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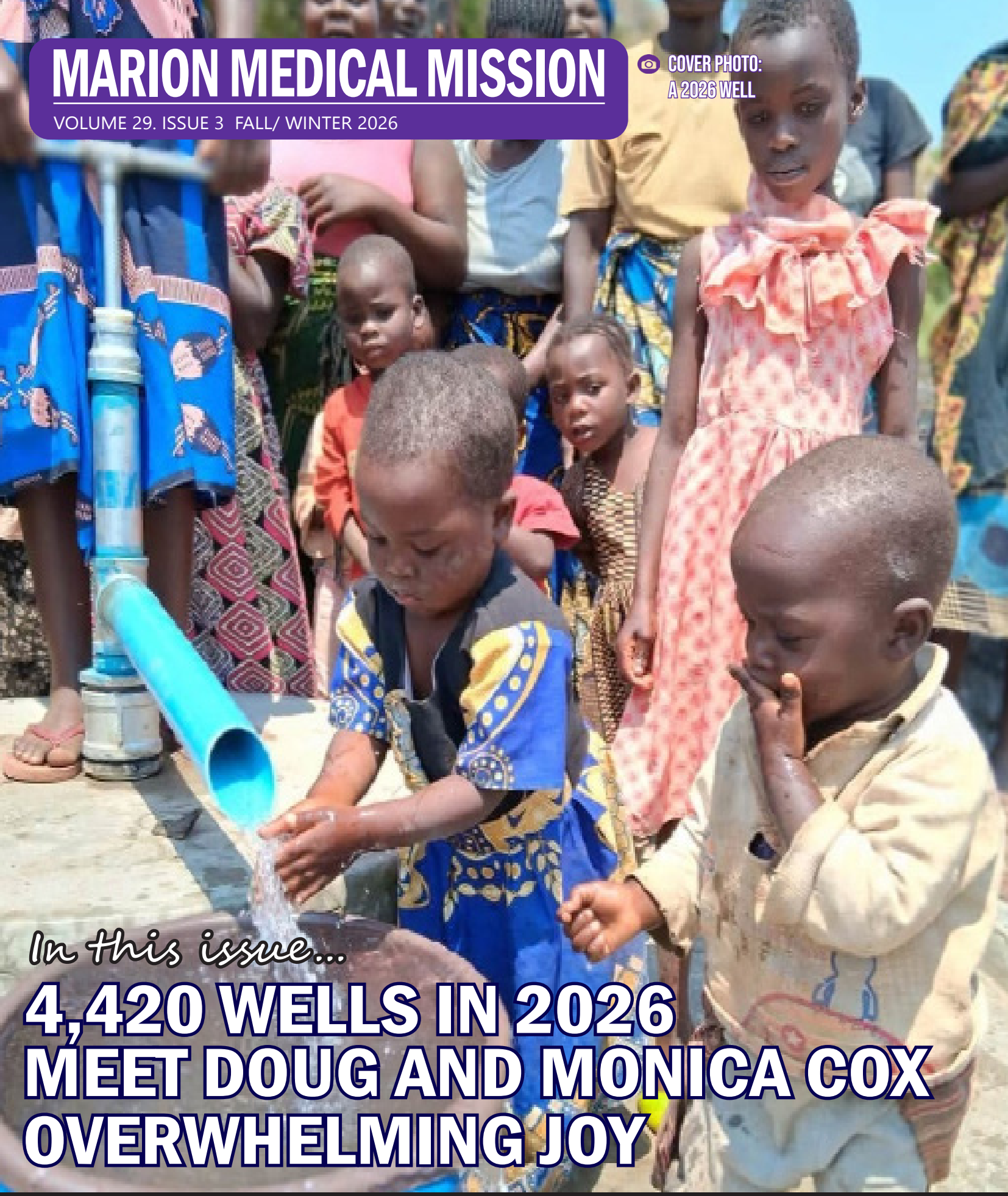

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"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." - Matthew 25:35

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ONLY TOGETHER By Tom Logan



Only together can we be who God created us to be. Together the impossible is possible. Marion Medical Mission has built 4,420 wells this year. The secular world couldn't do this. It defies the logic of their world. But, Jesus has called us. It's His story.

Together, this year we have been to the mountain top and we've seen the promised land. 4,420 wells scattered over Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, and Mozambique. Together, the extreme poor, the not so poor, black people, white people, Africans, Americans, College educated, and those who have never been to school. Together…God's creation… Holy Ground.

Yet, how easily we forget, how easily we get separated. Separated from who we have been called to be. We are like a chain linked together…only as strong as the weakest link. Each of us has a role to play. "I can't be who I ought to be unless you are who you ought to be, and you can't be who you ought to be unless I am who I ought to be." (Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King)

MMM's well program is run and administered in Africa by Africans. That's what makes it special. That's what makes it powerful. The Africans are the experts, not anyone from the United States. They are building the wells, making the Mark V galvanized steel pumps, organizing and training the village communities. Since 1990 over 66,000 wells have been built providing over 6 million people with a sustainable source of safe drinking water. And this is a well the village people know how to maintain and one they can afford to maintain.

Loving your neighbor as yourself is powerful. Marion Medical Mission's story is one the world needs to hear especially now. We need to tell the story and raise the funds needed. That's our link in the chain. As of November 10th, we still have 1700 opportunities to fund a well built this year. Only $500 can fund a well for an entire village. The need is great and our African Partners are asking our help in building additional wells. Tell the story and help us raise the money.

When David faced Goliath, he didn't think his stone was too small…He believed Goliath was too big to miss!

There is not a shortage of resources to provide all God's children with safe drinking water. There is not a shortage of food to feed the hungry. God has provided more than enough. But we have a distribution problem. We Christians…we Christians have more than enough. We have been called, not Ceasar. Ceasar can't be trusted or counted on. It is up to us, not Ceasar.

Sharing the love of Jesus is the best defense against war and terror. But we forget. We forget, too often trusting in the sword more than the cross. The impact of this self-help programs has been dramatic. It's importance can't be over emphasized. Self-help is a means for people to get up off their knees. Self- help frees people.

This story is real. We have participated in the impossible. We can provide God's children with safe drinking water. Together…the Coordinators, Field Officers, Installation Supervisors, The Builders, village communities…are doing what they can…And we need to do what we can to harvest the resources. When we pray, we move our feet.





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Share MMM's story and finish that Christmas shopping list at the same time!



Kindle and paperback version on Amazon. Audiobook available on Audible. You can also purchase a copy on www.mmmwater.org or by emailing info@mmmwater.org. All proceeds go to Marion Medical Mission.

"Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart."
Hymn by Daniel L. Schutte

OVERWHELMING JOY

by Jamie Watt Jones, MMM Volunteer



When even the village headman comes in to join the dance you know there is extreme joy!

This was the last well before heading to Mponela before flying home the next day.

Two comments by village headmen really stuck out.
In the prayer starting the dedication, ***"We thank God for giving you this idea for safe protected water!"***

Another headman said, ***"We have not had clean safe water since the beginning of time and now we will have it forever!"***

It is no wonder there is such ebullient celebration that men who normally do not dance with the women literally jump into the celebration! It's infectious and is a privilege to share this joy over the installions time after time. It doesn't ever get old!

A FOREVER GIFT *By Jocelyn Logan, Co-Founder*

Do you want to make your gift to MMM **a forever gift** into the future?

We are involved in the impossible. Marion Medical Mission (MMM) has done what no one else has. We have gone where no one else will go. We have built over 66,000 protected water wells in remote African villages serving an estimated 6 million people (3,600,000 children). We have saved lives at every well site with a sustainable source of safe drinking water.

Help us expand our program into new areas, into new countries. Let's help make Marion Medical Mission into an organization that will continue with the same principles we have now. 100% of all designated donations go to their designated purposes and 100 % of undesignated donations go to the mission in Africa.

Our African leadership is solid and ready. Our vision for the future is exciting.



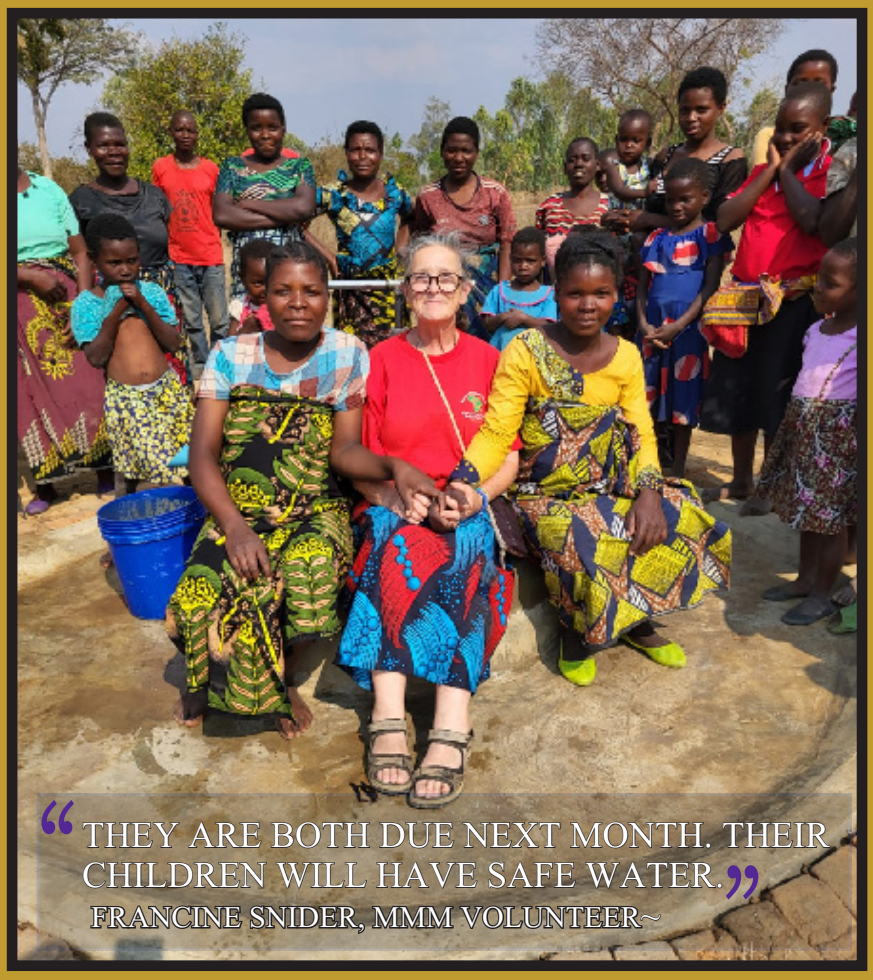


WHEN YOU PRAY, MOVE YOUR FEET

We have started a **Legacy of Love Endowment Fund.** Your contribution will be preserved while the investment will continue to help expand the MMM staff. Tom and I have volunteered for 40 years and stay focused on the sustainability of this life-saving program.

Donations can be made to **Marion Medical Endowment NFP (Tax ID 88-3905251) or check off Legacy of Love** on the donation page of this newsletter.

Partner with us; help us fund the endowment and replicate this program to other areas and countries. **Make your gift everlasting.** Only together can we be who God created us to be.



New Rules on Charitable Giving for Tax Savings In 2026

1. Universal Charitable Deduction: **Standard deduction filers can deduct cash, check, credit card gifts up to $1,000 (single) or $2,000 (married filing jointly)** for direct donations to qualified 501(c)(3) public charities (excludes Donor Advised Funds and private foundations). This will lower your taxable income before your standard deduction applies. Non cash gifts (like furniture or clothes) do not apply.

2. If you have a Donor Advised Fund, you can make your intended gift **and** make an additional gift of the universal charitable deduction.

3. If you are 70 1/2 years or older, you can deduct for charity up to $111,000 directly from your Traditional IRA. Taking a tax-free qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows you to support charities while reducing taxable income. For a standard deduction filer, you can also add the "universal charitable deduction."

Please consult your Financial Advisor.







Display at the party showing Dwight's journey and funded wells plotted on the maps

J. Dwight Ragsdale of White Bluff, TN began partnering with Marion Medical Mission in 2019. His 95th birthday celebration gave me the opportunity to reminisce about his partnership with MMM. Since 2019, he has funded a total of **81 village water wells and counting, providing an estimated 8,100 people** (including 4,860 children) with safe drinking water. These sustainable wells will provide safe water indefinitely for generations to come. Lives will be saved and changed forever as a result of his kindness and generosity!

Over the years, Dwight has also shared Marion Medical Mission far and wide with his Dickson Cumberland Presbyterian Church family and friends, resulting in more wells in Africa! His impact does not stop there- Dwight also provided funds for Marion Medical Mission to purchase maize during the Karonga, Malawi flood in 2024, preventing starvation of multiple families.

Dwight is not only a Marion Medical Mission partner, but has become a treasured friend. When I was in the hospital last year, he checked up on me with phone calls and prayers. Upon returning to work, I received a copy of his church bulletin in the office mail, showing that he had added me to the church prayer list!

Dwight- We are thankful that you are part of MMM's family!

By Jamie Erikson, Executive Director



Once again, God has blessed our ministry. Marion Medical Mission is pleased to introduce our new Executive Vice President, Pastor Doug Cox, and his wife, Monica.

Pastor Cox and Monica recently returned on October 26 from Malawi, where they visited both existing and new wells, observed wells under construction, and participated in well dedications.

Pastor Cox brings extensive expertise in fundraising, gift cultivation, budget oversight, grant management, and volunteer engagement. He previously served as Executive Director of Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis, Minnesota, partnering with 48 health centers, hospitals, and medical and nursing schools across Tanzania. Additionally, he spent six years serving in the mission field in Madagascar.

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