

LIFEWATER INTERNATIONAL
STEADFAST
ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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Mission

We are Christians committed to ending the global water and sanitation crisis, one village at a time.

Vision

Safe water for every child.
A healthy home for every family.
The love of Christ for all.

STEADFAST

To be steadfast is to remain devoted. It is to fulfill a promise no matter the challenges. As we reflect on a year unlike any other, we thank God for fulfilling His promise to walk alongside us, and we thank you for your loving commitment to bringing safe water to every child.

Your support and God's grace make transformational, steadfast work possible.



A Top-Rated Christian Charity



“LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL.”

– Hebrews 10:23



To be steadfast, by definition, is to be “resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.”

In March of 2020, as we prepared to expand our work to reach more families with safe water, the world stood at a standstill. Confronted with the realities of COVID-19, we sought the Lord for direction: How do we continue to serve vulnerable people in the midst of a pandemic?

This year’s theme is steadfast. When we needed you, our donor partners, you stood beside us even as times grew challenging for your businesses and families. You gave generously so we could answer the call to serve others in hard-to-reach communities

with COVID-19 relief, health training, and safe drinking water at a critical time in history.

Thank you. None of this is possible without you.

2020 Accomplishments

Despite the challenges of this past year, our teams did an incredible job serving vulnerable families. Even with a four-month pause in field work during the pandemic, we were able to complete 133 water wells in 2020. Plus, our brand-new PAT 501 drill rig arrived in Ethiopia, which will help us reach more villages with life-giving clean water.

Looking Ahead: 2021 and Beyond

Your support in 2020 made it possible for Lifewater to emerge strong from a difficult season. We revised our budgets, refined our forecasting, and are entering 2021 in a strong financial position. With our field teams back at work, this means we’ll be able to serve even more people than we initially thought possible in the wake of COVID-19.

Looking ahead, we’ll continue to serve households, churches, schools, and communities with COVID-19 prevention training and resources.

While doing this, we’ll continue to strengthen “Vision of a Healthy Village” (VHV), our approach to solving the water crisis. This includes the continued growth of our sustainability programs.

I’m particularly excited about the rollout of the revised VHV approach in Cambodia this year.

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This program starts with local churches (rather than villages) to reach those in need with safe water and improved health.

Finally, in 2020 we recognized the incredible impact of our monthly donor partners—those who give consistently so that even in a tumultuous time we can plan ahead. In 2021, we’ll focus on doubling the number of donors who give to Lifewater each month.

God is faithful. When our founder, Bill Ashe, began repairing wells in Mexico nearly 50 years ago, he didn’t have all the answers. But he saw a need and trusted God with what he had. We are so grateful to stand with you in God’s great faithfulness today

The new Lifewater drill rig at work in Ethiopia



as He guides this most important work of serving children and families in need of safe water, health, and the hope of Jesus.

May we all continue to hold fast, as Hebrews 10:23 tells us, persevering and trusting that the one who promised is faithful.

From each of us at Lifewater, we are grateful for your partnership. You are changing lives.

In Christ,

David LeVan

Chief Executive Officer
Lifewater International

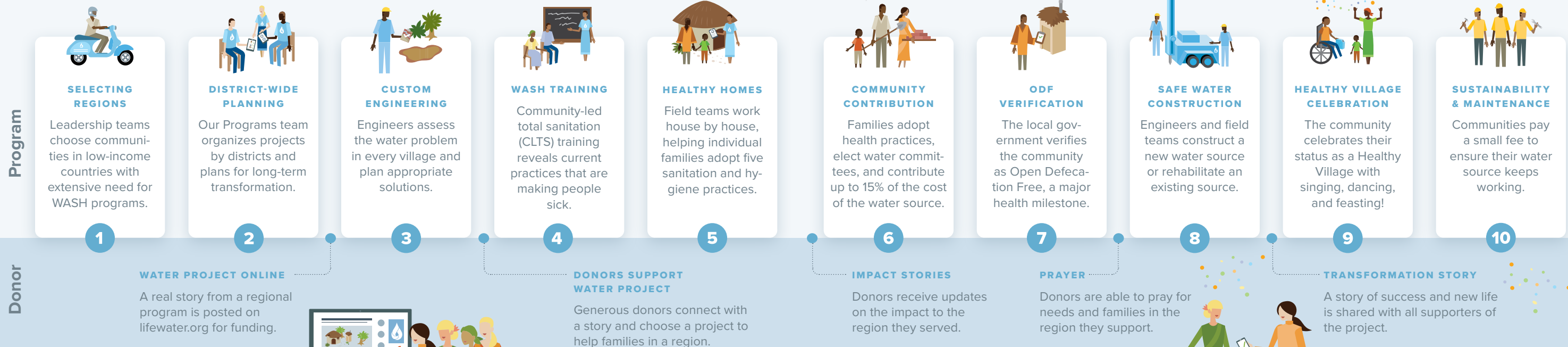
THE LIFEWATER WAY

Real, lasting change requires a partnership between donors, local communities, and Lifewater staff. Here's how it works.



- A HEALTHY HOME**
Families adopt life-changing healthy habits to become Healthy Homes.
- B SUSTAINABLE SAFE WATER**
Engineering, community investment, and proper construction ensure a lasting water source.
- C HEALTHY SCHOOL**
Parents and administrators partner to provide clean water and safe bathrooms at schools. WASH clubs help children adopt healthy habits.
- D HEALTHY CHURCH**
Rooted in sound theology, Healthy Churches love their neighbors in both word and deed.
- E HEALTHY VILLAGE**
Communities with 90% Healthy Homes, ODF verification, and a safe water source are certified Healthy Villages.

Vision of a Healthy Village





A child drinking safe water from a Lifewater well in Uganda

WHAT WE DO

SUSTAINABLE SAFE WATER

We believe wholeheartedly that every family deserves safe water that lasts. It's why each water source is made with quality materials and drilled by skilled and experienced technicians. It's why every water point is engineered in a way that accounts for the local hydrogeology, population, and locally-available materials.

With regular water quality testing and maintenance on Lifewater wells, we ensure that quality care is realized and promises of long-term transformation are kept.

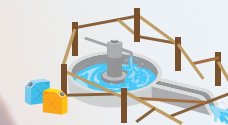
2020 Highlights



New Drill Rig in Ethiopia

After a year-long team effort, our new drill rig arrived safely in Ethiopia in December of 2020. The PAT 501 drill rig and compressor will allow our team to reach more remote communities than ever before and drill deeper into the earth to find water.

The team has trained with the new rig and began successfully drilling wells in February of 2021.



Water Points Completed During Pandemic

From April to July of 2020 our global teams paused all planned programs to ensure community safety in the midst of the pandemic and provide unforeseen but urgent COVID-19 relief.

Despite a four-month pause in work, our teams were able to complete 133 water wells in 2020. It was only possible through your giving and the tenacity of our teams on the ground.

If Hope Were a Person: Beatrice's Transformation Story

"If hope was a person then it would look like Beatrice," Richard, our field journalist in Uganda, said. And he's right.

For years, Beatrice's village, Kafumita Magale, shared a water well with six other densely-populated villages. Each day, she spent up to six hours waiting in the heat for water.

Beatrice and her neighbors were faced with a choice—gather water but forgo their farms, or pull the children from school to gather water in their place. Beatrice clutched her daughters close to her, hoping she could hold off long enough before she had to decide.

And, at the end of 2019, Kafumita Magale village received their own safe water well. Life is transformed.

"We are now free," Beatrice said. "We feel Lifewater's care through how our children's lives are impacted for the better."

"You can't believe it, but our community is now buzzing!" she added. "Our dreams are being realized in every way; families are happier and healthier."

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— Beatrice, mother in Uganda

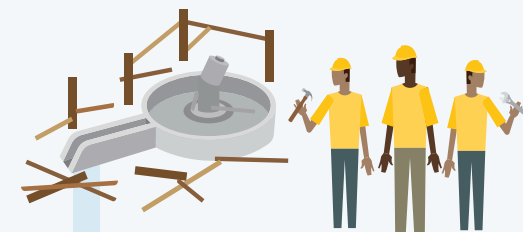
In Kafumita Magale village, there are no more long lines at a faulty water well. Girls and boys are staying in school, and men and women are starting businesses.

In 2020, Beatrice gave birth to a beautiful child, one that will grow up never having personally experienced the global water crisis.



133 Water Sources Completed

Every water source is specifically engineered based on surveys, population, and locally-available materials.



94% Water Source Sustainability

Based on limited case studies in 2020. Due to COVID-19, monitoring was not available across all programs.

8,350 School Children with Safe Water

For thousands of children in Lifewater programs, school is a haven of safe water, clean bathrooms, and hygiene resources for girls.



322 New Water Committee Members Trained

Water committee members instill vital health practices, gather funds from families for maintenance and repair, and keep the water sources safe.



Beatrice at her home in Kafumita Magale village, Uganda



A young boy at a “tippy tap,” a homemade handwashing device

WHAT WE DO

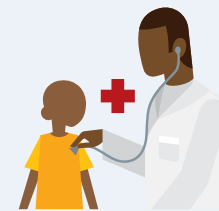
IMPROVED HEALTH

When local leaders encourage their neighbors to make life-saving sanitation and hygiene changes, the entire village rises. And when the whole village can rise together, change can last for generations.

That’s why our global team of health experts work through local village leaders to train communities on life-saving health practices. It’s why, when COVID-19 hit, Lifewater health facilitators embedded within communities were able to quickly and efficiently ensure the health and safety of their neighbors.

2020 Highlights

COVID-19 Relief for Vulnerable Families



In March of 2020, our teams began providing immediate relief to communities impacted by COVID-19 in our countries of operation. Our donors responded with huge generosity, providing funding for thousands of bars of soap, training for hundreds of health volunteers in-country, public hand washing stations in rural villages and schools, personal protective equipment (PPE) in health clinics, and much more.

Our partners even provided urgently-needed food supplies to families who could no longer go to work due to shutdowns. They made sure no child in Lifewater programs went hungry during quarantine.



Final Evaluations Completed in Uganda

Lifewater programs are multi-year, grassroots approaches to solving the global water and sanitation crisis. Staff begin in target regions and in clusters of villages and schools called “projects.” It takes community investment, donor generosity, and the construction of safe water wells built to last in regions known for their water scarcity.

In January of 2020, Lifewater completed the final evaluation of the first Kaliro and Mayuge region projects. The results: Lifewater served 44,463 people, greatly reduced waterborne illnesses in young children, and shortened walks for water for all.

Thankfulness from Ethiopia: A COVID-19 Update

In May of 2020, staff in Ethiopia began distributing soap to families unable to purchase it themselves. These included vulnerable populations like single mothers, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

One such couple was Ambo and Fatuma Galchu, grandparents and residents of Abayi Chali village. According to Ambo, their health problems have made it challenging to work and afford the essentials.

“When the staff working for this organization came to my home and called on me for soap distribution, I didn’t believe it,” she said. “We are now more safe from the disease, and I am so thankful and wish those that reached us in our time of need a long and healthy life.”

“The proverb says, ‘One’s heart is judged by who he stands by during great difficulty!’” Ambo added. “Today this organization has proven us this proverb by standing with us even when everybody is in fear of

going out of their homes; you have come a long way to our home to provide us with the soap and help us stay alive.”

Rahmate Husen, a single mother of two, echoed Ambo. Rahmate’s husband recently passed away, leaving her with grief and the responsibility of raising their two daughters.

“MY FAMILY HAS HOPE TO LIVE SAFER BECAUSE WE CAN WASH OUR HANDS WITH SOAP.”

– Rahmate, mother in Ethiopia

All throughout 2020, Lifewater donors helped protect rural populations from COVID-19, serving as Jesus would to protect those most vulnerable to the virus.

Rahmate learned about the virus, and she knew she could not afford soap. So when Lifewater provided support for her family, she was overjoyed.

“Now, I feel like Lifewater has saved our lives,” she said. “My family has hope to live safer because we can wash our hands with soap and do our part to be safe from the current disease.”

Lifewater sanitation and hygiene coordinator, Selam Hailu, distributes soap



donors made this possible!

COVID-19 Response



10,891
Bars of soap distributed



56,136
Pounds of food supplied to vulnerable families



647
Public hand washing stations distributed



1,801
Locals leaders trained in COVID-19 prevention

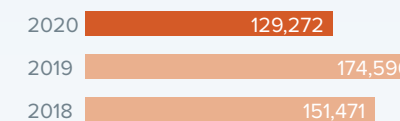


22
Rural health clinics provided with supplies



129,272 Total People Served

People served includes those actively involved in Lifewater programs.



* Because of global COVID-19 shutdowns and an investment in COVID-19 relief for those most vulnerable to the virus, we were not able to complete all the WASH programs planned at the start of 2020.



1,339 Community Health Workers

Lifewater’s Health Promoters train local volunteers to help their neighbors adopt life-saving health and sanitation practices.





A young boy at school in Cambodia

WHAT WE DO

THE LOVE OF JESUS

Our staff serve all people regardless of religion, listening first and walking alongside community members as neighbors to love well.

We also believe every person should hear the good news of Jesus. That's why, alongside our water access, sanitation, and hygiene work, Lifewater staff partner with local ministries to start Bible studies, plant churches, distribute Bibles, and support families in need. Above all things, our Christian staff love people as Jesus does.

2020 Highlights



Church Integration Strategy in Cambodia

After the genocide led by the Khmer Rouge in the 1970's, Cambodia was distrustful of community and saturated with well-meaning non-profits providing aid for decades. The result: A culture of dependency that directly challenges Lifewater's model in which families invest in their own change.

In 2020, Lifewater developed an adapted Vision of a Healthy Village strategy specifically for Cambodia. This revised approach works through local churches to share the restorative news of Jesus, build community, and reach those in need with life-saving safe water and improved health.



The "Healthy Church" Initiative Serves Neighbors

Our "Healthy Church" initiative, the empowerment of churches to serve their neighbors, always had a dual purpose—that is, meet the needs of the vulnerable now, and increase confidence so churches could take on larger challenges in the future.

As the pandemic spread, shutdowns often prevented Lifewater staff from entering villages. It was then that we saw a long-viewed commitment to empower communities come true. When Lifewater could not be there, local churches rose up to serve their neighbors with the tools gathered from Lifewater training; they fed the hungry, cared for the sick, and loved like Jesus. This is change that lasts.

How Jesus Changed Everything for a Family in Ethiopia

In 2019, Elfie's husband, Butuma, was addicted to a local drug and to alcohol, and he sold everything the family owned to feed his addiction.

To make matters worse, the only source of water for Elfie and her neighbors was a river that made them sick. Today, it all seems like a bad dream.

Elfie's family lives in Kuyera village, Ethiopia and runs a farm of their own. In 2019, Lifewater began work in their community and brought along local ministry partner Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) to share the good news of Jesus. While Lifewater staff shared ways to stay healthy, EECMY started Bible studies.

When Elfie and her husband learned about what Jesus had done for them, they were astounded. Elfie practiced a cultural religion known in remote Ethiopia, and Butuma was Muslim. They both accepted Jesus into their lives that year.

Butuma, now supported by the church, overcame his addictions. With new health, the family saved enough money to build a home of their own! And in June of 2020, the drilling team finished construction on Kuyera village's water well.

“JESUS HAS BROUGHT LOVE TO MY HOME AND SAVED MY FAMILY.”

– Elfie, a mother in Ethiopia

“Jesus has brought love to my home and saved my family,” Elfie said. “I wish everyone... could be reached with the Gospel and blessed with the mercy of God.”

Learn more about how God is moving in Lifewater programs! Visit lifewater.org/faith-in-action today.

Elfie, her husband, Butumba, and their children



240 Church Leaders Trained

Lifewater ministry partners train church leaders in foundational theology and God's mandate to love the vulnerable.

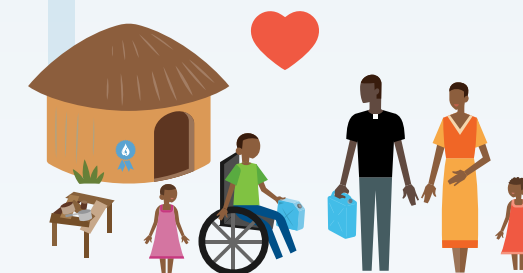


71 Healthy Churches Registered

After receiving training, Healthy Churches construct a bathroom and handwashing stations to serve their congregation. Then they serve every vulnerable household in their community.

1,258 Vulnerable Households Served

Local churches that partner with Lifewater help elderly, widowed, and disabled households become Healthy Homes.



100% Christian Staff

All full-time staff members both at headquarters and internationally are believers committed to loving like Jesus.



U.S. WELL DRILLERS BRING SAFE WATER TO AFRICA

How the Acquistapace Family Served 3,000

wow!



Mary Acquistapace washing her hands at a “tippy tap” in Uganda

Mary and Jason Acquistapace own a water well drilling business in Oregon. Since the early years of their business, Earth & Water Works, one passion has remained strong—the desire to bring safe water to families who cannot pay for it.

So when they heard about Lifewater, they were all in. As they drilled wells in Oregon, they gave so that Lifewater drill rigs could reach rural, remote corners of Africa. Over the years, they’ve been able to provide nearly 3,000 people in Africa with safe drinking water, improved health, and the hope of Jesus.

“In every area of our life we want to say to the Lord, ‘We know you’ve given this loan to us—our children, our home, our business, our money, our health,’” Mary said. “And we’re supposed to take care of it and be good stewards of what He’s loaned us.”

“God wants to raise our standard of giving, not our standard of living,” she added.

In 2019, Mary and Jason visited communities in Uganda who benefitted from their gifts and villages who had yet to be served.

“As a mother, seeing that struggle and concern is universal; you want the best for your children, and when you’re limited in what you can do, how hard that is,” Mary said. “How easy it is for me to give something as simple as money?”

The Acquistapace family gives generously, boldly, and from a deep conviction that their resources belong to the Kingdom. They, and all donors who give safe water, are an answer to prayer for many across the globe today.

To learn how you can give safe water through your business, contact us at representative@lifewater.org.

“GOD WANTS TO RAISE OUR STANDARD OF GIVING, NOT OUR STANDARD OF LIVING.”

– Mary Acquistapace



Earth & Water Works pouring a cement seal in an irrigation well on March 1, 2021

MAKING HISTORY FOR SAFE WATER

Katie Spotz Runs 137 Miles Nonstop



Katie (top) wearing her Lifewater shirt, and Katie (bottom) completing “Run4Water” with friends and family

When asked about what was on her mind as she completed her final sprint of 137 miles, Katie didn’t say “sleep,” or “a hot meal,” as so many of us might after five marathons in 33 hours. Katie said gratitude.

On September 5, 2020, endurance athlete Katie Spotz set off on “Run4Water,” a 137-mile run between the Canadian border and Freeport, Maine. At the end, she raised over \$20,000 for safe water and became the first person to ever run across the state nonstop.

“I’ve never had to worry whether what I drank would make me sick,” she said. “No matter what I face, I feel like it’s still nothing... that struggle of not having clean water is so beyond.”

David LeVan, Lifewater’s CEO, said Katie’s heart for those without water will bless many this year.

“Katie’s faith, determination, and compassion for vulnerable children and families is an inspiration to me and to our global teams at Lifewater,” he said. “Thousands have been and thousands more will be impacted by her efforts.”

Over the years, Katie’s completed a 325-mile swim, rowed a boat across the Atlantic Ocean for 70 days, and more. She has wanted to give up, come face to face with her own vulnerabilities, and discovered her ability to keep pushing forward.

According to Katie, the hardest part of any challenge is feeling as though you’re doing it on your own. Since coming to follow Jesus in 2017, Katie feels differently about her adventures.

“I’D JUST RUN 137 MILES, AND THE PAIN I WAS ENDURING WAS NO MATCH FOR THE HARDSHIP OF NOT HAVING WATER—ONE THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FACE EVERY DAY.”

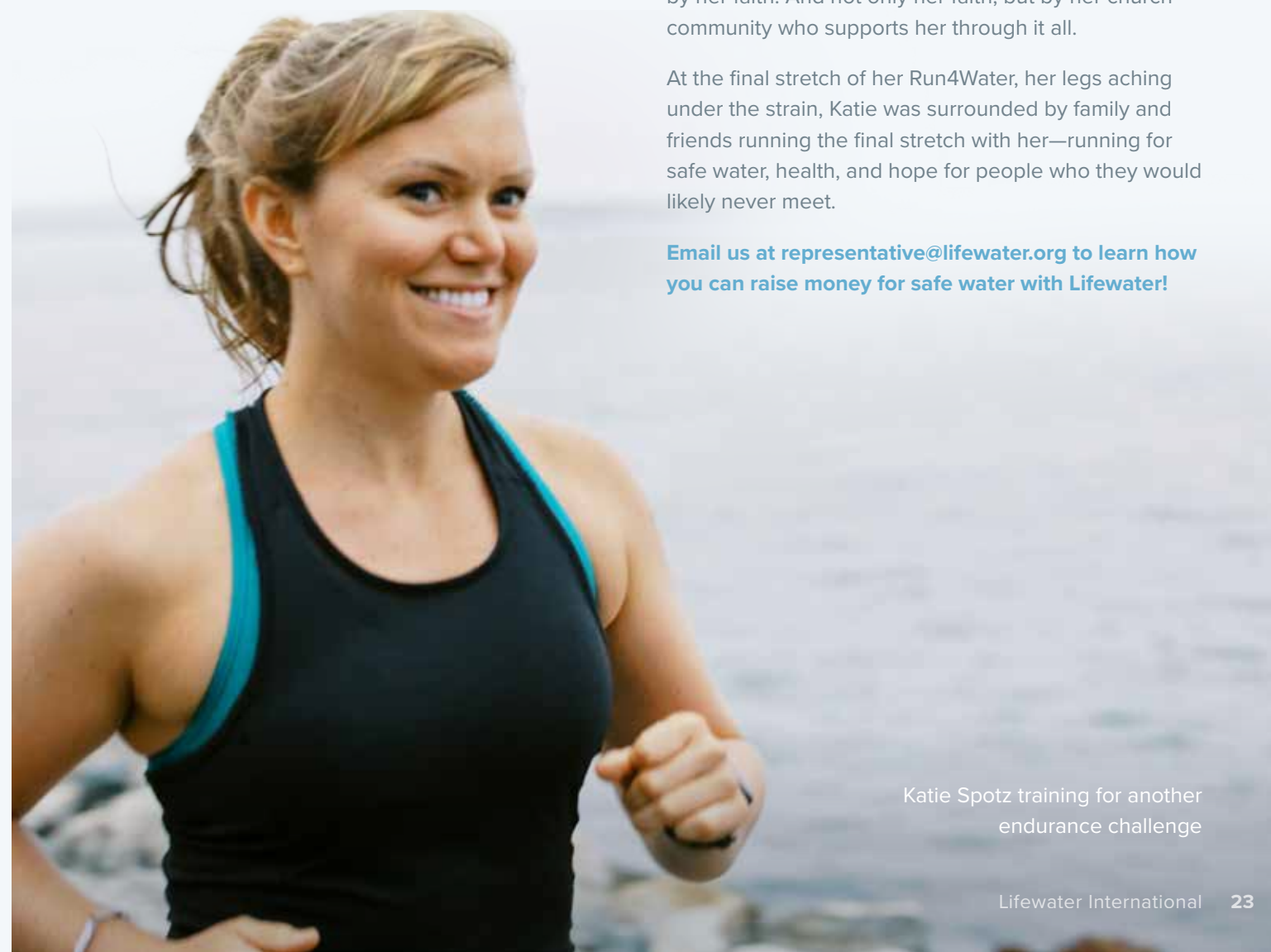
– Katie Spotz

“[As a Christian athlete], you never feel like you’re pushing on your own,” she said.

In every adventure, she is assured and encouraged by her faith. And not only her faith, but by her church community who supports her through it all.

At the final stretch of her Run4Water, her legs aching under the strain, Katie was surrounded by family and friends running the final stretch with her—running for safe water, health, and hope for people who they would likely never meet.

Email us at representative@lifewater.org to learn how you can raise money for safe water with Lifewater!



Katie Spotz training for another endurance challenge

TREATING ROOT CAUSES

Why the Hawthornes Give Safe Water



A child in Uganda holds a clean glass of water from a Lifewater well and a contaminated glass from a nearby source

In 1962, water pump business owner Bill Ashe visited Baja, Mexico to repair a well at an orphanage. It was there that he came face to face with the water crisis, something he was capable of doing something about, and one he felt convicted to solve.

So Bill and his wife, Lorraine, began what would become Lifewater International.

Just a few years later in 1970, Jim and Dorothy (“Dotty”) Hawthorne visited Ometepec, Mexico, the same country where Bill Ashe first felt inspired to help solve the water crisis. Jim had just finished his first postgraduate year after medical school at University of Southern California (USC).

“After that you have to decide what you want to specialize in, and I really was uncertain,” he said. “We found a doctor in this town called Ometepec... he needed people seeing patients and keeping the hospital going.”

Jim and Dotty decided to go, and for six months Jim treated patients and Dotty helped him around the hospital. There, just as with Bill, Jim’s eyes began to open to the global water crisis.

“It was a frustrating time because we could diagnose why the patients had diarrhea or abdominal pain or anemia often due to parasites,” he said. “We could treat them, but soon I recognized that I was treating water; the same patients would come back reinfected, and I tried to explain how they were getting sick.”

Jim was treating and re-treating waterborne illnesses.

“Bill Ashe had dealt with the problem by going to the root of the problem,” he added. “We were treating a symptom or disease that was recurring because of a cause that we didn’t have the expertise to address.”



Dr. Jim Hawthorne and Dr. James Boyce, a missionary doctor in Ometepec, Mexico in 1970

“BILL ASHE HAD DEALT WITH THE PROBLEM BY GOING TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM.”

– Dr. Jim Hawthorne

Jim went on to do medical missions in many more countries following his time in Mexico. Again and again, he saw the need for a solution to the root cause of so many illnesses abroad—waterborne diseases.

Since first giving with Lifewater, the Hawthornes have helped hundreds of people get safe water.

“Lifewater has made it its goal to go to the hard places,” Jim said.

Jim and Dotty are making change possible for children and their families. They’re bringing safe water, improved health, and the love of Jesus to communities in remote parts of the world.

To give safe water and change a life today, visit lifewater.org.

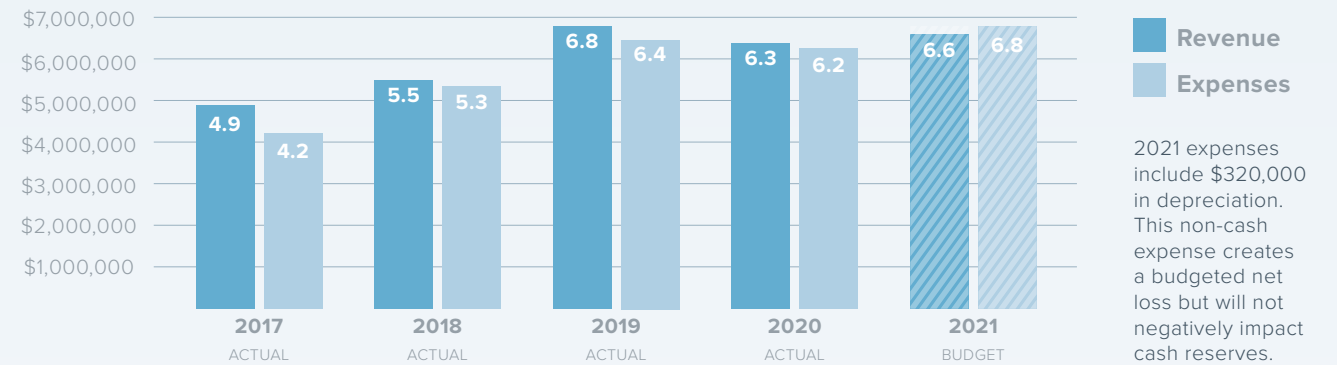
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

After adjusting revenue forecasts in early 2020 from \$8.5M to \$6.0M due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lifewater received nearly \$250,000 in COVID-19 response gifts as well as an SBA Paycheck Protection Program loan (which was entirely forgiven). This allowed Lifewater to restart work paused because of COVID-19 and to invest in capital assets including a new drill rig that recently arrived in Ethiopia.

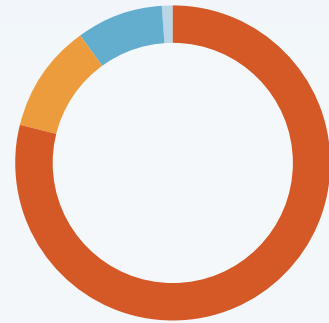
Thank you, donors!

Thanks to a strong year-end campaign and the generous support of donors, total revenue exceeded \$6.2M and positioned Lifewater well for 2021 with activities including the launch of the first program in Tanzania.

Revenue vs. Expenses

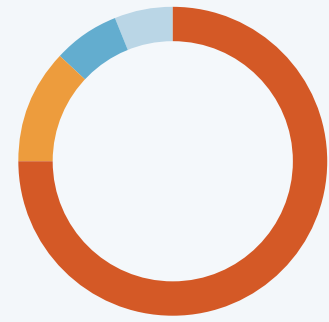


Total Revenue
\$6,261,919



2020 Giving by Source

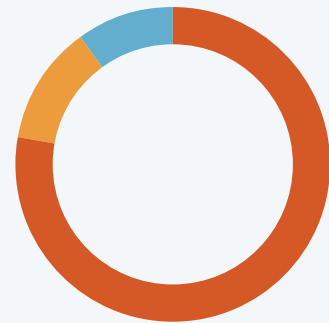
- 79% Campaigns/General Giving
- 11% Grants
- 9% Monthly Donors
- 1% Adventures



2020 Giving by Donor

- 75% Individuals
- 12% Foundations
- 7% Churches
- 6% Corporations

Total Expenses
\$6,225,351



2020 Expenses

- 78% Programs
- 12% Fundraising
- 10% Management

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2020	2019
Cash	\$1,362,052	\$1,212,765
Pledges	466,497	567,401
Prepaid & Other	70,861	139,492
Total Current Assets	1,899,410	1,919,658
Fixed Assets (Net)	859,931	740,153
Long-Term Assets	24,551	24,951
Total Assets	2,783,892	2,684,762
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	42,567	85,484
Accrued Expenses	234,873	157,347
Long-Term Liabilities	27,953	--
Total Liabilities	305,393	242,831
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	1,978,428	1,879,689
With Donor Restrictions	500,071	562,242
Total Net Assets	2,478,499	2,441,931
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$2,783,892	\$2,684,762

Statement of Financial Activities

Revenue	2020	2019
Contributions	\$4,922,029	\$4,632,345
Grants	1,073,638	1,170,553
Events & Adventures	150,642	768,803
In-Kind Contributions & Other Revenue	115,610	181,535
Total Revenue	6,261,919	6,753,236
Expenses		
Program Services	4,871,259	5,289,984
Supporting Services		
Fundraising & Development	743,832	705,738
Management & General	610,260	440,001
Total Expenses	6,225,351	6,435,723
Change in Net Assets	36,568	317,513
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	2,441,931	2,124,418
Net Assets at End of Year	\$2,478,499	\$2,441,931

LOOKING AHEAD

Our global teams will focus on three areas of improvement, adaptation, and growth during 2021. These are strategic program changes in Cambodia, strengthening of our Vision of a Healthy Village operations in Africa, and an increase in recurring gifts so that we can plan ahead to reach more children with safe drinking water.

Launch Adapted VHV Program in Cambodia

This year, we are beginning new programs in Cambodia that start with local churches and emphasize community. The end goal is to create healing in Cambodia and reach those in need with life-saving safe water, improved health, and the hope of Jesus.

Strengthen Vision of a Healthy Village (VHV) program

VHV is our approach to solving the water crisis. In 2021, we'll focus on the continued growth of our sustainability programs to ensure water sources last for generations. We'll further strengthen our ministry strategies so that every person in Lifewater programs knows Jesus cares for them.

Double Monthly Donors

visit lifewater.org to learn more

Monthly donor partners are critical in helping us plan ahead. In 2021, we'll focus on doubling our monthly donor partnerships to provide stable, year-round giving.



Women and children in Uganda celebrate safe water

Country Updates

Staff are eagerly returning to work in communities after pausing in 2020 due to COVID-19. In 2021, our team will strategically carry out planned water access, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs with an emphasis on staff and community safety.

As the pandemic continues, we will continue providing support. This will vary between countries and depend on the need, but staff plan to provide prevention trainings and resources to regions impacted by COVID-19.

Ethiopia

In 2021 our staff will be busy completing drilling contracts and getting households registered as "Healthy Homes."* There are 97 water points planned for construction overall and 16 latrine blocks for schools. With the completion of so many latrine blocks, staff plan to register 13 "Healthy Schools," meaning the school has safe water, a safe place to use the bathroom, and more items critical to health and sanitation.



Uganda

We have reduced our budgets in Uganda for 2021, and our team plans to complete 42 water points. The team will also finish 20 latrine blocks for schools, giving students a safe, private, and sanitary place to use the bathroom and giving girls the opportunity to attend school while menstruating.



Cambodia

In Cambodia, Lifewater will begin implementing an adapted version of the Vision of a Healthy Village approach that works through churches and faith leaders to build community, restore relationships, and reach families in great need. Staff plan to register 135 Healthy Homes, continuing to reach families with safe water, improved health, and the hope of Jesus while testing a new model for community transformation.



Tanzania

first year program!

As our newest country of operation, our staff in Tanzania are actively reaching communities in need with life-saving sanitation and hygiene habits. Nearing the end of 2021, they'll register an estimated 1,283 Healthy Homes, complete 10 latrine blocks, and finish construction on the first 25 water points. Lifewater's ministry partner will also teach 43 church leaders about God's mandate to serve the vulnerable, mobilizing churches to care for those among them.



*Households using a hand washing device, a latrine, a drying rack for dishes, and more.

LETTER FROM OUR COUNTRY DIRECTORS

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

– Hebrews 10:23

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have learned that this passage was written to Christians when life was hard for them. Now, let us think of what is going on around us on a global level today, and I am sure each of us—despite where we live—will have at least one issue in common when it comes to the COVID-19 crisis. It may be sickness, isolation, or economic strain.

And as you may have read in this annual report, Lifewater has achieved tremendous results in providing safe water, improved sanitation facilities, and better hygiene practices to mitigate preventable health risks (including COVID-19).

However, the success that we achieved together in 2020 does not mean that we have finished, but it is an affirmation of the power of togetherness and of being steadfast. Like the early Christians who were willing to suffer the ridicule and hostility of their time,

all of us are challenged to stand strong and faithful amidst the global crisis of our time.

We believe that the Lord will return to us to fulfill His promise. As we live by the Lord’s promise, we demonstrate our faithfulness to the Lord and to those we serve. Let us renew our commitment to serve Christ through increasing the number of safe water sources for vulnerable people, that they may feel His love this year again. Let us renew our commitment by praying for each other, renewing our culture of generosity, and working through this exceptionally transforming WASH ministry.

On behalf of the leadership of Lifewater International in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Cambodia, and Uganda, we thank you for your commitment to serving the Kingdom with us.

In Christ,



Zerihun Hailu Desta
Ethiopia Country Director

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Boys in Cambodia washing their hands at the school water well

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