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

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Living Water *By Tom Logan*

Due to the conflict in the middle east, a gallon of gas in Malawi costs \$14.71. HELLO! 🤔
Given the state of our world...I need to say the obvious. Caesar can't be counted on or

trusted. However, Jesus didn't call Caesar...He called us. God sent His son to show us the way. We have the resources. The responsibility to provide for the least of these is ours not Caesars.

Many times, we allow ourselves to be misled into believing there is no hope. The problems are enormous and complicated with 1000's of differing views and ideas.

Yet, there is hope. We know this because the impossible does happen. We've seen it and participated in it. We've experienced it. Extraordinary things have happened and are happening.

We need to celebrate Jesus; the one who came to bring good news to the poor; the one who simply says, "Come and follow me", "Do as I have done".

Marion Medical Mission builds wells where there is no electric power, where many times there are no roads or bridges. MMM goes where others won't: where the extreme poor live, where there is cholera, where there is no medical care. MMM builds wells for people in need.

Our wells mean the children will no longer die from waterborne diseases. Our wells mean the village people will be healthier and able to work longer in their fields producing more food, meaning less starvation. Not just the year the well is built, but the next year, & the next, & the next.

Do you believe in the impossible? We build wells that would cost anyone else \$3,000 or more...for \$500, and we build them where no one else will go. And 100% of designated donations go to their designated purposes.

This year Marion Medical Mission's goal remains at 4,000+ wells in 4,000+ rural villages that will provide an estimated 400,000 of the rural poor (180,000 children) with a sustainable source of safe drinking water.

What does MMM need?

--Prayer and more prayer.

--Share the MMM story. Tell your Sunday School classes, mission committees, friends, neighbors, share on social media.

--Participate. Go to Africa and see for yourself. You would be most welcome. Volunteer.

--Support. Donate what you can: Last year small donors (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50) built 143 wells that provided 14,300 people with safe drinking water. Fund a well for \$500 and we'll send you a picture of the well your funds helped build. Buy a motorcycle, buy a well truck, sponsor an African field officer.

--Join. We are in a great battle, people. Children will live or die based on what we do.

This Well Program bears active witness to the Prince of Peace in a violent and suffering world. It brings God's people together. The extreme poor, the not so poor, the wealthy, black, white, American, African, diverse cultures, and religions. God's creation.

Marion Medical Mission means loving your neighbor as yourself. Loving your neighbor as yourself is powerful. It's a verb, not a noun, a commandment not a suggestion.

When you pray, move your feet.

Dorene Santel, MMM supporter, purchased copies of "When You Pray, Move Your Feet" for the members of her book club. "Because of the books we have given away, our book club has doubled in size. They loved and marveled over the book and the work accomplished." We love Dorene's suggestion of using the book in a book club or at a one time event featuring the book!

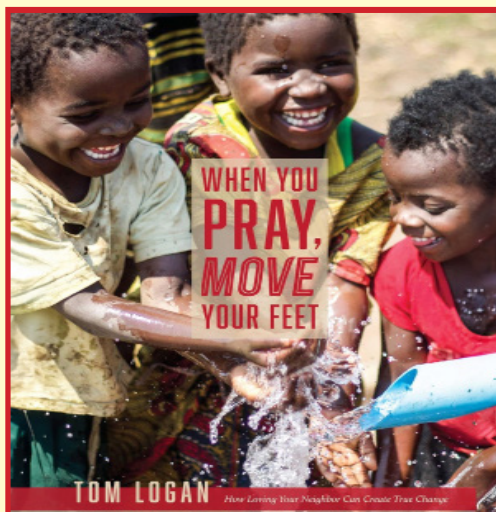
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A Forever Gift *By Jocelyn Logan*

Would you like to make your support of Marion Medical Mission a forever gift?

MMM is dedicated to the impossible. We have built over 62,000 protected water wells in remote African villages, serving an estimated 6 million people—including 3.6 million children. By providing a sustainable source of safe drinking water, we save lives at every well site. We built 4,271 wells across Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, and Mozambique at a cost of only \$475 each in 2025.

As we look to the future, we invite you to help us expand into new areas and countries while maintaining our core principles. **We remain committed to our promise that 100% of all donations go directly to their designated purposes or to the mission in Africa.**

To ensure this work continues for generations, we have established the Legacy of Love Endowment Fund. Your contribution to this fund will be preserved, with the investment income used to expand our staff and develop new leadership. As founders who have volunteered for 40 years, we are excited by the strength of our African leadership and our vision for the future.

You can partner with us by making a donation to the Marion Medical Endowment NFP (Tax ID 88-3905251) or by selecting the "Legacy of Love" option on our donation page.

Together, we can make your gift everlasting and continue to be who God created us to be.

Thank you donors! *By Pamela Groff, MMM donor*



Those who participate in MMM remind me of Stephen in Acts 6-7, who had a crucial ministry of serving. You, like him, can be described as honorable, full of the Holy Spirit, godly faith, wisdom, grace, and power. He boldly proclaimed the gospel and showed great loving kindness to needy people. I believe Jesus is very pleased with your demonstration of practical, holy love and would say, "Well done, good and faithful servant".



When we reflect on the selflessness of our Savior, we are reminded of the power of generosity. Just as He gave His life for us, we are called to give of ourselves for others. It's not enough to simply talk about love; we show it through real, meaningful acts of sacrifice that bring life-changing impact-like the wells built in communities that need them most.

"This is how we know what real love is: Jesus gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters. Suppose someone has enough to live and sees brother or sister in need, but does not help. Then God's love is not living in that person. My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring." 1 John 3:16-18

Your generosity today can bring life-saving clean water to those in need.

Jessi & Casey Stitt, sibling volunteer team





We Are Family

By Betty Samelson **MMM Board Member**

Over the years I've had some amazing African and U.S. MMM partners to share the experience of driving the bumpy roads to deliver the parts to the wells that the villagers in the remote parts of Africa prepared. I've been especially blessed to have four of my family partner with me in Malawi. Kirk, my husband went ten years ago, Matt, our oldest son went 2 years ago, and Kate and Molly, our daughters last year.



It all began in 2008 with Meg and Fiskani as my first partners. Not only was the experience joyful but it was also meaningful. Meg and I went on to partner for years with Jordan becoming our Field Officer. Driving and talking all day, every day for twelve+ hours for three weeks, a unique relationship develops. Meg and I felt like Jordan was more a son than our African partner. I've often heard Jordan say "When you are in Malawi, you are our family."



Fast forward two years ago when Jordan met Matt and asked him his age. Matt's answer put a huge smile on Jordan's face and he replied "I'm the oldest!" From then on whenever they saw each other, they would greet one another as #1 and #2. Mkandawiri was Kirk's and my Installation Supervisor when we were in Rhumpi ten years ago. Since then, whenever we see each other, he asks about "Dada" and sends his blessings to the U.S. for Kirk. My MMM family, both African and U.S., just keeps getting bigger and bigger and more joyful.

Last year our two youngest, Kate and Molly, joined the MMM family. Meg and I shared the girls. I had Molly the first week and Kate spent that week with Meg. Then we switched partners for the following week.

From Molly:

It's hard to comprehend the magnitude of what Marion Medical Mission does. I have heard stories from my mom for the past 2 decades but never truly understood it until I experienced it. Bringing clean water to these villages is the difference between life and death for them. You would never know the dire straights they live in because they emulate so much love. Having the privilege of being invited into remote African villages, being sung to, welcomed as if family and surrounded by their joy is really something you can't describe. What an honor to share this with my mom and sister.



From Kate:

Traveling to Malawi with my mom and sister wasn't just a journey across continents — we were there to help install water wells with Marion Medical Mission, and getting to experience this together made the work even more meaningful. Helping bring clean water to people is life changing (literally), but what stayed with me the most were the connections, not only between us as a family, but with the people we met along the way. Being there with my mom and sister, the MMM workers, and the villagers, it became evidently clear that not only does unity have the ability to amplify impact, but compassion grows stronger when it's shared.

Ways to Give

By Rev. Suzanne Gorhau,
MMM Board Member



There are lots of ways to give to Marion Medical Mission. The one most people are familiar with is giving for wells. You can give any amount, and not even the cost of a stamp will be taken out of your designated contribution. If you give \$500, the cost of a well, you'll receive a well card with a photo of the people who will be drinking clean water because of you. This is how I started giving to MMM. And when people ask what I want for a gift, I say, "Give to Marion Medical Mission."

Another way is to give monthly. I do this just like I give to my church. I set it up through my bank's bill pay, so the checks go out automatically. I now give toward administrative costs, instead of giving toward wells. I love that not even the cost of a stamp comes out of people's well contributions, but I also know that because MMM has grown, we do have administrative costs. Administration is not as appealing for new donors, so I give toward administration, which will free up wells for new donors.

Another way to give is through stocks. If you use appreciated stocks for personal expenses, you have to pay capital gains tax. But if you donate the appreciated stocks to a charity, you can donate the full amount. A good way to do that is through a "Donor Advised Fund." The proceeds from the sale of stocks are put into the donor advised fund, and then you send checks to charities from the fund. I use daffy.com, an inexpensive and simple donor advised fund. Or you can give stock directly to MMM. Email info@mmmwater.org.

Another way to give is through the Marion Medical Endowment, NFP (dba Legacy of Love). I've been a part of MMM for 25 years, and I want MMM to continue long into the future. Contributing to the Endowment Fund will help that happen. Eventually, I'll be able to contribute to MMM from my retirement accounts, and of course I have MMM in my will.

As a follower of Jesus, I want to be a good steward of the resources God has given to me. One way we can do that is to contribute to MMM in lots of different ways.

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