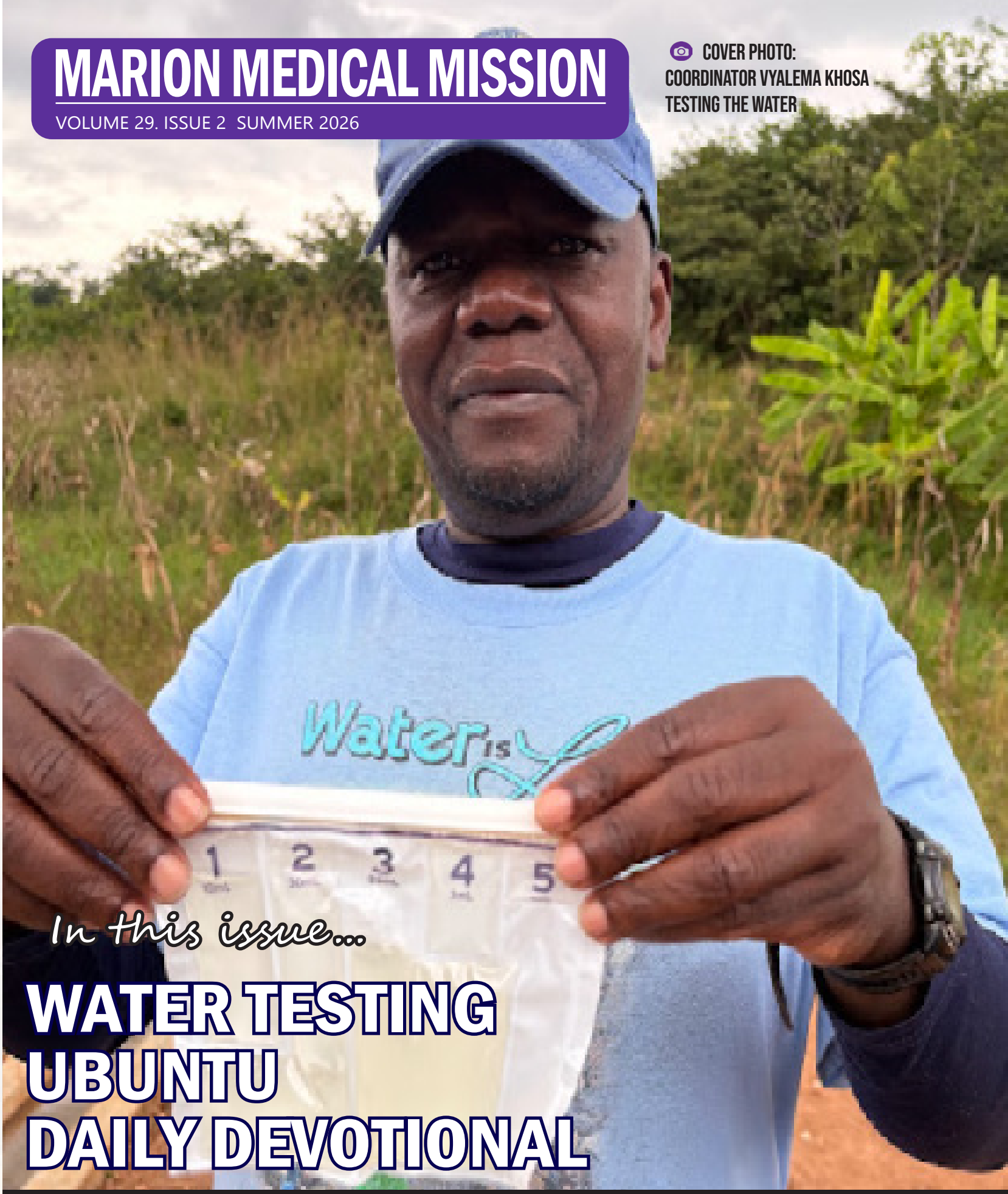
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"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." - Matthew 25:35

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Already the Cry is There By Tom Logan

Loving your neighbor as yourself is powerful. Its power is often misunderstood because a erson's worth is too often based on how much we put in our pockets and not on what happens to those around us. Telling our story can help change this.

Africa is huge. You can put the United States inside Africa 3 times and have room left over. There are many organizations that provide drinking water in Africa. They mainly use the business "Professional" approach... MMM does not!!

Our well program has been successful because God has blessed us with the impossible over and over and over, year after year after year.



1. **MMM has built over 62,000 wells providing an estimated 6 million of the rural poor (3.6 million children) with a sustainable source of safe drinking water. 4,271 wells were built last year for 400,000 of the rural poor.**
2. **Our well costs $500 to build… a well that would cost others $3000 or more.**
3. **MMM's well is one the village communities know how to maintain and one they can afford to maintain.**
4. **MMM sends the donor an actual picture of the well they helped build.**
5. **MMM has never posted a deficit at the end of any fiscal year (that's 40 years).**
6. **100% of designated donations go to their designated purposes.**

Our wells provide a sustainable source of safe drinking water. In May Doug Kee, Grant Arends, Mr. Khosa, Mr. Jordan Banda and the Field Officers tested the water in 25 wells in 25 villages spread out over northern and central Malawi. Of the 25 tests, 24 were perfect…no evidence of E. coli bacteria. The remaining well had results indicating an intermediate risk of E. coli, which may be due to handling of the test materials. However, based on the World Health Organization guidelines, the water in each of the 25 wells is safe to drink.

The point I want to make, need to make, that we need to know, understand and must not forget is… the Africans are doing it. They are the experts, not anyone from the US. They, the Africans are building the wells, making the Mark V galvanized steel pumps, organizing and training the village communities.

This year MMM's board set a goal of building an additional 4,000 wells. On June 4, I got this information from the Coordinators: Zambia 700 wells, Tanzania 1050 wells, Synod of Nkhoma in Central Malawi 1350 wells, Synod of Livingstonia in Northern Malawi 1320. That's comes to 4,420 wells to be built in 2026.

As of July 31, we have received funding for 1735 wells. That means we still have 2685 wells to fund. I asked Mr. Khosa if they could do an additional 600 wells. He said: "We will get prepared… already the cry is there."

We live in the richest, most powerful country in the history of the world. 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.

When you pray, move your feet.

My African Family

by Meg Packard, MMM Boardmember

It's a huge family reunion every Fall. It's not St. George and the beach and t-shirts (wait … it actually is t-shirts), but it's equally awesome. **And it's truly family.**

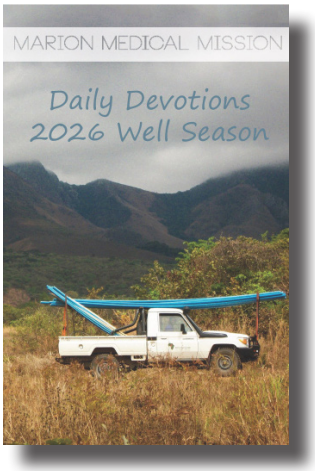
You have to understand that I've known most of the volunteers and Africans with whom I work for years, many for more than 20 years. My frst grandchild was not even born when I first met Tom and Jocelyn in 2006, and now I have 16! Jordan Banda, now the co-ordinator of the entire Central Malawi region, was a rookie like me and didn't even have a girlfriend when we first met. He's now a grandfather! The Mzuzu House didn't exist when I first came on board and now Peter presides over our wonderful central office/house like the White House butler. In Malawi, I've visited the homes of our African staff. We've gone to weddings together. Gone to funerals, watched soccer games, eaten countless meals, swum in the lake, picnicked, changed truck tires, rushed to medical clinics, gone shopping, played bingo, shared stories, sang, danced and laughed. All together. And that doesn't even touch the true reason we find ourselves together: my African family and I have had the incredible privilege of sharing in the joy of the moment when thousands of villages received their first taste of clean, safe drinking water. We've worked side by side, worshiped side by side, grieved side by side, played side by side, and celebrated side by side for decades, and the bonds are real. **The love is real.**



So listen to that little voice inside of you … consider joining us in our work in Africa and becoming a part of our wonderful family! I promise you'll like us!

Help us meet that cry!

It is a challenging year, with $14.71 per gallon fuel prices in Malawi and materials increasing in cost. Your support is desperately needed. $50 provides safe drinking water for 10 people, including 6 children, $100 for 20 people and $500 for a village, year after year.



MMM Daily Devotions

These devotions were written by the African staff and U.S. volunteers. They include one devotion for each day of the 2026 Well Season (Sep. 1 through Oct. 31). Get a copy so you can participate! Email devotions@mmmwater.org to receive a daily devotion via email or download a Kindle version for .99 cents at Amazon.com. If you signed up for the daily devotion emails last year, you will automatically receive them this year.

Special thanks to **Jane Swanson,** who continues to volunteer countless hours year after year to put the devotions and book together.

Is the Water Safe?

By Doug Kee, MMM Vice President

Yes! Ground water pumped out of MMM wells in Africa is safe when MMM teams and local communities do jobs properly. When MMM wells are correctly sited, built and maintained by their owners, they provide safe drinking water for many years. But MMM donors in America who haven't visited African villages pose a reasonable question when they ask: Is the water safe?

We have done limited field water testing in the past as the process was expensive and time consuming, requiring laboratory analysis. MMM board member Dr. Hayden Boyd recently found a more portable World Health Organization approved field test kit produced by Aquagenx, Inc. from North Carolina. These kits provide reliable tests for the presence of E. coli and total coliform bacterial contamination in well water. The tests are ideal for use in remote locations where MMM wells are built. While doing annual well funcionality surveys in May 2026, we did trial tests on 25 wells with the Aquagenx kits. Results for 24 of the wells revealed no evidence of contamination at all. One well test revealed the presence of low levels of E. coli but the water is still safe to drink within WHO standards. The village reported they were very happy with water quality and no one was getting sick from water. MMM's local team are investigating this well site more closely to find the root cause of any contamination and will continue monitoring with the community.

We were very encouraged by our May visits to existing MMM wells. Community members shared their appreciation for MMM's ongoing local support of well maintenance through training, parts supply and visits to check on the well condition. God's Word guides MMM to "love our neighbors" and develop long term relationships with well owners.



Collecting water sample from well



Pouring sample into collection bag



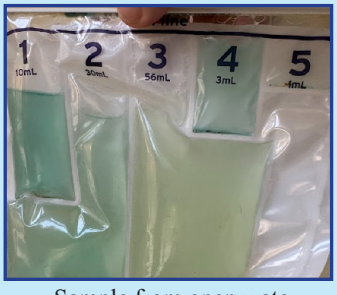
Sample in compartment bag for incubation



Compartment bag is very light and portable



Sample from MMM protected well--indicates no contamination



Sample from open water hole-contaminated

2026
U.S. VOLUNTEER TEAMS



SEP 13-OCT 4

TEAM ONE

Jon Bunker
Rick Delaney
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Doug Kee
Jocelyn Logan
Tom Logan
Tom Manske
Jim Nussbaumer
Chuck Overstreet
Mario Rafe
Gary Setterlund
Francine Snider
Jessi Stitt
Doug West

OCT 4- OCT 25 (*OCT 18)

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Slade Exley
Michael Gee
DiAnne Hughes
Doug Kee
Jocelyn Logan
Tom Logan
Justin Lundberg
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☐ Administration
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Godfrey Chanika
Field Officer
Lilongwe district, Malawi



Ubuntu is a concept that in my community is one of the most fundamental aspects of living lives of courage, compassion and connection. It is one that I cannot remember not knowing about. Almost daily we are encouraged to show it in our relations with family, friends and strangers alike. I have often said that the idea and practice of Ubuntu is is Africa's greatest gift to the world. A gift which not many in the world are familiar with. The lesson of Ubuntu is best described in a proverb that is found in almost every African language, whose translation is, 'A person is a person through other persons'. The fundamental meaning of the proverb is that everything we learn and experience in the world is through our relationship with other people. We are, therefore, called to examine our actions and thoughts, not just for what they will achieve for us, but how they impact on others with whom we are in contact. At the most simple, the teaching of the proverb and of Ubuntu is similar to the Golden Rule found in most faith teachings. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'. But one who has Ubuntu goes a step beyond that; it is not only our actions we are called to keep track of, but our very being in the world. How we live, talk and walk in the world is as much a statement of our character as our actions. One with Ubuntu is careful to walk in the world as one who recognizes the infinite worth of everyone with whom he or she comes into contact. So it is not simply a way of behaving, it is indeed a way of being.