not the only ones that use this water source. The animals contaminate this water as they drink. When the pond is dry, they were forced to walk 45 minutes to a hand dug well. Your well is 180 feet deep and will pump 7.5 gallons per minute. As we left I took a final picture of all those who were at the well and they all raised their hands and blessed you for drilling this well.

## HOMACHO-CHAWA WATER WELL



100 families will use this new well. There is a hand dug well (right) on this property but it stopped producing water because the water table had dropped. Your well is 140 feet and will pump 6 gallons per minute. After the old well dried up the community had to walk 30 minutes to a small river. This river was seasonal and would dry up during the summer season. Then they would have to walk 1½ hours to a natural spring. It would also slow down during the summer season and they would wait for hours to fill their water containers. Five years ago a small boy was eaten by a hyena coming back late one night from getting water. They are so thankful for this new well. They praise God for the wonderful gift. Lives are being changed and hearts are opening to God.

## HOMECHO-CHAWA WATER WELL



This well is 140 feet deep and pumps 6.5 gallons per minute. This community used to get their water from a pump the government drilled, but three years ago it broke and could not be repaired. Then they had to walk 20 minutes to a small river that was very contaminated. They requested the government to come and drill a new well, but they refused. After we signed our well agreement this community was one of the first selected to receive a new well. The ladies pictured above are so happy to have this new well. Their families were suffering while they had to use the polluted river water.

## HOMECHO-WAENO WATER WELL



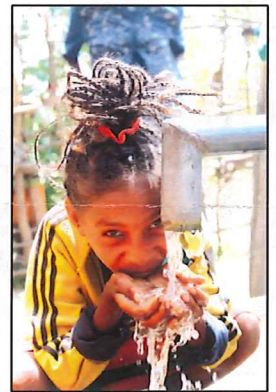
This pump was drilled very close to our Deaf School in Santariera. We met one of our students at the well



when we arrived. Her name is Aster Jemberu and she is 18 years old. She is attending a government school and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She and her family live right behind the pump. She said they were so grateful for drilling this well so close to their home. 54 families use it daily. The well is 120 feet deep and pumps out 4.5 gallons of water per minute. With your help we

supply clean water, student education and the Gospel message to the people in Ethiopia.

## JARSO-ANJO #2 WATER WELL



This well was drilled right in front of one of our church buildings in the Mazoria area. Pictured top left is Brother Desalegn Tekamo. He has been preaching for 40 years. He graduated from our Shone Preacher Training School. Not only does he preach for this congregation, but he is one of our Shone PTS teachers. His church building is in the background. Many members of his church will use this well daily. It is 200 feet deep and supplies 8 gallons of water per minute. They used to get their water from a pond one hour away. Many members of this congregation use this well daily. How many neighbors will be added to God's kingdom?

## KORQE #1 WATER WELL



This well is 180 feet deep and pumps 8 gallons per minute. 80 families are in this community. Hyelich Godecha (right) and her



husband donated the land for this pump. She and her daughter would have to walk for 1 hour to a natural spring twice a day to get water. They watch over the pump and keep it safe. Her husband keeps it maintained and working. If he has a problem that he can't fix, he will call the local water bureau and they will come out and repair it. She said "It's amazing how much time can be saved when the pump is in your front yard".

## KOSERCHA WATER WELL



This well was drilled in December of 2021. Over 60 families will use this well. It is 160 feet deep and can pump 5.5 gallons of water per minute. During the summer months they were forced to look for water wherever they



could find it. The people will never have to search for water again. The young girl on the left getting a cool drink of water from the pump will not remember the time when her mother and sisters had to walk long distances for water. She will not grow up being sick because of the water borne diseases found in the springs and small streams in her home area. The hearts of the people have been touched deeply by this wonderful gift to them. They will be open to receive the gospel of Jesus because

His love has been demonstrated to them through the giving of this new well. All the people ask us to express their deep appreciation to all who made this well possible for them.

# MAMGODO-SANTARIEA WATER WELL



50 families will use this new well. They used to buy water from a town just 20 minutes away. It costs 5 Birr

for a 5 gallon jerry can. This is not a lot of money but when you consider a family can use 3-4 jerry cans a day it can get very expensive. Most could not afford to buy all the water they need so they would have to walk 1 hour to get water from a small stream (above right) for cleaning clothes and other cleaning needs. There is an amazing difference between these two sources of water. This well is 120 feet deep and can pump 10 gallons per minute. They will be able to get enough water for all their daily needs. As the word gets out, more people will come to use this well and they will benefit from your generosity.

# QORICA WATER WELL



We have a wonderful time going to the new wells and seeing the happy faces. Everyone is so thankful and our water well crew says "The people are always helpful and will come out to feed them as they drill". Many of the older folks will come and sit all day praying for us to be able to find

water their community. They know how important water is and that this well will supply them with clean drinking water. This well is 160 feet deep and can pump 4 gallons of water per minute. They used to walk 50 minutes to a natural spring that flows year around but it can slow

down in the summer season and then the line of people wanting to use it will grow. Sometimes they would have to wait hours before they could get water.



# SATAMO #1 WATER WELL



**This well was drilled for a 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade government school called Satamo Jr. High School. Over 1500 students attend this school. It is also open to the community around the school. There are over 50 families that will benefit from this well. The day we visited the well was a national holiday and the students were not in school. The school guard Dalitcha said “The new well is an excellent source of clean water for the students and community. So many children had to bring their own water from home, but now it is always available at school”. The well is 160 feet deep and pumps 5 gallons per minute. We are always happy to drill wells for school and health clinics because so many people benefit from them.**



**Pictured here is Fikre and her daughter Sanyate. Their story is becoming more common in the areas where we have been drilling water wells for many years. Fikre remembers when she was a young mother she had to walk for hours to collect water for her growing family. In 2021 we drilled a new well 5 minutes from her front door. Now she and her daughter visit the well twice a day and this will provide her Husband and 4 children the water they will need for the day. What a blessing the wells are for the rural people in Ethiopia. Because of donors like you, they have a clean and refreshing water resource they are able to enjoy. May God continue to bless you in the future.**