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kosovo water quality



When I thought about water issues I tended to see a refugee camp or a village far in the bush. I never really thought of my own community on the edge of Kampala Uganda as having a water quality problem. Sure, like any urban slum there are ditches full of runoff water, chemicals and even sewage ... but no one uses that water right? Wrong!

A few years ago I was walking through the Kosovo community on a tour and I was shocked to see a little boy, perhaps 4 years old. He was unsupervised and I watched in amazement as he got a small blue plastic cup and lay down on his tummy to fetch a drink out of a drainage ditch just like the one in the picture here. He was thirsty and yes, he drank the entire cup of filthy water.

Being in a valley, this community has two natural springs that provide clear water. Still, water born illnesses like diarrhea kill many children in Kosovo. My friend Emma who grew up in Kosovo can remember losing friends over the years and says the little ones are most at risk.

Recently, Children Arise engaged with a partner who was willing to do a pilot project with water filters. This partner felt that this little community could benefit from improved water quality and that they might be able to bring enough filters for the entire area if families here were serious about using the filters. They came into the community and worked with us to educate a test group of locals on how and why to use a water filter.

Since this pilot, the families who participated have reported greater health. What was surprising to me was that every family also reported a substantial savings do to the filters. As they would normally try to boil their water, the filters were saving them a substantial amount in charcoal.

Today, this partner has scheduled to bring a team into our community and begin distributing water filters to all our families. This is such a huge win for families. Their children will have safe water to drink and cook with and the family will not only save funds on charcoal but they will have far less disease treatment to pay for.

Our thanks to our amazing partners below:

CDC
Center for
Disease Control
Reports:

Diarrhea kills 2,195 children every day—more than AIDS, malaria, and measles combined. Diarrheal diseases account for 1 in 9 child deaths worldwide, making diarrhea the second leading cause of death among children under the age of 5.

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The Remnant Generation

HELPING GIRLS

overcome crisis



Engaging with The Remnant Generation has been most rewarding!

During the past year, Terry and I have become very aware of the issues faced by young girls in our community and across Uganda. As helping children to thrive is core to our work, encountering young pregnant girls who have been raped or abused presents a huge opportunity for us to engage.

We first met the ladies at Remnant Generation (RG) during a retreat for young teenaged girls. We were so impressed how they were able to share with the girls about abuse, STDs and other serious topics. Educating the girls empowers them to be ware and hopefully avoid being trapped in bad situations. And knowing where to get help empowers girls to address their circumstances when needed. We immediately connected with the message and the mission of RG.

Since first encountering this group, Terry

and I have been working more and more closely with them. Today, Terry works twice a week with young girls in the midst of crisis pregnancies. Terry does crafts with them and presents a healthy mother figure for them. They enjoy working with Terry and they are engaging their minds and hands in a creative way.

I am working with Annabelle, the Executive Director at RG. Together we have built a new web site that represents them well and begun working on fund raising and planning. We really believe in the mission of helping young girls proactively and reactively and we look forward to walking closely with this organization.

Today, RG has 8 girls in their care. These are extreme cases and often are brought to the organization by authorities. Girls in the residence program have been raped, or abused by

someone, or trafficked. RG brings love, medical care, good nutrition and counselling to these crisis situations.

To spite their circumstances, these girls find hope through RG and the work they do. They experience love and care, sometimes for the first time. They find hope that they can have a life with a future for themselves and their baby.

Seemingly impossible situations can have a happy ending. Through the caring staff at RG, a traumatized girl can find healing and learn to love an unwanted child. Some girls can even be reunited with family through a process of reintegration.

For the girls who have no supportive family, we are working with RG to develop a safe workplace where they can begin a new life.



SIXTSHIRTS is a screen printing business idea. This social business would employ young girls in a safe workspace where they can also be with their babies. The business would provide a livable wage and the ongoing support these girls will need to thrive.

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