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## Event Newsletter Sep - Nov 2017

# Hurricanes, Recovery & Water Relief!

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We have always believed that God's goodness does not change with our situation -

*“The God of the good times is still God in the night, or our bad times valleys in life”*

*In Nigeria, the South team has completed another successful deep well project at OHAFIA, within 2 weeks - that's recording-breaking!*

In Niger Republic - the Vie Abondante team have also completed two successful wells in the past two weeks - which

**A lot has happened in the past 90 days, yet time moves on, and... soon it will be Thanksgiving!**

A lot of devastating bad stuff capable of leaving any one permanently down: some perplexing, some depressing, or devastating - but thanks be to God, that through it all... we're re-bouncing - in Houston - after Hurricane Harvey.

**In Nigeria & Niger Republic, we also had our share of sorrows: - the sudden death of my mother-in-law (Saima Ochi-Okorie's mom) after a brief illness; two unsuccessful costly deep wells with a big mud-pump break-down in Southern Nigeria; and the two dry-hole wells with rig engine break-down in Niger.**

Yet, we're bouncing right back - as God has just given us 4 new successful well projects in the past 2 weeks - 2 in Nigeria and 2 in Niger Republic - big news of comfort indeed with great transformations of thousands of lives as a result coming.

If we survived these disasters, got the new well breakthroughs, I'm confident that we shall overcome any new odds as we stand fast together in the hope we have in Christ. Equally, victory is on its way for you too - no matter the challenges you face.



we regard as extra-ordinary accomplishment given the harsh desert heat and weather conditions under which we work in Niger with no incidence or break-down of equipment.

*God is giving us a phenomenal time and favors now in Niger.*

The need for water in Niger remains very dire. Our strategy is to work with partner ministries in USA and in Niger to put the wells in so they can continue to be a blessing to their communities - sharing not only the physical water but also the "living water" - which alone can quench the eternal thirst of one's soul. John 4:6-14.

**Philanthropy & Charity:**  
*where the rubber meets the road - check out the examples cited by that man of Galilee - doing good to the least of these... Sheep or Goat?*

Matthew 25:31-46

### **South Team Deep Well Success Story - Nigeria:**

We're elated on the recent phenomenal achievements of our South Team in being able to knock-out two deep wells in two weeks.

*At Mkar near Gboko -*

In many of villages we drill a well, the girls and women in particular will volunteer to fetch water from the distant ditches or river in the valley - just to help us drill or cleanup with water.

Today, we're getting a good handle on the physical damages sustained from Harvey devastation in our area. Yet, it's still not over. So, we are calling on all our friends and partners outside Houston to **join in and help bridge the gap in resource shortfall that come from Houstonians, or other Texans in general.** You can help make a big difference now, bring relief through your generous donations at this time to enable us not only recover, but to continue our work in West Africa.

Part of your donation will help our many Houston neighbors who are unable to cover the cost of some of their losses from bad boy Harvey, in particular those damages they have no insurance cover for. New donations will also help fund our innovative smart card water metering for sustainable water delivery as we teach Africa to pay value and pay for water uses on a PAYGO plan basis.



### **Other Program Updates**

It's exciting to see these kids around our work site - and to teach them some basic hygiene and share the gospel as we demonstrate proper hand-washing through our

WASH program agenda in Niger and Nigeria. They're so happy to have clean water near their village homes.

We did a documentary of the water crisis tolls in Niger Republic - watch the engagements on our [YouTube Chanel](#) or website and [check out some pictures and stories Online](#).

### **Hygiene Training & Gospel Proclamation:**

*Our WASH team continue with their site visitations as part of our O&M (Operate & Maintain), while the Church Mobilization & Gospel Proclamation (CM&GP) team use every engagement opportunity increase the numbers that hear the gospel as we share the love of Christ.*

*we dedicated a rehab well in honor of our late partner - Sis. Sandy Lee, while the CM&GP / WASH teams engaged those present sharing what they know best.*

To see it on our Facebook page, click: [Water Relief Network](#).



Kids above have no clean water to drink nor any to bath or wash their faces in over a week in Niger.

Please pray and consider what comfort or convenience you could do well without in order to benefit **one of the least of these** - the "fast" in Isaiah 58:6, that matters to Jesus... when we undo heavy burdens and touch others that are so poor and unable to help themselves.

**Obituary -  
Shehnaz Shazia**



*In Aba, Abia - Nigeria, we rehabilitated a well done earlier by Rotary Club Int'l for a girl's Secondary School, and did WASH-hygiene education for them.*

*In Niger Loulounge, the Vie Abondante team continued to labor until break-through came.*

*The area is difficult and challenging, and weather is hot and harsh at about 103-107 degree F daily. But praise God, they finished two wells by October 24th - in the villages of Loulounge and Gidan Sambo - which is about 9 Km from the Tamou well done earlier.*

*Photo below: Test pumping in Loolounge - Niger Republic.*

#### **Prayer Requests.**

1. *Keep our three rig teams in prayers as they complete their respective projects, and for adequate funding to begin new projects on time so we can meet our goals before the end of the year.*
2. *Also pray for funds to move our new crew truck sitting in Houston to Nigeria, or to resale it and fund the purchase in Nigeria if we are unable to get a break with Custom's Duty granted by Government.*



Help the children of Niger Republic and Nigeria. **Photo below** shows our South team drilling the 2nd new well at the Umah Ukpai Polytechnic in Ohafia.

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Jan 1 1954- July 30, 2017

May her soul rest in peace.

She's survived by her husband - ND Shakeel, 5 sons (Raheel, Sharjeel, Simon, Danish, & Adeel), 1 daughter (Saima), 4 daughters-in-law (Robina, Surriya, Humaira, & Hina), 1 son-in-law, and 15 grand children. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Memorial Service:**

Friday Nov. 10, 2017  
RCCG Central Parish, WUSE 2,  
Abuja, Nigeria  
By 11 AM.



*Impact: A three-fold transformation - from water scarcity to hygiene & good health, and on to good education; followed by kids and moms having more time to learn or work productively elsewhere in order to make more money - that's growth and new economic power.*

*Finally, we add spiritual growth and power through the preaching of the gospel following it's demonstration*

*in love to the people.*

Grace and peace to you.

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