

OPERATION BLESSING

YOU CAN HELP END ONE COMMUNITY'S

# CLEAN WATER CRISIS

*Today!*



*See how your compassion can make  
a huge difference for a family in need.*

# The Clean Water Crisis

Clean water is foundational to life—it impacts everything from education and income to health. But 1 in 4 people around the world don't have access to clean water, and 4 out of 10 people worldwide lack adequate sanitation facilities.<sup>1</sup>

## ***What does the water crisis look like?***

- 2.1 billion people (1 in 4) still live without safely managed drinking water.<sup>1</sup>
- 3.4 billion people (4 in 10) still live without safely managed sanitation.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.7 billion people still lack basic hygiene services.<sup>1</sup>
- Around 1,000 children under 5 die daily due to unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene.<sup>2</sup>

**THE TRAGEDY** is that this crisis does NOT need to exist.  
***It is totally preventable and fixable.***

**THE MIRACLE** is that YOU can help end this crisis for one community—TODAY!



**With the power of just one gift, you can help change everything for a community in need.** The average cost to bring clean water and safe sanitation practices to a community is approximately \$50,000 per project.

**\$480** — Can provide a reliable source of clean water to 3 people in need

**\$960** — Can double those results and bless 6 hurting people with clean water

**\$3,200** — Can supply clean water for 20 people and help bring improved sanitation to a suffering community

**When you partner with Operation Blessing to build community water systems and sanitation facilities, you are holistically transforming life for families in need with:**



### **HEALTH**

Access to clean water and safe sanitation practices are key to building a healthy life! Families can drink water that is not contaminated and have adequate bathrooms and sinks for washing hands.



### **EDUCATION**

Being able to collect clean water from a nearby source instead of trekking an hour or two every day allows kids time to stay in school and study. Preventing disease also helps keep kids healthy enough to attend school.



### **TIME & FREEDOM**

Parents and adults have more time freed up without the constant need to fetch and worry about water. They could use this additional time to work and earn more income, learn new skills, get adequate rest, or spend time with their families.



### **STABILITY**

All of this is foundational to creating a more stable environment and giving families the tools they need to build a better future.



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# A NEVER-ENDING STRUGGLE

FOR WATER

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Marvin (age 8) lived near water his entire life. But the struggle to find clean drinking water on the small island of Boca del Río Viejo in southern Honduras was unimaginable.

Even at a young age, Marvin loved helping his parents catch and sell fish. Like so many other families on the island, it was their livelihood. The same water that supported them as fisherman also contaminated their drinking water.

For years, Marvin and his neighbors relied on hand dug wells built with stones or old tires. When the tides rose, ocean water seeped into what little fresh water collected in their wells. “The water was dark and burned my mouth and tasted bad,” said Marvin. “I preferred to stay thirsty because I didn’t want to drink that water.”

But Marvin’s family—and so many others in the village—didn’t have a choice. They had no other source of water. When they could, they collected rainwater in barrels, but even that was never enough.

Children on the island often got sick—including Marvin’s older brother, Daniel. “I felt nauseous,” Daniel told us. “The doctor recommended not drinking the water, but we had nowhere else to get it. On the island, everyone drinks that water.”

As a parent, Marvin’s father wanted more for his children. He told Daniel, “Maybe someday we’ll have clean water.” At the time, it must have felt like a far-off dream.

Then one day that dream came true—**all thanks to friends like YOU!**





## You Can Make Dreams Come True!

Last year, our compassionate supporters stepped up to make sure that no one on the island of Boca del Río Viejo would ever have to drink yellow, salty water again. Today, the island has a new clean water system that can pump up to 400 gallons of water per minute into five elevated storage tanks. The water is fully treated to kill bacteria and remove heavy metals before it is distributed to 48 homes on the island, so that it will be safe for Marvin and Daniel and other children on the island to drink.

Daniel was excited to watch the the nearly six miles of pipes being laid for the project. “I was happy when I heard new water was coming.” The project would change his future and everyone else’s on the island—lifting a burden they had all carried for far too long.

Marvin now loves to drink his water. “Now we have incredible water—clear and clean. Thank God for what you did!”



Partners like you are making this happen for vulnerable communities around the world—creating a new future for families through the gift of clean water!

You can make the dream of another village come true this year. Will you be a part of providing clean water for more families like Marvin’s?



# IMPACT UPDATE

*How You Changed Lives Last Year*



**90 clean water projects** were completed in **13 countries** around the globe



**WASH** (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) water projects include WASH training to keep residents healthy



**More than 28,000 people** received access to clean water and now have improved sanitation facilities

\*FY25 STATISTICS



# WORLD Water DAY

In honor of World Water Day this month, **will you help us raise \$50,000 to bring clean water to a community in critical need?** Your partnership will help bring clean water to families in desperate need like Martin's.

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