

## Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

### Our Christmas & 2018 Year End Updates

As we closeout the year it's good to reflect on a few milestones and "Alters of Praise" that we experienced in 2018.

The year started a bit slow with challenges carried over from the burdens of 2017 and Hurricane Harvey impact in Houston area. The ministry got to learn early in the year of some vandalizations done to 4 of our 6 new projects done in EROUFA of the **GALMI** Region of Central Niger. We rehabilitated those wells along with additional support from the **Lamplighter's Class** (a Baptist Church Sunday School Class in Marietta, GA) original sponsors. We were able to raise \$5,500 from our 2018 Walk 4 Water to help with the 6 Niger Rehabs.

We then got funded again by the Lamplighter's to put in 6 additional new wells in another village – **SABONGUIDA** – Niger by mid – 2018. The solar pumps and panels ordered earlier in March-April arrived late - about mid-July, the heart of rainy season in West Africa. We successfully drilled all 6 new wells and installed the solar pumps and panels. We are happy to report that all 6 wells are doing well today. In all, we now have 11 of the 12 wells in GALMI region that are working well. The exception is a well in front of the EROUFA Village Chief's compound – which sustained major new damage from animals before it was fenced off. All the other 11 wells were fenced off and secured much better than when we did the first 6. Our team is working with the Chief to remedy this 12<sup>th</sup> well. We also helped cosponsor a well project and the rig repair in the Western part of Niger – **NAIMEY** region, where the Chinese rig, we shipped in 2016 is deployed with the ministry of Vie Abondante.

We did several successful water projects in Nigeria – a couple of deep wells in the Central North – Abuja area and Gboko area: a Rehab with Water Sanitation and Hygiene education and some Christian Witness. At the MKAR Orphanage well about 22 persons (children and some adult care givers) gave their lives to Christ. In the South – we did some 5 Well Rehabs and 2 new wells in Aba area, 2 failed wells in OHAFIA (ABIA State), followed by the AKPU (in ANAMBARA State), and 4 successful wells new wells at NKATA-ALAIKE and AFOUGURI wells near UMUAHIA (ABIA State). A total of 7 new successful deep wells. We did 15 well surveys with our "River F" Water Finder Instrument in Niger – West (at 6 sites) and Central (at 9 sites); 14 in SE Nigeria, 4 in the North Central / Gboko area, and 1 in Western Nigeria, with plans to do additional 16 for the West African Theological Seminary at IMALA – their new campus site in 2019. We are happy to report that approximately 95% of well sites surveyed with our River F device and funded have been successfully drilled. The 2 done at OHAFIA that failed earlier in the year was not because we did not strike water, but because the well was losing water to underground crevice due to some strange formation issues at the sites. The **River F** tool has also helped Sharjeel and the South Team to generate some revenue locally which helps meet the many needs of the ministry.

**INDIA:** We were also able to reach out to 3 other ministries that run Orphanage Homes and Widow Care – and helped support them financially on a monthly basis, and still hope to do more

as our resources increase – because the need is great with the potential for more souls for Christ in India.

Overall, our projects in 2018 in both Niger and Nigeria serve an average of 1500 persons per site. Including our 5 Rehab wells, **our water wells projects done in 2018 serve about 25,500 persons plus their animals.** That's a phenomenal development goal reached for the 12-13 Communities. A number of these projects serve schools or Churches. Other engagements of our teams, and during my Mission trip (Niger and Nigeria) of April 2018 yielded about ***280 more salvations or professions of faith in Christ.*** We were also able to repair our 2 rigs (the BE-2W donated last year and the HF-3) used for deep wells, and our 2 Water Trucks – the White (2000 Gallon tank), and Blue Water Truck with 1000-gallon water tank mounted on it as well as a 50-gal fuel tank. We are very thankful for the generous support and grants we've received from The Giles Family Foundation, The Shell Foundation (thru Employee Gift Matching Program), some of our board members, Churches, and partners that have been consistently helping finance the ministry and it's cause, even without waiting to be asked – but led by the Spirit to give, which is the best situation anyone can expect.

We filed or submitted our IRS 990 EZ for 2017 in October when due - a copy has been posted on our website in the Newsletters / Events page.

On a personal note – I was able to assist my wife, Saima during the year achieve State Licensure of our Assisted Living Home business – purchased in 2017 and was partially impacted by the Hurricane Harvey just after we took possession. The facility has approval for 11 beds and capacity for 13 residents, and currently have 4 Residents with 4 employees that work 12-hour shifts on a 24/7 basis. Our daughter – Vaneeza also transferred over to University of Houston to continue her education in Pre-Med, 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Saima's Dad visited us from Nigeria, and later, her younger brother – Dr. Adeel Patrick came as well for about a month. We made the longest road trip for them on a short 4-days visit with her cousin's family in Phoenix AZ and to see the Grand Canyon. I have also been re-training - updating my working knowledge in Technology – especially in my specialization area - Artificial Intelligence: Machine Learning - to be able to do more rewarding Consulting engagements and help with our daughter's medical school education.

As we celebrate Christmas in remembrance of God's redemptive love seen in the Advent, let us also look forward to His soon coming – maranatha. We could not do all these projects without your on-going help. Thanks again. As always, your gifts and support are very much appreciated. And we believe the Lord that the best is yet to come.

*Remain blessed and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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