

'TAKE THIS CLEAN WATER'

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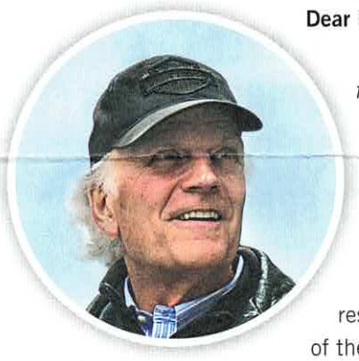

Dear Friends,

God said of Israel in the Old Testament, "*My people have committed two evils. They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water*" (Jeremiah 2:13).

What God said about the Israelites in the past is true of our world today. Many have forsaken God and worship worthless idols they've formed with their own hands—career, money, status—that won't truly satisfy. The mission of Samaritan's Purse is to help people in need and share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ—the "*living water*" (John 4:10).

In South Asia, millions of people are suffering from the effects of drinking dirty water—resulting in preventable waterborne diseases that are often fatal, especially among children. Many of these families actually worship hand-crafted idols and have never heard about Jesus. For over nine years, Samaritan's Purse has worked with a trusted Christian partner in South Asia to support improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) conditions in vulnerable communities.

We are installing freshwater wells on church properties, making the church a prominent source of help and healing in area towns and villages. This year, nearly 40,000 people will receive access to clean water through wells we dig. We are also putting latrines near church facilities and in the homes of those who need them.

One woman, Marya,* walked three kilometers every day to get water. The long journey caused her to fall behind in her schoolwork. After we installed a new well near her home, her life changed. "Now, I can easily collect clean water and regularly attend my college without any problem," she said. Access to safe water has enabled her to stay in school, where she stands the best chance of breaking free from poverty. More importantly, our partners shared the Gospel with Marya, and she gave her life to Christ! She is one of many who have turned to the Savior as a result of this project.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We couldn't do this work without you. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham



DIRTY WATER: Disgusting water threatened 11-year-old Farah's life for years. See how God provided for her family through someone like you. ▶



LONG WALK FOR WATER: Aanya and her daughters used to walk half an hour for disgusting water from a canal.



CLEAN WATER STEPS AWAY: Now, a new well provides safe drinking water for Aanya, Farah, and their whole community.

'I STARTED PRAISING THE LORD'

The temperature hit 40 C and kept rising. At the height of dry season in Aanya's* village, the mother and her two daughters sought shade whenever possible. But their greater need for water regularly forced them to walk under the sweltering South Asian sun. Crunching across bone-dry rice paddies, the small family would head for a local canal about 30 minutes away, the village's only source of water.

Despite the heat, parched ground is a blessing for Aanya and her girls. In the rainy season, these paths become slick with mud and cause many falls under heavy water jugs. "The paths are not good," Aanya shared. **"I would worry if my children would make it to the canal safely."** Aanya also feared the many venomous snakes drawn to the water. "Every day I was afraid."

Then came the water itself. Upon reaching the canal, Aanya, Priya,* 14, and Farah,* 11, first skimmed the surface, trying to remove as much slime and pollution as possible before drawing the putrid liquid into their containers.

"The water is totally bad and muddy. The smell is bad," Aanya said. "But because we had no other option, we had to bring that water home. Many times, our family fell sick. Seeing my daughters with vomiting, diarrhea, and bouts of fever made my heart heavy."

Thankfully, those days are behind Aanya. Since 2022, Samaritan's Purse has drilled **99 wells** at churches in her region, giving 81,000 people access to safe water.

"It used to take me half an hour to walk to get water; now it takes me less than two minutes," Aanya said with delight. "I'm not able to explain the happiness when I took the first bucket of water from the well. I started dancing. My joy was very great, and I started praising the Lord."

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Aanya's joy is shared with her neighbors, who now also have access to safe water. Few people in Aanya's village or nation know Jesus Christ as their Savior. In fact, Christians are often persecuted in her region. Pastors have been beaten, churches burned, and homes destroyed. But these wells, drilled on church properties, give believers a way to love their neighbors and "*overcome evil with good*" (Romans 12:21).

"As a church and as a family, we invite others to this clean water and we share the love of Jesus Christ with the people," Aanya said. "We give the message to the community that we were praying for clean water, and God provided. 'You, come and take this clean water.'"

Aanya told us that persecution of Christians has reduced since the installation of the well.

"Water is life," she concluded. "We may have rice or any other item, but if we do not have clean water, then everything else is useless. We are blessed with the clean water but there are thousands of villages that do not have it. **I want you to pray that Christian people can go and share the love of Christ with those villages."**

**Names changed and country withheld for security.*

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Samaritan's Purse Canada water projects are working to bring health, hope, and the Good News of Jesus in 10 countries, including Aanya's South Asian nation.

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$5,000	**Drill one well at a local church.**

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