

## WATER IS A...

### HEALTH ISSUE

- unclean water is an immeasurably greater threat than violent conflict.
- at any given time, close to half of all people in developing countries are suffering from health problems caused by unsafe water.
- 1/3 of all deaths in developing nations are children under the age of five, compared to less than 1% in developed nations.
- 1.8 million of these children die each year as a direct result of chronic diarrhea—that's 4,900 every day.

### AN ECONOMIC ISSUE

- almost two-thirds of people who lack access to clean water survive on less than two dollars a day,
- 1/3 live on less than one dollar a day.
- statistics show a two-way relationship between poverty and water deprivation.

### A WOMEN'S ISSUE

- in Africa and Asia women are usually responsible for collecting water for their families.
- in rural Africa, women spend 26% of their time collecting water, which often means having to walk 7km or more to the nearest water source.
- the lack of water impacts women's ability to care for their children. The World Health Organization estimates that African women and children spend up to 40 billion hours every year collecting water.

### AN EDUCATION ISSUE

- collecting water is extremely time consuming and girls are quite often not able to attend school.
- students use valuable class time fetching water long distances from the school.
- school children carry jugs far too heavy for their small frames, affecting the development of their spines. Frequently, the water they collect is contaminated.



**Water Ambassadors Canada** is a faith-based non-profit organization committed to providing clean, safe drinking water to desperately poor people in developing countries.

You can help support Canadian teams with various on-going water projects. Better yet, join a team and go and see for yourself the impact that clean water has on a person's life.

**am-bas-sa-dor** [am-bas-uh-der] *noun*

an official envoy; a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government as the representative of his own government or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment

~ Webster's

*This year our teams will:*  
- repair wells  
- drill new wells  
- install water purification systems  
- teach health and hygiene

*This will give clean water and change lives!*

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**AMBASSADORS**  
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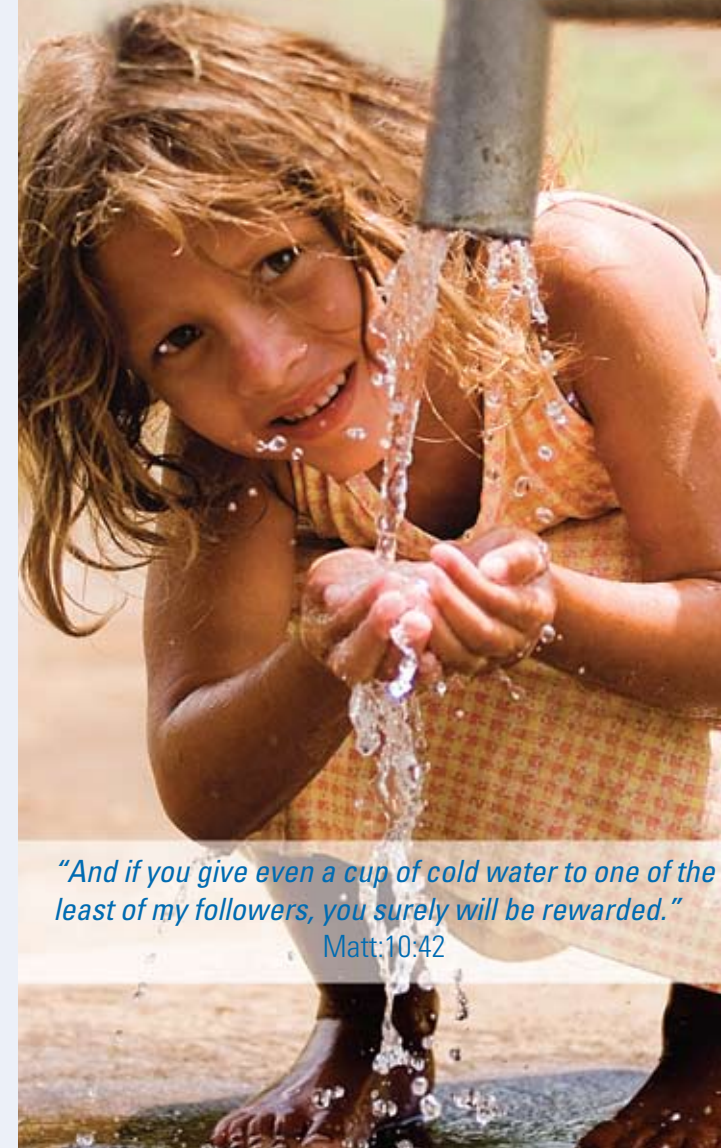


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**WATER**  
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Changing lives with  
**clean water**



*"And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you surely will be rewarded."*  
Matt:10:42



Water is a basic human need. Over 1 billion people lack easy access to clean fresh water for drinking, cooking and washing.

2.6 billion people – over 40% of the world's population – lack basic sanitation to get rid of their body wastes. This further contaminates the drinking water, which leads to the spread of diarrhea and other illnesses. Over 30,000 people die every day from diseases caused by unsafe drinking water and the lack of sanitation or basic hygiene.

Women and children living in these countries spend hours each day walking many kilometres to get water. Carrying heavy water containers is an exhausting task. All of this valuable time and energy could be better used for work, domestic chores or schooling.

Water Ambassadors Canada is a faith based organization that helps these communities by providing safe drinking water.

Clean water means improved health and a better quality of life.

**You can show God's love to people in developing countries by bringing water and hope directly to them. Call NOW! 1.877.988.4688 and make a difference one village at a time.**

**A CHILD DIES EVERY 15 SECONDS FROM A WATER-BORNE DISEASE.**

**OVER 1.1 BILLION PEOPLE LACK ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER**

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS **providing clean water**



*Changing lives with clean water.*

*"I remember seeing the kids all pulling together to bring a cart laden with water jugs up a hill to the village school. After the new well was installed, those same kids were in class an hour earlier, with all the water they'd ever need." – Terry from Ottawa.*

## training

**Water Ambassadors Canada offers a variety of instructional options for volunteers:**

### SHALLOW WELL DRILLING

– **Various locations in Canada and the US**

In 4 days you will learn how to drill and ream a bore hole and install casing and plumbing exactly as you would in the developing world. You will learn the roles of the 4 driller positions: driller, assistant driller, tool pusher and helper.

### PUMP REPAIR – Louisville KY

In 2 days you will learn to diagnose, disassemble and repair a variety of hand pumps used in the developing world.

### WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS – Louisville KY

In 2 days you will learn about the design and installation of the McGuire Water Purifier. This simple unit uses salt and a 12 volt car battery to purify water. (II Kings 2:21-22)

### HEALTH & HYGIENE – Various locations

In 2 days you will acquire the various instructional techniques used to facilitate the training of local women to improve the health and basic hygiene practices of their families. Topics covered include hand washing, disease transmission, keeping the water clean and sanitation.

### IN COUNTRY ON-SITE TRAINING

A number of trips require training in advance of the trip and are offered immediately prior as part of that trip. There are some trips in which training is provided in country near the project site that you are supporting.

All camps and training sessions include useful cultural instruction and discussion.



## mission trips

Scores of Canadians have participated in Water Ambassadors Canada mission trips to Central America and the Caribbean to provide clean water to those who have little or none.

Teams consist of 8 people. Both men and women of all ages (15 and up) can participate. Mission trips are 8-10 days long.

You will be accompanied by an experienced Water Ambassadors Canada leader. While in country, fully trained, bilingual host staff will provide all transportation, accommodation, food and will also make all of the arrangements with the local village.

### What is the cost?

All volunteers are required to raise their own funds to cover the costs of transportation, food and lodging, training plus a shared cost of the project. We estimate the cost of trips to be around \$3000 depending on the time of year and currency exchange.

The full cost of all training and mission trips is receipted for charitable purposes.

**Being part of a Water Ambassadors Mission Team does not require any experience – just a willing heart.**

You can form your own church, work place or community team or join in with another group.



**YES!** I'd like to support the life-saving work of Water Ambassadors Canada

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### HERE'S MY GIFT OF:

\$30  \$60  \$90  \$120  Other

Cheque enclosed (Payable to Water Ambassadors Canada)

Credit Card:    

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MONTHLY

**\$30 to provide clean drinking water for those in need.**

#### FROM MY BANK ACCOUNT (include void cheque)

I authorize Water Ambassadors Canada to debit my bank account on the  1st or  15th of each month.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FROM MY CREDIT CARD

I authorize Water Ambassadors Canada to debit my

on the  1st or  15th of each month.

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Tax receipts issued for all donations of \$20 or more.*

**Bring water and hope directly to the poorest in need. Call 1-877-988-4688 or visit online at [www.waterambassadorscanada.org](http://www.waterambassadorscanada.org)**