

# renew

LIFEWATER INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT 2021





*It's More  
than safe  
water!*

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# renew

To renew is to resume; to take up where you left off with fresh strength. This is what God has been doing at Lifewater in 2021, renewing us after the challenges of 2020 so we can anticipate 2022 with faithful expectation. Thank you for giving safe water, health, and lasting hope in 2021!

## Mission

We are Christians providing access to safe water, and improved sanitation and hygiene, one village at a time.

## Vision

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

A Top-Rated Christian Charity





## LETTER FROM THE CEO



When something is renewed it is refreshed, rejuvenated, or restored. It has begun again, like new.

In Isaiah 40:31, I am struck by who the Lord renews strength for. It's those that wait. 2020 felt like a lot of waiting. But through the tough and the good moments, God didn't just give us strength. He renewed our strength and restored us, over and over again.

Based on the scripture in the book of Isaiah, we chose the word renew for this year's annual report theme. 2021 was truly a year of renewal for us at Lifewater. My prayer is that you have been and are experiencing God's renewal and strength in your life as well.

### 2021 Accomplishments

In 2021, we saw God move in some mighty ways. First and foremost, Lifewater received a record amount of donations: over \$8 million! This incredible milestone occurred because of the faithful prayers and generosity of donors like you. I know I speak for everyone here at Lifewater when I say—THANK YOU! We can't do any of this without you!

During this time, we also made a move from a US-based organization that operates internationally to becoming a truly global organization. This was achieved by our first international headquarters office located in Addis, Ethiopia, which will be a hub of global activity in the years ahead. Zerihun Hailu Desta, our Senior Director of Global Programs Implementation, works out of this office overseeing all global program implementation.

Included in this global focus was the reenvisioning of our program in Cambodia adjusting to the needs of the communities there. Cambodia is already seeing positive impacts in the Svay Leu region where we serve.

Also, after much prayer and waiting, we launched our new program in Tanzania in 2021! This is a HUGE win for all of us. A special thank you to all of you who helped fund this important work in this strategic country!

Finally, in 2021 we completed our 3-year strategic plan, titled "Global. Sustainable. Scalable." The Lifewater leadership team identified and developed four key areas of growth for the organization:

- Create a Life-Giving Culture
- Build a Global Organization
- Accelerate Donor Growth
- Leverage the Power of Data Analytics

It's important to note that the mission and vision of Lifewater International has not and will not change. We are, however, building upon the foundation laid by those who went before us. As we look to the future, we will continue our mission to bring safe water, improved health, and the hope of Jesus to vulnerable families in a global, sustainable, and scalable way.

### Looking Ahead: 2022 and Beyond

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of partners like you, we ended 2021 in a great position to expand and grow in the years to come.

As we anticipate the next few years, we have a few overarching goals. We want to improve development and communication amongst our global staff, which is why we plan to create a globally accessible intranet for exchanging communication.

Since donors like you are so pivotal to our ability to serve, we'll be working on a long-term plan to increase our international partnerships. We're excited to lean into a global mindset on all fronts, increasing our cross-cultural understanding and allowing us to give tangible, feasible resources to any community that needs safe water.



“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

– Isaiah 40:31

Looking ahead into 2022, we feel inspired to dream boldly for this next year: for more safe water to flow, for more health, and for more communities to experience the hope of Jesus.

And for you, as you wait on God, may you find restoration yourself. I hope you enjoy the following pages and see the profound impact your partnership has made.

From each of us at Lifewater, thank you.

In Christ,



**David LeVan**

Chief Executive Officer  
Lifewater International





## OUR MODEL

# THE LIFEWATER WAY

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



## Vision of a Healthy Village

Program



### SELECTING REGIONS

Leadership teams choose communities in low-income countries with extensive need for WASH programs.

1



### DISTRICT-WIDE PLANNING

Our team organizes projects by districts and plans for long-term transformation.

2



### CUSTOM ENGINEERING

Engineers assess the water problem in every village and plan appropriate solutions.

3



### WASH TRAINING

Community-led total sanitation (CLTS) training reveals current practices that are making people sick.

4



### HEALTHY HOMES

Field teams work house by house, helping individual families adopt seven water, sanitation, and hygiene practices.

5

Donor

### WATER PROJECT ONLINE

A real story from a regional program is posted on [lifewater.org](http://lifewater.org) for funding.

### DONORS SUPPORT WATER PROJECT

Generous donors connect with a story and choose a project to help families in a region.







**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 safe water are certified Healthy Villages.

**E**

**A**



**COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION**

Families adopt health practices, elect water committees, and contribute up to 15% of the cost of the water source.

**6**



**ODF VERIFICATION**

The local government verifies the community as Open Defecation Free, a major health milestone.

**7**



**SAFE WATER CONSTRUCTION**

Engineers and field teams construct a new water source or rehabilitate an existing source.

**8**



**HEALTHY VILLAGE CELEBRATION**

The community celebrates their status as a Healthy Village with singing, dancing, and feasting!

**9**



**SUSTAINABILITY & MAINTENANCE**

Communities pay a small fee to ensure their water source keeps working.

**10**

**IMPACT STORIES**

Donors receive updates on the impact to the region they served.

**PRAYER**

Donors are invited to pray for needs and families in the region they support.

**TRANSFORMATION STORY**

Stories of success and new life are shared with all supporters of the project.









## WHAT WE DO

# SUSTAINABLE SAFE WATER

We exist because we believe that every household deserves to have access to safe water. Every water source we build is constructed with the community's support and local materials that will make it easier to maintain in the long run. When we drill a well, we know that it was designed with the region's hydrogeology and population in mind and completed by skilled, experienced technicians. With regular testing and maintenance, Lifewater water sources bring health and lasting transformation.

## 2021 Highlights



### Tanzania Program Launched

In 2021, we launched our first program in Tanzania! As we partner with what God is already doing here, we are excited to provide safe water access, sanitation training, and hygiene to remote communities in the region of Shinyanga. A whole new team began working in Tanzania this past year—training local community members in water, sanitation, and hygiene practices. Already, the first Healthy Homes have been registered and engineers have begun constructing new water projects.



### Cambodia Program Relaunch

After pausing during 2020 because of COVID-19, we relaunched our Cambodia program in 2021 with fresh vision and a new project in the region of Svay Leu. During the hiatus, we thoughtfully reimaged our ministry work in Cambodia to better meet the needs of the communities. We are now servicing 11,904 people in Svay Leu with water, sanitation, and hygiene, plus local believers are sharing the gospel with their neighbors.

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## IMPACT STORY

# FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

Lydia is a mother of five from Buterere Village, where almost overnight, it seems, everything has changed.

“I still pinch myself, unable to believe that the new water point is within my compound,” marveled Lydia.

The community’s old water source was extremely contaminated and made Lydia’s children sick. She used to fear for their safety, but no longer.

**“Safe water has removed every obstacle that stood in their way.”**

– Lydia, mother of 5 in Uganda

With a safe and sustainable water source, Lydia and her family have been able to diversify their farming.


“We are into piggery, goat rearing, growing pineapples, avocado, and coffee on top of our traditional crops,” said Lydia. **“This has already helped us earn extraordinary profits and life is really good!”**

Lydia sees her family working harder and with more creativity, which she knows is a result of not struggling for water and health all the time. Now they are thriving, instead of merely surviving.

“When you are struggling with diseases that make it impossible to work, you cannot think outside the box as we do now,” Lydia said.

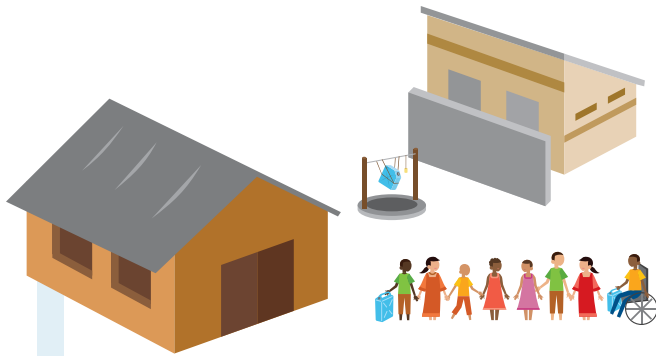
Looking to the future, Lydia rejoices! She knows that her children will have far more opportunities than she did.

“My children’s fortunes have changed and as a mother I’m excited to see how far they will go with their education,” she smiled. “Safe water has removed every obstacle that stood in their way.”



Lydia’s daughter gathering water at their new water point.





## 5,853 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.



## 160 Water Sources Completed

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

### Water Flowing

Every year, we sample a statistically significant number of water points to assess functionality. The following percentages show the percentage of water points with flowing water in 2021. The first water sources in Tanzania will be completed this year, so keep an eye out for those numbers next year!

**88% in Ethiopia**

**97% in Uganda**

**100% in Cambodia**









## WHAT WE DO

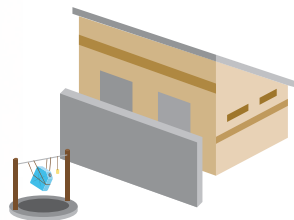
# IMPROVED HEALTH

It's a community approach to health that starts with relationships—house by house, village by village. As community members adopt healthy habits and take charge of their own health, everyone becomes stronger.

That's why our global team of health experts work through local village leaders to train communities on life-saving health practices. These habits spread from mother to child and from family to family, helping to reduce dangerous waterborne diseases. When change begins within a village, everyone is empowered to rise together.

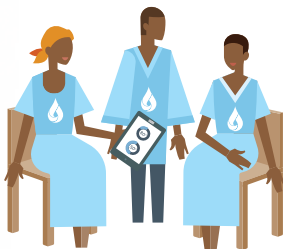
## 2021 Highlights

*a new record*



### Record Breaking Year for Latrine Construction

2021 was a record year for the Vision of a Healthy Village model when it comes to completed latrine blocks. In 2021, 38 latrine blocks were completed in schools and health facilities. Latrine blocks provide a private, dignifying place to go to the bathroom and practice hygiene.



### 988 Active WASH Facilitators

Our approach relies on imparting life-saving knowledge about water, sanitation, and hygiene to local community members. These passionate individuals are trained to be WASH facilitators, responsible for sharing their knowledge with their neighbors. When everyone in a community knows why healthy habits are important and adopts them, that knowledge becomes a defense against disease that will improve health and save lives for generations.



## IMPACT STORY

# SIMPLE HABITS, PROFOUND CHANGE

Even at first glance, Fatuma's compound presents itself as a model of health and neatness. It is fenced with woven bamboo and the animals' barn just beyond. The grounds within are swept regularly to keep it clean.

Inside stands a toilet and a handwashing station, called a tippy tap. Over to the side is a drying rack, with clean dishes stacked tidily on it. Fatuma's healthy children run and play in the yard.

She smiles broadly, full of satisfaction with her Healthy Home and the transformation it has brought in the health and well-being of her family.

**"You wouldn't have found me at home much if you were here when we had our old water source,"** said Fatuma.

Fatuma used to spend hours every day carrying a heavy container back and forth for water. Now, with a new water point in her village, safe water is just a few minutes away.

"Clean water makes our days enjoyable," said Fatuma. "We no longer suffer from illness and above all, it's available day and night so we can fetch it any time."


**"I am happy because my children have an opportunity to build their future."**

– Fatuma, mother in Ethiopia

Rates of illness begin to drop when a family starts practicing habits for handwashing after using the bathroom and before eating. Implementing WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) practices like handwashing certifies a house as a Healthy Home, a necessary step in progressing toward water point construction.

WASH practices significantly reduce illness in a community, bringing hope and joy to families who have been dealing with the water crisis all their lives.

"Now that I have more time, my dream to raise my children with proper care is coming true," said Fatuma. "I am happy because my children have an opportunity to build their future."



Fatuma's daughter washing her hands at their tippy tap.





## 341,922 Total People Served

Every person with safe water, hygiene, and sanitation training is better equipped to work, raise a healthy family, and serve God and their community. This is the number of people served by Lifewater's Vision of a Healthy Village (VHV) model from 2016 through 2021 including those we are currently serving.



## 2,773 Healthy Homes

Health and sanitation training that begins in the home spreads outward into the community, bringing transformation in school, work, and play.

## 12,033 Students with Sanitation

Students with safe, sanitary bathrooms and handwashing stations at school are able to focus on their education. Bathrooms provide a private place for boys and girls. For young girls, these private bathrooms allow them to manage menstruation at school.









## WHAT WE DO

# THE LOVE OF JESUS

We believe that the only thing that is more transformational than having safe water is knowing the love of Jesus.

That's why, alongside our water, sanitation, and hygiene work, Lifewater staff partners with local ministries to start Bible studies, plant churches, support the local church, and support families in need. In everything, we strive, first and foremost, to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

## 2021 Highlights



### 20 Church Volunteers Trained In Foundational Theology In Cambodia

As of November 2021, our Cambodia Program completed training for 20 volunteers from 4 local churches in foundational theology and how to become a Healthy Church. The volunteers made plans to share with their church leadership on how to become a Healthy Church and how to support vulnerable households in their communities. A Healthy Church includes a safe place to use the bathroom, handwashing stations, and a clean compound. They serve as beacons of hope in their communities.



### 55 New Vulnerable Healthy Homes

Our Vision of a Healthy Village model is all encompassing; embracing every household and person in a community. This includes the most vulnerable, like the elderly, widowed, or disabled. Churches love like Jesus by helping their most vulnerable neighbors also reach Healthy Home status, often helping complete difficult tasks like building a dish drying rack or digging a new latrine pit. This is an amazing accomplishment for a community, working together for the good of everyone.



## IMPACT STORY

# HEALTH PROMOTION IN THE CAMBODIAN CHURCH

Sary and her husband Chet lead full lives, being full-time farmers as well as attendants at their local church where they take care of the church building, facilities, and manage general logistics.

Their church has become a hub of transformation. Lifewater provides WASH training to churches in Cambodia, helping families adopt life-saving sanitation and hygiene practices to stop the spread of waterborne disease.

**“We provide water for free to community members who can’t afford to buy it. To me, this is what it means to love thy neighbor.”**

– Sary, a WASH Facilitator in Cambodia

Sary’s is one of them, and both the church and her home demonstrate excellent WASH practices. The floor is neatly swept and dishes are hung to dry. The bathroom is separated from the living space with its own handwashing station.

**“After completing WASH training with Lifewater, I want to share what I have learned with others to help them learn these WASH habits.”** said Sary.

Sary’s church has its own source of water that the community uses. Sary sells the water to people who can afford it and gives it out for free to people who cannot.

“We provide water for free to community members who cannot afford to buy it,” said Sary. “To me, this is what it means to love thy neighbor.”

Sary is excited to keep sharing the transformational hygiene knowledge that has made such a difference for her family and church family.

Sary and her husband Chet Chum.







# 130 Church Leaders Trained

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

# 38 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.





## FAITH IN ACTION

# MUFFINS FOR CLEAN WATER

## How One Family Brought Safe Water to Thousands with Muffins



The Wise Family with their muffin signs!

In September of 2016, Janelle Wise and her seven-year-old son Harrison read Linda Sue Park's *A Long Walk for Water*, a short novel about two Sudanese children named Salva and Nya confronting the water crisis in South Sudan.

**“I want to help Salva!”** Harrison announced. **“I’m going to bake muffins.”**

Janelle and her husband, Tyson, could not dismiss this statement. They’re a family of six in Boise, Idaho who are passionate about charity and servanthood. Harrison’s comment was an opportunity to serve.

With the help of Harrison’s second-grade class, Janelle and Harrison put muffin stands up all over town. They sold a variety of muffins for \$5 apiece, educating others about the water crisis and how they could get involved. They ended up raising almost \$8,000.

The Wise family has sold muffins to raise money for clean water in countries around the world every year since. In 2018, they found Lifewater.

“Lifewater’s holistic understanding of building latrines to clean up waste and having a systematic way to wash food, clothes, and hands guarantees eradication of waterborne illnesses,” said Janelle. “Clean water is fundamental to being healthy.”


Wow!

In 2019, the Wise family raised over \$10,000, this time partnering with a community in Cambodia to provide a well and health training through Lifewater.

Every year, the Wise family prays to be able to provide even more funds for safe water. They estimate that they raised a record amount in 2021 for Uganda, which they donated to Lifewater!

Janelle said it best: “If you wake up, open your hands and decide that God can use a muffin it really changes the trajectory of what can happen in a day.”



A young girl with short hair, wearing a red and black patterned dress and blue sandals, is crouching at a water tap. She is smiling broadly as she washes her hands. Water is flowing from the tap into her cupped hands. The background shows green grass and a wooden fence.

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– Janelle Wise



## FAITH IN ACTION

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF LISA JOY

## Mark Shelton Uses Facebook Live to Fundraise for Safe Water



Mark and Lisa Joy dancing.

In 2020, Mark Shelton lost his beloved wife Lisa Joy to lung cancer. Before God took her home, Lisa Joy had asked for a radical Christmas present: she had heard about the water crisis and she wanted a community in Africa to have a well with clean water.

Mark wanted to make her dream come true. He contacted Lifewater who told him it would take \$20,000 to sponsor a well.

Mark knew God would provide the money. “God delivers, God is faithful, God takes care of us,” Mark said.

But then the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and the world shut down.

So Mark, an accomplished musician and long-time Elvis impersonator, started giving Facebook Live concerts for anyone who needed a reminder that God was with them. Still, there was no way at that time to raise money for the well.

But then, a friend suggested Mark tell his viewers about Lisa Joy’s dream for a clean water well in Africa. Mark began including Lisa Joy’s dream during his Facebook Live shows.


“Next thing I know,” Mark said, “money’s coming in.” It came from everywhere, \$1 from Argentina, 25 pounds from England, \$1,000 dollars from Canada. As he was nearing his goal, Mark held a live auction. The bidding raised \$2,600 dollars, reaching the \$20,000 goal with some to spare.

In September of 2020, Mark called Lifewater back. To Mark’s surprise, Lifewater stated that \$20,000 would not just cover the costs for a well, but for a full village sponsorship. Through Lifewater’s sustainable, grassroots approach to solving the global water and sanitation crisis, Mark’s gift allowed him and Lisa Joy to partner with an entire village for real, lasting change. The Vision of a Healthy Village model includes hygiene education, Healthy Home certification, training the local church to be a resource within the community, and a uniquely designed water point.

On February 25, 2021, a well was completed in honor of Lisa Joy Shelton in Uganda.

Thanks to Mark and Lisa Joy, 312 people living in Namuganza Moja village in Uganda have safe water, health, and lasting hope.



A hand-operated water pump made of metal and wood stands in a rural village. The pump is mounted on a concrete base and has a wooden handle. A young girl in a blue and white striped shirt and a white patterned skirt is filling a yellow plastic jerrycan with water from the pump's spout. She is smiling broadly. Another young girl in a pink shirt and yellow shorts stands to the left of the pump, also smiling. The pump is surrounded by a wooden frame made of logs. In the background, there are banana trees and other greenery under a clear blue sky.

**This water point was completed in Namuganza Moja village, Uganda in honor of Lisa Joy Shelton.**



## FAITH IN ACTION

# TREK TO TANZANIA

## How One Company Walked 18,000 Miles for Safe Water



Security Central staff member and son finishing in a jog for clean water.

Early in 2021, Jordan Jackson, president of Denver-based security company, Security Central, was looking for a summer physical fitness challenge for his employees that also had a giving component.

While sitting in a meeting with his leadership team, Jackson posed the idea that Security Central's 45 person team could collectively log 9,000 miles between Memorial Day and Labor Day. He asked for input.

One employee opened their laptop and punched 9,000 miles into Google maps. "Nine thousand miles is approximately the distance from Denver to Africa," they said.

Jackson knew about Lifewater and their work to provide clean water to communities in Africa. He realized, **"We could put purpose to these steps that we're asking people to get out and do every day."** Suddenly the idea came together:

Security Central would try to walk 9,000 miles to Tanzania, where Lifewater has many villages awaiting sponsorship for safe water.

As Jackson wrote in an email to his team, "When we reach that milestone, your Security Central impact dollars will sponsor the drilling of a \$25,000 water point by Lifewater, and the lives in the Tanzanian village will be changed for generations to come."

Jackson's vision of success was two-fold: to provide clean water to people who desperately need it, and to encourage his staff to increase their activity, no matter their baseline.

Almost 100 percent of Security Central's staff participated in the "Trek to Tanzania," as the effort was dubbed. It was incredibly successful, so successful that they decided to "walk" the 9,000 miles back to Denver too.

"Everything we do should revolve around trying to positively impact other people's lives," Jackson said.

When the Security Central team reached Tanzania, Jackson gave water bottles to everyone that say, "I walked 9,000 miles to bring clean water to Tanzania." **He had his staff line up and come forward, and as he filled their bottles one by one he told them that this was the difference that they had made for one village across the ocean: safe, accessible water poured right into their hands.**



A young girl with short hair is shown in profile, carrying a large green bucket balanced on her head. She is wearing a blue and white plaid short-sleeved shirt and a red patterned wrap around her waist. She stands on a sandy bank next to a river with greenish water. The background is filled with lush green trees and bright sunlight filtering through the leaves.

**Security Central walked  
18,000 miles for safe water,  
the distance from their  
business in Colorado to  
Tanzania and back.**



# FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Lifewater emerged strong from the impact of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic with a 28% growth in revenue. This included significant growth in individual and corporate donations as well as the receipt of an SBA Paycheck Protection Program loan (which was entirely forgiven). This allowed for the launch of our first program in Tanzania and the highest water and sanitation infrastructure spend in Lifewater's history, bringing safe water to more communities.

*that's you, thank you!*

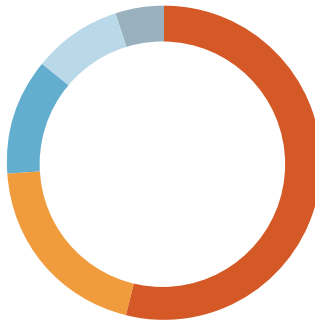
Thanks to the generous support of our donors, total revenue exceeded \$8M in 2021. A strong year-end campaign has positioned Lifewater well for program growth in early 2022 and beyond.

Total Revenue  
**\$8,044,742**



## 2021 Giving by Source

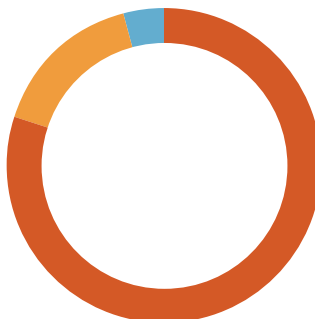
- 70%** Campaigns/General Giving
- 21%** Grants
- 9%** Monthly Donors



## 2021 Giving by Donor

- 54%** Individuals
- 20%** Corporations
- 12%** Foundations
- 9%** Government
- 5%** Churches

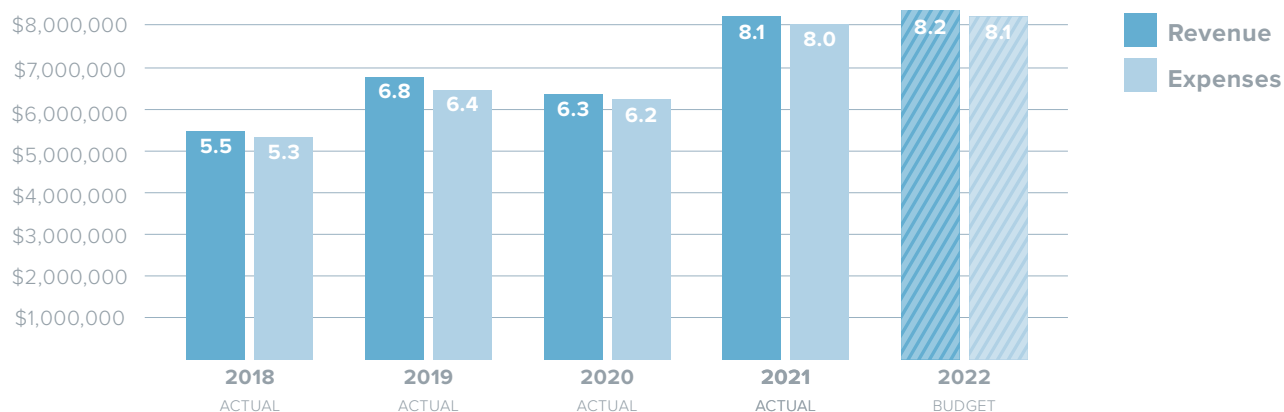
Total Expenses  
**\$7,177,828**



## 2021 Expenses

- 80%** Programs
- 16%** Fundraising
- 4%** Management

## Revenue vs. Expenses



## Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2021	2020
Cash	\$2,609,688	\$1,362,000
Pledges	10,000	458,037
Prepaid & Other	411,197	79,352
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,030,885</b>	<b>1,899,389</b>
Fixed Assets (Net)	766,237	856,546
Long-Term Assets	23,918	24,551
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,821,040</b>	<b>\$2,780,486</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$76,279	\$42,789
Accrued Expenses	402,754	234,651
Long-Term Liabilities	0	27,953
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$479,033</b>	<b>\$305,393</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$3,006,507	\$1,759,537
With Donor Restrictions	335,500	715,556
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$3,342,007</b>	<b>\$2,475,093</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$3,821,040</b>	<b>\$2,780,486</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities

Revenue	2021	2020
Contributions	\$6,265,801	\$4,942,919
Grants	1,667,636	1,073,638
Events & Adventures	0	130,702
In-Kind Contributions & Other Revenue	111,305	115,543
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,044,742</b>	<b>\$6,262,802</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Services	\$5,704,915	\$4,869,627
Supporting Services		
Fundraising & Development	1,150,759	728,294
Management & General	322,154	631,719
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,177,828</b>	<b>\$6,229,640</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>866,914</b>	<b>33,162</b>
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>2,475,093</b>	<b>2,441,931</b>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$3,342,007</b>	<b>\$2,475,093</b>



# LOOKING AHEAD

As we anticipate the future, we have four main goals to share with you. These constitute our vision for the next few years, prayerfully chosen to help amplify our ministry.

## Create a Life-Giving Culture

In the coming months, we will be launching strategies for development and collaboration amongst our global staff. Our goal is to enhance employee engagement and reaffirm our gospel-centered approach through shared rhythms of spiritual formation.

## Accelerate Donor Growth

We also want to bolster our approach to worldwide donor partnerships, for the sake of our long-term ability to grow and serve. If you're reading this now, it means you are already a key partner in making this happen! Thank you.

## Build a Global Organization

As an organization, we want to cultivate a global mindset. This will increase our cross-cultural understanding and create a scalable process for every region, every community, and every person.

## Leverage the Power of Data Analytics

As we grow internationally, we are firmly committed to developing a globally accessible information hub. We will find locally appropriate approaches so that everyone has access to the data they need to make sustainable, informed decisions.



A community celebrating their new water point in Uganda.

# COUNTRY UPDATES



## Uganda

This year in Uganda, we will be completing project 2 in the Mayuge region and project 1 in the Kakumiro region. These projects consist of 144 villages that will be celebrating safe water, health, and lasting hope in 2022! Our team in Uganda will also be launching another project in the region of Mayuge that will serve approximately 75 villages. This team will also continue to enhance WASH behaviors in partnership with local church leaders and schools.



## Tanzania

Our team in Tanzania is targeting WASH behavior in communities, schools, and health facilities like medical clinics. Part of the WASH protocol is to have a safe, sanitary place to go to the bathroom. With that in mind, we are hoping to enhance sanitation by constructing 6 latrine blocks at 3 different schools, and one at a health facility! Our goal is to register 2,500 Healthy Homes and build a new 11 mile water pipeline to supply 22 new water points and 6,304 people with safe water.



## Ethiopia

Our team in Ethiopia has a comprehensive set of goals that encompass everything from sustainable development to local church activity. In 2022, we will be actively serving 106,000 people with safe water, sanitation training, and hygiene. In addition, our goal for this year is to register more than 5,000 Healthy Homes in Ethiopia and complete more than 100 water points.



## Cambodia

In Cambodia, we have identified 36 villages in Svay Leu region as our target area for our current project. Our team in Cambodia is working with the Ministry of Rural Development in the Cambodian government to extend our work in the country. We are particularly excited about our partnership with local churches in Cambodia, where we have selected 20 church volunteers from 4 different churches to work with us! The goal is to leverage community support in order to help vulnerable homes, where there are elderly or disabled residents, to also achieve Healthy Home status.



# LETTER FROM OUR COUNTRY DIRECTORS

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

– Isaiah 40:31

Dear brothers and sisters,

In my 2020 annual report message, I challenged us to renew our commitment to serve Christ through increasing the number of safe water sources for vulnerable people, that they may feel His love again in 2021. You have been generous in your gifts, steadfast in prayers and loyal in services. In 2021, we were able to receive record high resources to serve thousands during the year despite continued COVID-19 impacts. God gave us the strength of the Holy Spirit to overcome weariness. The Lord blessed us with abundance to serve more people. We remained faithful to serve God’s kingdom and many more joined the journey during the year.

The strength to remain faithful servants, triumph over challenges and accomplish greater than what we imagined a year ago is the result of our renewal by the Holy Spirit. God’s promise is being fulfilled. Those who have been waiting to quench their thirst, were quenched by safe water as well as the love of Christ through our Vision of a Healthy Village and ministry projects in eight programs across four countries. Your support is fueling our energy to run the race. I encourage you to celebrate your 2021 accomplishments through this ministry. Let us praise God for giving us the opportunity to serve together.

On behalf of our Country Directors for Cambodia, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda, I am grateful to you for renewing your commitments and serving with us.

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zerihun Hailu Desta', written over a white background.

**Zerihun Hailu Desta**

Sr. Director of Global  
Programs Implementation

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