

WORLD HOPE INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR 1,000TH WATER WELL IN AFRICA

Special event to be held at Birch Memorial School, Makeni, commemorating WHI's water program, which spans Sierra Leone and four other countries in Africa.

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, October 16, 2015 - World Hope International (WHI), a Christian-relief and development organization, announced today that they will celebrate the development of their 1000th water well with a special ceremony in Sierra Leone on October 19, 2015. Open to the media, the event will take place at Birch Memorial School in Makeni at 1:30 pm and will feature the unveiling of the 1000th well along with remarks from Hon. Alhaji Randolph Foday Bayoh, Deputy Minister of Water Resources, highlighting WHI's efforts to provide clean water to more than 680,000 people across Africa.

WHI's 1000th water well milestone comprised 251 wells in Sierra Leone, 282 wells in Mozambique, 235 wells in Liberia, 158 wells in Zambia, and 74 wells in Malawi. WHI has worked to drill clean water wells and provide sanitation facilities in some of the world's most impoverished communities since 2004, proving successful their method of providing sustainable sources of clean water. A 2013 program audit found that 90 percent of the wells WHI has drilled in Sierra Leone, Mozambique and Liberia since 2005 are still providing water year-round.

"World Hope International has long been committed to clean water and sanitation efforts. We have been drilling wells for over a decade to help provide people with access to clean water year-round," explained Keith Norris, Director of Water and Sanitation, World Hope International. "We have a strong expertise in boreholes and recently increased our drilling capacity in Sierra Leone to help fight Ebola, drilling three wells per week with three operating rigs. We focus on boreholes in Sierra Leone because boreholes are cleaner and provide a more secure source of year-round water over hand-dug wells."

With more than 1.8 billion people drinking contaminated water around the world, it should come as no surprise that dirty water kills more people every year than all forms of violence, including war. WHI believes that access to clean water helps to sustain and prolong life, prevents the spread of disease, promotes an increased quality of life, and increases time for economic productivity.

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About World Hope International

World Hope International (WHI) is a Christian relief and development organization that works with vulnerable and exploited communities to alleviate poverty, suffering and injustices worldwide. Founded in 1996 in the US, WHI currently works in 15 of the poorest countries in the world focusing on the following key areas: anti-human trafficking, water and sanitation, rural and economic development, agriculture, education, emergency response, health and nutrition. These key WHI programs bring tangible and positive change to the individuals with whom WHI works - individuals who then go on to transform their own communities and countries. WHI bases what they do on long-term results, providing resources and knowledge to the poor so they can become agents of change within their communities. WHI's vision is to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity and hope so they can possess the tools for change in themselves, their family, and their community.

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