

WATER--It's Not Just For Drinking!

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CrossWay Water for Life



Our new drilling rig

Well, it's a dream coming true! We are moving forward with our water well drilling ministry in Northeast Africa. CrossWay International will be purchasing our new drilling rig on May 17, and now we just need the funds for the tow trucks, shipping costs, tools, and start up money. We are halfway to our goal of \$65,000 needed for Phase One of this project. One of our supporting churches has graciously set up 2 matching gifts; one has been met, thankfully, and we are still accepting donations toward the second \$5,000 matching gift. Please pray that this gift will be matched by our prayer partners by the end of May.

With Bob Nicol, our Engineer, and Merle Admire, our Master Electrician, we are confident that we have the leaders in place to oversee this work and make a difference for the kingdom of God. We pray that we might duplicate this ministry in many parts of the world. Having our own drilling rig in an area will allow us to drill more wells in less time, and for less money. Providing this clean water can relieve so much hurting and disease and help us to bring the gospel to many people in a tangible way.

Please continue to pray for the lost of the world and the many people who rely on unsuitable water. Our desire, as always, is to use this service style of evangelism to bring them the good news of Jesus Christ.

To read more about this new division within CrossWay International, go to www.gocrossway.org and check out "What's New," then click on the "Water for Life" tab. You can download a number of files that explain in more detail the purpose and costs of this ministry.



The water that people drink in third-world countries is often dirty and disease-ridden.



By purchasing our own drilling rig, we can drill more water wells in less time, and at a lower cost than with previous methods.



The well drilling process can be primitive and time-consuming in these countries.

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Dean in the Field

On March 30, 2010, I left for an exciting trip to Kenya. I met Bob Nicol, our Engineer, and Merle Admire, our Master Electrician, in Nairobi, Kenya for one of our richest mission trips yet.

Bob and Merle first went up to the Rift Valley and the Moffat Bible College in northern Kenya to visit with Kevin Paszalek, a missionary with AIM. They were looking into the possibility of getting a truck to pull our future rig, and to interview potential personnel to work with us. Then Bob traveled with me to Mombasa, Kenya to check on a water well we had drilled there last year for Chris Moore with Real for Christ. I taught a pastors' conference with around 120 in attendance and preached at his church. The most exciting event for me was to baptize 6 new believers in the very water from our water well! Chris says that thousands come to get water from this well, and they say it is the sweetest, freshest, and best tasting water in the area. But most importantly, it is clean, safe drinking water, which had been hard to find in this region.



Dean baptizes a new convert in water from CrossWay International's well!

While Bob and I were in Mombasa, Merle headed to Ethiopia to wire the Medical Clinic with electricity. Melaku Abebe, our NE Africa Field Director, is overseeing this work, and we hope to have it operational in a short time. Please pray that we might be able to stock it with some good medicine and line up doctors for the town of Meki. This town has 60,000 people, and our Medical Clinic will be the only medical facility in this town and area.

Bob also visited Meki to replace the burned-out pump for our well at the Medical Clinic. Then he returned to Kenya to survey the drought-stricken areas of east Kenya.

What a whirlwind of travel and visits to our friends and coworkers in Africa! On behalf of Bob, Merle, and the many others working with us to help the hurting and bring the gospel to the lost, I want to thank you for all your prayers and support. We couldn't do this without a real team effort.

Dean



Dean teaches at a pastors' conference in Kenya.



A newly baptized believer receives a Bible in Mombasa, Kenya.

Psalm 107:35-38:

***"He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs;
there he brought the hungry to live,
and they founded a city where they could settle.***

***They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest;
he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish."***

Missionary Minutes

Bob Nicol:

On this, my eighth trip to Kenya in the past 30 months, I thought I'd know what to expect. But this trip was different and more successful than any I had gone on so far. First of all, I got to accompany Dean to Mombasa for his first visit there. Dean was invited to preach at the Easter service, and Chris Moore, our host and missionary friend, whispered to me that they expected several baptisms to take place on Easter Sunday. Hearing that, and then watching it happen, brought tears to my eyes. It's one thing to be able to bring life-giving water to a community, but to see the water used for the higher purpose of bringing the Living Water to the people – well, that was truly beyond my wildest dreams. I wish that I was able to better express my joy in witnessing this blessed event.

Still, God had more to show me on this sojourn. I revisited the Crossway Medical Clinic in Meki, Ethiopia, to check on the construction progress and assist in the work for a few days. I met a wonderful man who lives in Meki, but works as a nurse in a small and poorly furnished clinic in a small town about 30 km to the south. He said he would very much like to work at our clinic in Meki so he would not have to leave his family every week. Can you believe that this is just what we needed to help get our clinic approved by the Ethiopian Government and up and running? Imagine that! And better yet, this man is not only a trained and licensed nurse, he is also a strong Christian with a loving heart, which he graciously showed us on our visit.



Dinner with Member of Parliament!

I then returned to Kenya, and through amazing circumstances, I was able to meet with a Member of Parliament (MP) who represents the Whala District in the Eastern Province! I learned that MPs have significant influence in Africa, and Kenya in particular. He was very excited about our plan to bring water to his district and neighboring districts and vowed to assist us in any way that he could. We exchanged email addresses and phone numbers and agreed to keep him abreast of our schedule to transport our drilling rig to Mombasa. He even offered to assist us with clearing customs.

So although I did not drill a single water well, this was easily my most successful trip to Africa yet. I cannot wait to return. Asante sana! (Swahili for 'thank you very much'!)

Merle Admire:

Since I've been back from Africa, I've been considering what I accomplished on my trip to Kenya and Ethiopia. On the one hand, if I were to bill this out as an electrical job, I'd have lost a lot of money. But if I consider the time I spent with Melaku, Bob Nicol, Ken Gatithi, and Dean Chollar, I could only say I've been enriched by seeing their gifts in action and their hearts for the Lord.



Wiring the Medical Clinic in Meki, Ethiopia.

This trip also stretched me in other ways. I met missionaries and listened to their stories—I even cried a little (in private) as I heard stories of molestations, mutilations, banditry, and thievery. These missionaries live and work in such a struggling country-- many Africans hear the gospel on Sunday and then forget it on Monday as they strive each day just to survive. While this sounds bleak, I did meet African men and women that are meeting the physical and spiritual needs of their people. As much as I would like to lead the charge to right these wrongs, I believe the impact God wants me to have on these lives is to provide clean water when we drill water wells. When we drill, God gets the glory, and the Africans that receive the gift of this water are blessed on physical and spiritual levels.

Please pray for me, that I may be more available for God to do His will through my life, and that through my obedience, He would receive great honor and glory.



Bob working at Medical Clinic in Meki, Ethiopia.



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Riddle Me This



Do you like riddles? Want to give this one a try? Ok--**what are the 5 man-made things in heaven?**

Need a hint? Here's your first one: there are two pairs and one by itself.

Did you get it? Not many do at this point. Do you need a second hint? Here it is: each of these 5 items were made by sharp pointed objects.

Now you got it, surely! No? Well, here is one more hint: each of these items were made just for you and me.

Alright, now you've got three good hints! Give this riddle some real thought, and you're sure to get the answer! If you really, truly can't think of the answer, see the bottom of this page.

Positions Open at CrossWay International

Apprentice to Dean

A young man called of God to preach the gospel with leadership capability. Must be willing to travel. 3 positions are open right now. For overview of our ministry, go to www.gocrossway.org.

Manager of Medical Clinics

Administrative skills, medical background helpful. Some travel required. For more information, please visit: <http://gocrossway.org/wherewework/ethiopia/>

Engineer or mechanically gifted person

To assist with oversight of drilling water wells in various areas. Some travel required. For more information on what we are doing, go to www.gocrossway.org

and click on "What's New?", or visit: <http://gocrossway.org/whatsnew/crossway-water-for-life/>

Teacher

To assist with our two schools and establishing others. Some travel required. Training in ESL preferred. See www.crosswayorphans.org for more information.

Coffee Ambassadors for your church or small group

This has proved to be a very effective way of raising awareness of our whole ministry and helping us feed orphans. No special training needed- just a willing heart. See www.crosswaycoffee.org.

Farming Technician and Animal Husbandry

Must have some background in this area. To assist in our ongoing agricultural training and animal husbandry. Some travel required.

For more information on any of these positions, contact Dean Chollar at dean@gocrossway.org.

The five man-made things in heaven today are the five major wounds on the body of Christ: 2 in his hands, 2 in his feet, and the spear hole in his side. As we read in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, so that whoever trusts in Him should not perish but have eternal life."