



MULTIPLY

FY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

MULTIPLYING HEALTH AND HOPE

For more than 40 years, Lifewater has been bringing clean water, improved health, and the hope of the gospel to families living in extreme poverty. Since 1977, we’ve served more than 2.5 million people across 45 countries.

God is growing something new in and through Lifewater. Equipped with an approach proven to serve even more people, more effectively with water, health, and hope everyday.

Mission

We are Christians committed to ending the global water and sanitation crisis, one village at a time.

Vision

Safe water for every child. A healthy home for each family. The love of Christ for all.



Clean water transforms life in Ethiopia

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Children in Ethiopia have a brighter future because of you

LETTER FROM THE CEO

Mark 4:8 – “Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”

Safe water for every child. A healthy home for each family.
The love of Christ for all.

This is the vision that has compelled us at Lifewater for more than 40 years. To go to the hard places, to serve the unserved, to reach the unreached with the hope of gospel.

Lifewater enters this 41st year of ministry with momentum to reach more people, more effectively than ever. Fiscal Year 2018 (FY 2018) has been the most successful year in Lifewater history. Here are key results from our annual goals:

FY 2018 Goal Report

Goal: Increase capacity to serve 100,000+ per year by 2019

Result: More than 117,000 served in FY 2018

Goal: Deploy drill rig to serve 100,000+ in rural Ethiopia

Result: Rig successfully deployed, first six deep wells drilled

Goal: Monitor water source sustainability with real-time data

Result: Five-year monitoring program is now in place

Goal: Invest in staff spiritual formation and leadership development

Result: Active programs for HQ and regional teams

Goal: Launch new country program in Laos

Result: Program not launched, strategic expansion in Africa

We are particularly excited about the deployment of the first-ever Lifewater-operated drill rig, now actively serving people in rural Bensa, Ethiopia, where deep wells have never been drilled before. It took effort from a small army of volunteers, donors, and staff to make this a reality, and we praise God for this miracle in our midst.

Though we have enjoyed much success this past year, there have been struggles as well. Southeast Asia has proved more difficult to serve than Africa. We successfully launched a new program in Cambodia (the Borkeo region), but our goal of beginning a new program in Laos has been delayed due to personnel constraints and political barriers. Because of this, we’ve shifted our focus to Africa with a goal of launching a new program in Tanzania.

Looking Ahead: FY 2019

Building on the success of the past three years, our focus in FY 2019 will be building scale with sustainability— reaching even more people with health, hope, and lasting change.

Our current strategic plan will effectively double our organizational capacity by the end of 2020. However, scale without sustainability is poor stewardship and undermines our vision of lasting change. Beginning in 2018, we will monitor and evaluate the efficacy of our programs for up to five years after completion to ensure sustainability.

In order to serve more people and to do so in a way that truly lasts, Lifewater must innovatively grow and diversify its donor base of support. Increasingly, donors in the United States are losing confidence in the institutions they support, preferring to give to specific projects and people using online tools. This is our biggest challenge in the years to come: connecting with the next generation of donors who were raised in a digital world.

In the fall of 2018, Lifewater will deploy the beta version of a revolutionary online giving platform. Using real-time data, mapping technology and more, donors will have insight into the impact of their gifts like never before. We believe this next-gen platform will help us reach an entirely new group of donors passionate about the cause.

On a recent trip to Uganda, we met a girl named Grace. Grace is eight years old. Every day after school, Grace makes a three-hour trip to a swamp with her young sister Evelyne, age 6, to collect water for her family. The water makes Grace and her family sick; in January, she contracted typhoid and had to be treated at the medical clinic in the neighboring village at significant cost to her family.

This is why we do what we do— so that Grace and thousands of children like her will have safe water, a healthy home, and know the love of Christ. Thank you for joining us in this work. None of it happens without you.

Soli deo gloria,

Justin Narducci, *President/CEO*

VISION OF A HEALTHY VILLAGE

Water. Health. Gospel Hope.

Lifewater’s Healthy Village model transforms lives house by house, village by village. In fact, it is among the most intensive household level work happening in the entire developing world. We equip local people in rural villages with safe water and healthy habits, then make sure changes are sustainable with real-time data tracking.



1. PARTNER WITH A VILLAGE

You help a community kickstart their water project.

2. TEACH HEALTHY HABITS

Small changes make a big impact on family health.

3. BUILD A WELL

The village contributes up to 15% for construction.

4. MEASURE IMPACT

Local staff track success and provide support.

5. ENGAGE THE CHURCH

We equip local churches to love their community.

6. SHARE THE RESULTS

We transparently share the impact and results with you.

MULTIPLYING | SAFE WATER

Clean water doesn't just make families healthier. It makes communities thrive. With a safe water source nearby, women and children spend less time walking often dangerous roads to fetch water and more time with their families, working, or going to school.

How it Works

1. FORM A WATER COMMITTEE

Water committees are made up of local men and women who manage the well and collect fees, ensuring the community's investment lasts for generations to come.

2. DETERMINE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

Lifewater engineering staff determine the appropriate technology to make a lasting water source. It might be a new drilled well or a renovated spring cap, depending on what's best.

3. GATHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Communities know the pride of ownership. Each village contributes 10–15% of the cost of the water source through labor, materials, or capital.

4. ENGINEER AND BUILD

The appropriate water source is built, and the water committee installs a fence to protect it from animals and intruders.

5. CELEBRATE

Clean, safe water transforms a village! Everyone gathers to celebrate, thanking God for the miracle in their community.

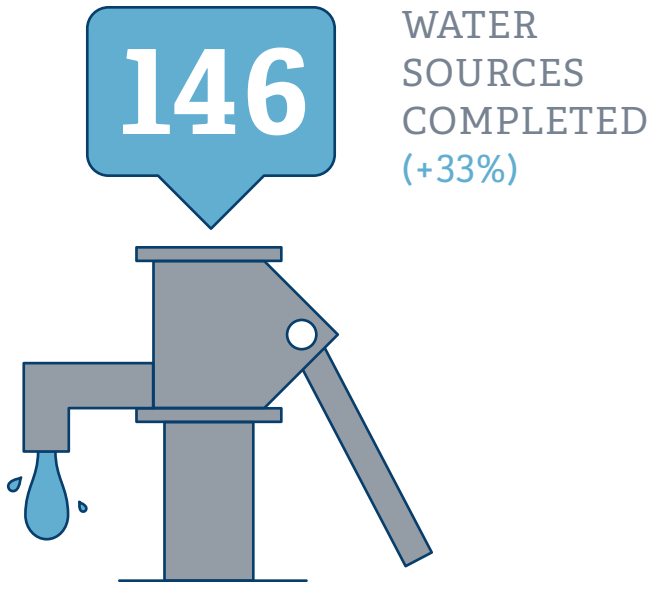
6. MONITOR SUSTAINABILITY

We follow up with the water committee each quarter to review their savings goals and to ensure the water source is still operational. Data is shared on Lifewater's website.

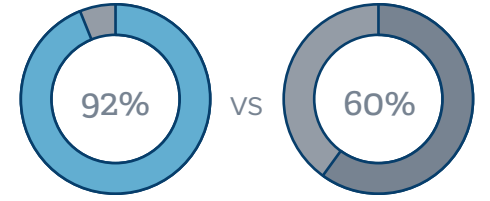


Children in Cambodia enjoy clean water in their village

FY 2018 Impact



SUSTAINABILITY RATE

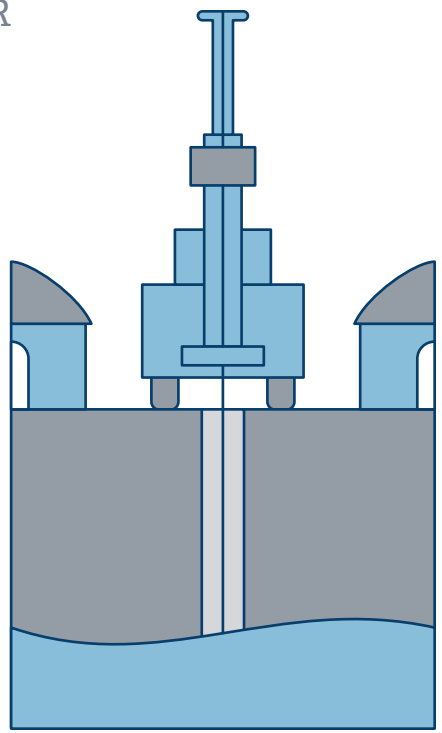


92% of the wells Lifewater has built over the past 10 years are still operational, compared to the 30–40% average failure rate of wells in sub-Saharan Africa.*

**Lifewater figures based on water points drilled in northern Uganda between 2007–2015. Overall numbers based on estimates made by the Rural Water Supply Network.*

LIFEWATER DRILL RIG DEPLOYED

The first-ever Lifewater-operated drill rig has been deployed to Ethiopia and is actively drilling deep wells in the rural hills of Bensa.



New Water, New Life

No deep wells had ever been drilled in the rural, hard-to-reach hills of Bensa, Ethiopia. That changed this past year, as the new custom-built Lifewater drill rig hit water at a depth of 215 feet. The first ever-deep well in Bensa will serve 1,800 children at Gafisse Primary School who have never had access to clean water before.

"Lifewater has been sent by God and is doing good things for us here," says Balahne, a father of two girls at Gafisse. "It's not something that we have deserved, but a gift from Him."



Balahne's daughters now go to school with safe water and toilets



Finding Health and Hope

El Lot is a widow in Cambodia with four young children. Before Lifewater, her family drank water from a nearby swamp. They were often sick and unable to work and go to school. After learning about the Vision of a Healthy Village, they began storing water safely, using a ceramic filter, and washing their hands. She even built a new latrine with the help of her nine-year-old son.

“Before I engaged with Lifewater, my children would have high fever, regularly have the common cold and intestinal problems,” says El Lot. “Now my children have good health and so do I. And now, I am strong enough to do the work in the fields.”



El Lot and her children are now healthy

MULTIPLYING | HEALTHY VILLAGES

Clean water is only part of the story. To achieve the greatest health benefits, improvements in sanitation and hygiene must be made alongside access to clean water. These three disciplines, commonly referred to as “WASH,” can virtually eliminate water-borne diseases.

Lifewater’s proven approach to solving the water crisis is called the Vision of a Healthy Village. It is the culmination of 40 years of WASH experience and exhaustive research. To date, more than 117,000 people in 419 communities are actively involved in the Vision of a Healthy Village.

Making Healthy Villages

Lifewater establishes local relationships, listens, and activates resources already within a community. The result is empowered people, thriving villages and change that lasts.

1. COMMUNITY-LED TOTAL SANITATION

Lifewater staff show communities how feces is contaminating their environment, then leaders rise up to bring change to their village.

2. HYGIENE HABITS

Simple practices like washing hands, drying dishes away from animals and keeping a clean compound make a big difference.

3. TRAINING INFLUENCERS

Change comes from within the community. We identify and train trendsetters to spearhead a grassroots movement.

4. RECOGNIZING SUCCESS

Each Healthy Home is awarded with a certificate. A village is certified healthy when it reaches 90% Healthy Homes and has a safe water source.

5. TRACKING SUSTAINABILITY

All villages are monitored and evaluated for up to five years after completion to ensure sustainability.

FY 2018 Impact

117,725

TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED (+37%)

11,492

HEALTHY HOMES (+204%)

124

HEALTHY VILLAGES (+170%)

1,011

WASH INFLUENCERS
(ETHIOPIA 558), (UGANDA 338),
(CAMBODIA 115)

MULTIPLYING | GOSPEL IMPACT

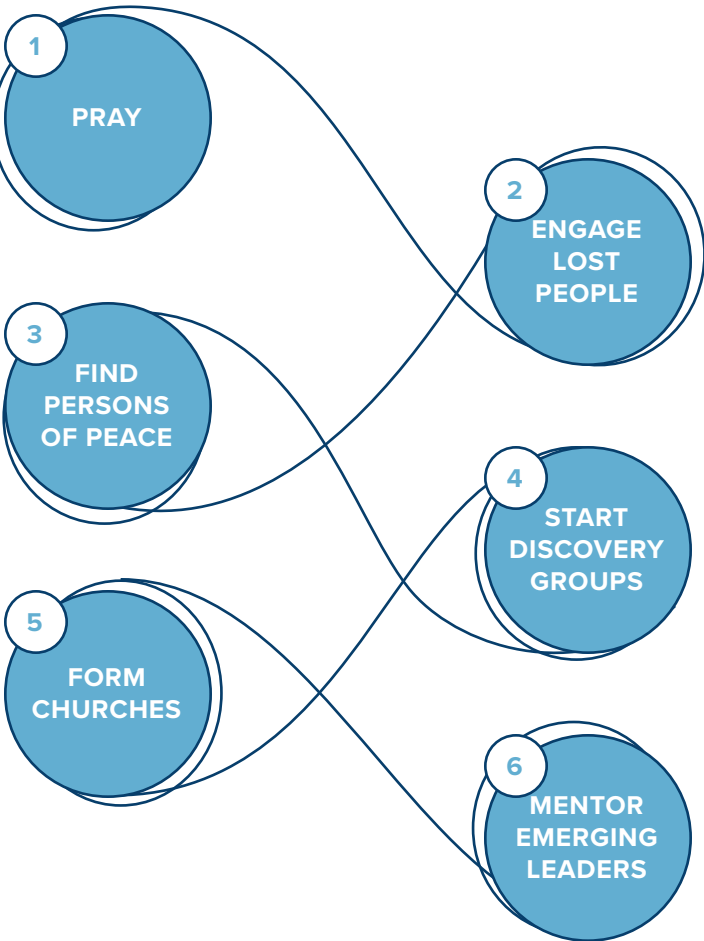
“With joy you will draw from the wells of salvation.”
– Isaiah 12:3

Jesus responded to people as whole people; He didn’t single out just spiritual or physical needs. Along with clean water and improved health, our Christian field staff share the love of Christ.

Lifewater works alongside local churches, mobilizing believers to help their neighbors learn healthy habits. When there is no local church, we partner with church planters to bring the gospel to unreached people.

Disciple-Making Process

When communities receive clean water, health, and hope, it creates an open door for the gospel. Lifewater partners with New Generations and EECMY in communities that do not have a Christian presence.



FY 2018 Impact

72

ACTIVE
CHURCH
PLANTERS



270

DISCOVERY BIBLE
STUDIES



100%

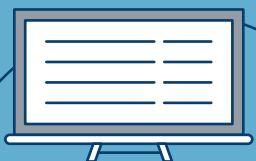
CHRISTIAN
STAFF



Our headquarters and
field offices are staffed
by believers committed
to living like Jesus.

1,159

CHURCH LEADERS
TRAINED



Isaac’s life was changed through
discipleship training



Lifewater staff in Uganda build wells
and share the gospel

Making Disciples

Catherine is the mother of seven children and resident to Nzirakayindi B village in Kaliro, Uganda. Catherine was raised Muslim, and says she was forbidden to show interest in the Bible. But, when her nephew, Isaac, received training from Lifewater’s Discipleship Making Movements (DMM) program, he felt led to share the creation story with her.

It was then that Catherine experienced the transforming and relentless love of God, even asking Isaac if they could read through the entire Bible together. Today, both Catherine and Isaac describe their devotion to Christ as a hunger for heavenly treasures.

Isaac, who has since moved out of the village for work, recounts his involvement in Lifewater’s DMM program, saying, “My biggest interest in DMM training was the fact that I could be equipped to understand the mysteries of the Bible... I skipped work to attend the training, and I have never regretted the decision.”

Isaac is actively cultivating relationships and making more disciples in his new workplace. Catherine is forever changed, and can now share the Truth with her children and husband.

FY 2018 MINISTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

FY 2018 is the most successful year in Lifewater history.

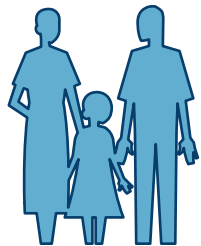
In addition to giving and programs success, this past year marked the funding, development, and successful deployment of the first-ever Lifewater drill rig. Named after Lifewater founder William A. Ashe, “Bill the Drill” is now actively serving people in rural Bensa, Ethiopia, where deep wells have never been drilled before.

FY 2018 Accomplishments



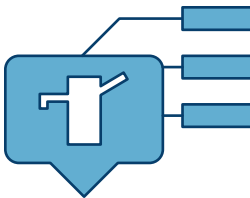
DONATIONS UP 60%

Giving totaled more than \$6.1 million, a 60% increase over FY 2017



PEOPLE SERVED UP 37%

Actively serving more than 117,000 people, up 37% over FY 2017

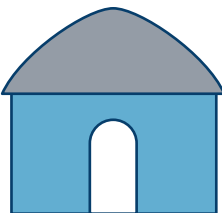
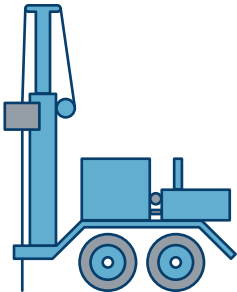


WATER SOURCE SUSTAINABILITY 100%

All water points now actively monitored with real-time data

DRILL RIG IN ETHIOPIA

First-ever Lifewater drill rig has successfully drilled six deep wells

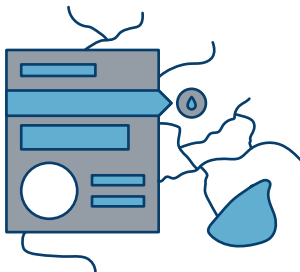


10K+ HEALTHY HOMES

Healthy Homes reached 11,492, up 204% over FY 2017

INTERACTIVE MAPS LIVE

Country program maps with live data available at lifewater.org



Lifewater’s “Bill the Drill” is now providing safe water for rural communities in Ethiopia



“It becomes more than just safe drinking water for a few people, it becomes a miracle in the community.”
– William A. Ashe, Lifewater Founder

Making Things New: Kristine’s Story

Kristine Delano stumbled upon Lifewater while looking for someone to repair the broken well at her home in Maine. That’s when she had a profound vision of how her family could impact the world: repair their well and help build a new well for a village in Africa.

“It changed our whole perspective...when we decided to give, it sort of put joy into having something that was broken. While we could fix our well, we could help someone get access, too,” she said.

Kristine, a Managing Director at NextShares Solutions, was compelled to share her story with others, and even inspired her manager to support a village water project. “I felt I couldn’t not tell people about Lifewater,” Kristine said.



“When you give, the benefit is exponential.”

– Brian Rogers, 4K Foundation



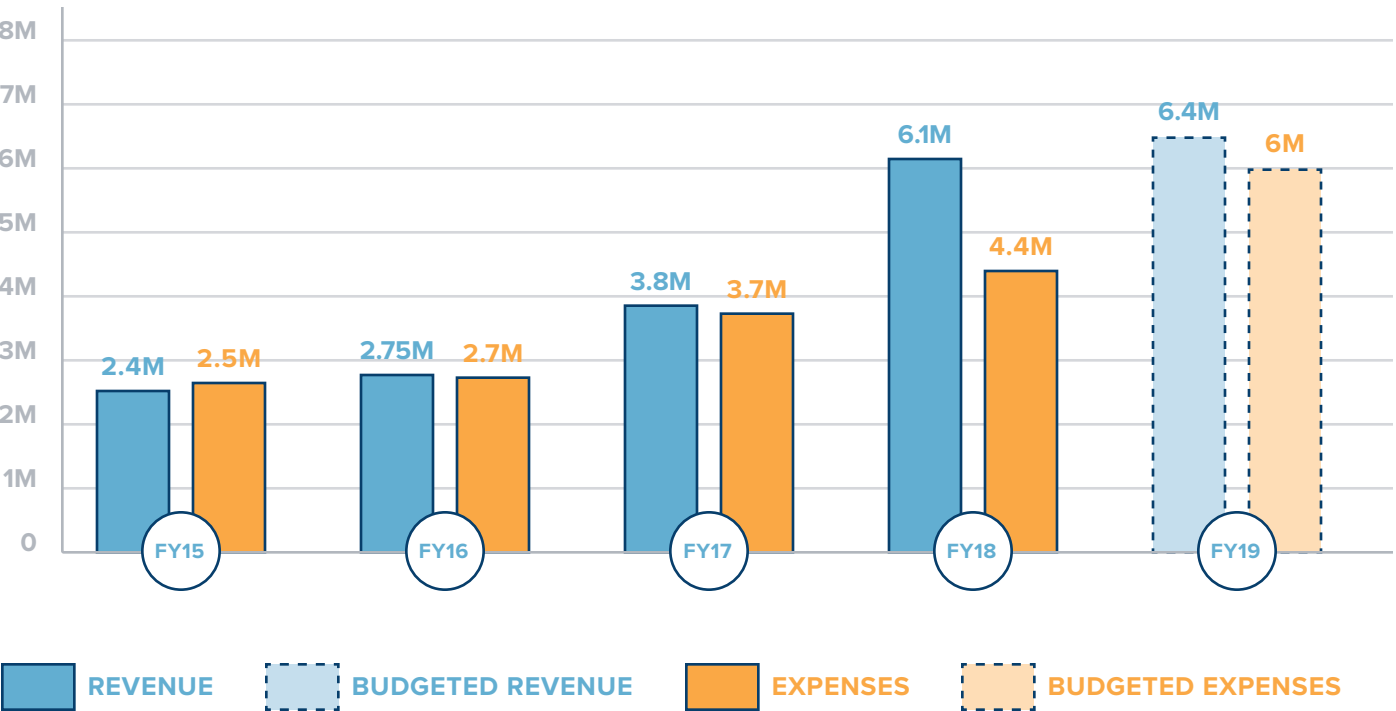
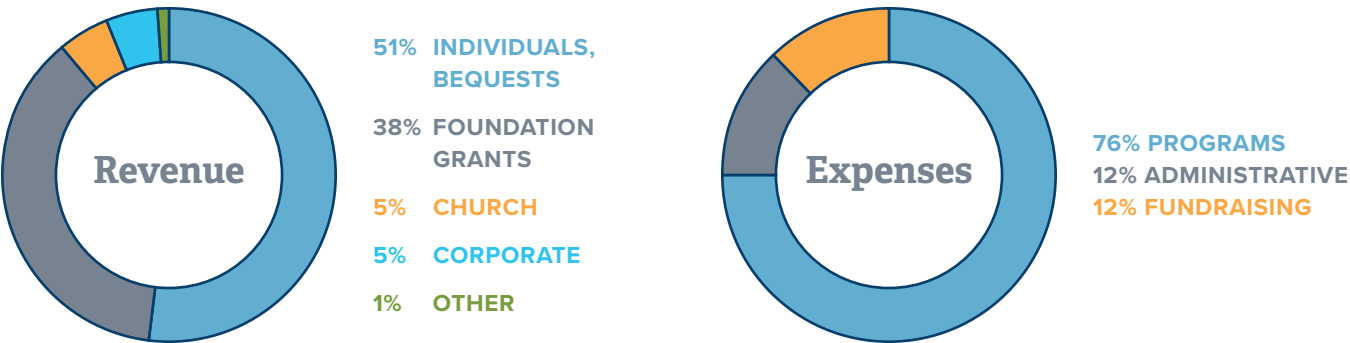
Intentional Giving: Brian’s Story

More than 15 years ago on Stewardship Sunday at the Church of the Nativity, Brian Rogers made the life-changing commitment to become an intentional giver. “Something just came over me. From that moment I continued to give, and every time I decided to give more of myself, all aspects of my life got better. It became very clear to me, when you give, it is exponential,” he said.

After he sold his business, Rogers started the 4K Foundation — a nod to his four daughters whose names all begin with K — and began supporting organizations like Lifewater. Research showed Rogers that people want to feel a connection with the organization they are giving to, and that millennials are more open to giving than past generations. He believes that if everyone who could afford to give \$250 to a cause they care about, we could literally change the world overnight.

FY 2018 FINANCIALS

Total donations surpassed \$6.1M in FY 2018, up 60% over the previous year— our second consecutive year posting revenue growth of 35% or more. Growth trends remain strong moving into FY 2019. We are operating on a \$6M budget in 2019, up 36% over FY 2018.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$1,181,573	\$511,569	\$344,861
PLEDGE RECEIVABLES, NET OF ALLOWANCE AND DISCOUNT	\$1,493,014	\$514,484	\$553,453
PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEPOSITS	\$53,921	\$57,441	\$40,080
INVENTORY	\$41,441	\$20,930	\$15,544
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	\$199,776	\$66,437	\$76,030
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,969,725	\$1,170,861	\$1,029,968

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$33,200	\$155,926	\$32,411
ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$268,393	\$97,688	\$69,745
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$301,593	\$253,614	\$102,156
NET ASSETS			
UNRESTRICTED	\$1,749,677	\$397,959	\$256,916
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	\$918,455	\$519,288	\$670,896
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$2,668,132	\$917,247	\$927,812
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$2,969,725	\$1,170,861	\$1,029,968

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$5,053,537	\$3,491,179	\$2,572,712
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$1,018,745	\$283,264	\$151,219
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$29,775	\$28,978	\$74,700
PROGRAM FEES	\$14,050	\$23,940	\$28,827
OTHER INCOME	\$1,986	\$7,212	\$1,014
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$6,118,093	\$3,834,573	\$2,828,472

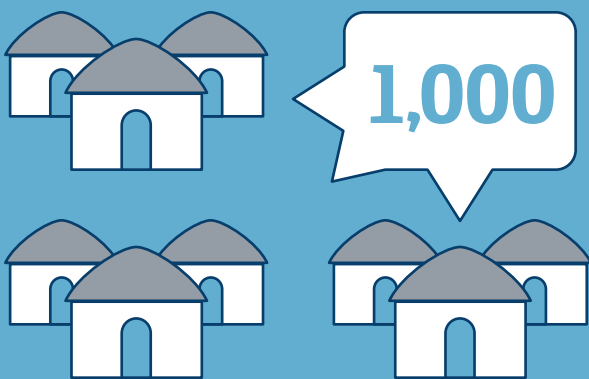
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$3,293,081	\$2,683,071	\$2,026,381
SUPPORTING SERVICES			
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	\$531,751	\$635,700	\$384,178
FUNDRAISING	\$542,376	\$371,316	\$324,913
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$4,367,208	\$3,690,087	\$709,091
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,750,885	\$144,486	\$93,000
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$917,247	\$772,761	\$679,761
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	\$2,668,132	\$917,247	\$722,761

LOOKING AHEAD

Equipped with a proven, scalable model (the Vision of a Healthy Village), we are moving forward in faith to bring safe water and health to more people, more effectively. Our current strategic plan will effectively double our organizational capacity by the end of 2020.

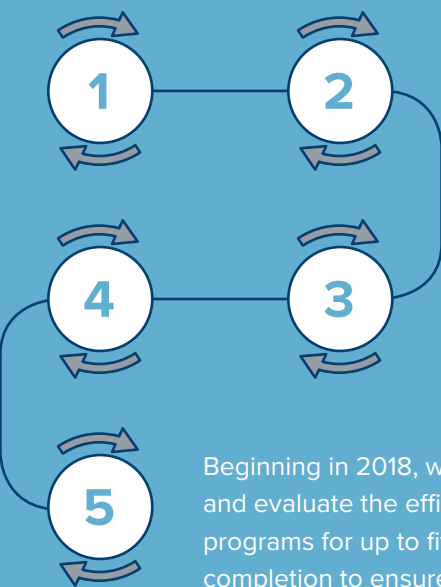
Accomplishing this growth while maintaining excellence in both our programs and stewardship will require a commitment to scale with sustainability.

VILLAGE SPONSORSHIP FOCUS



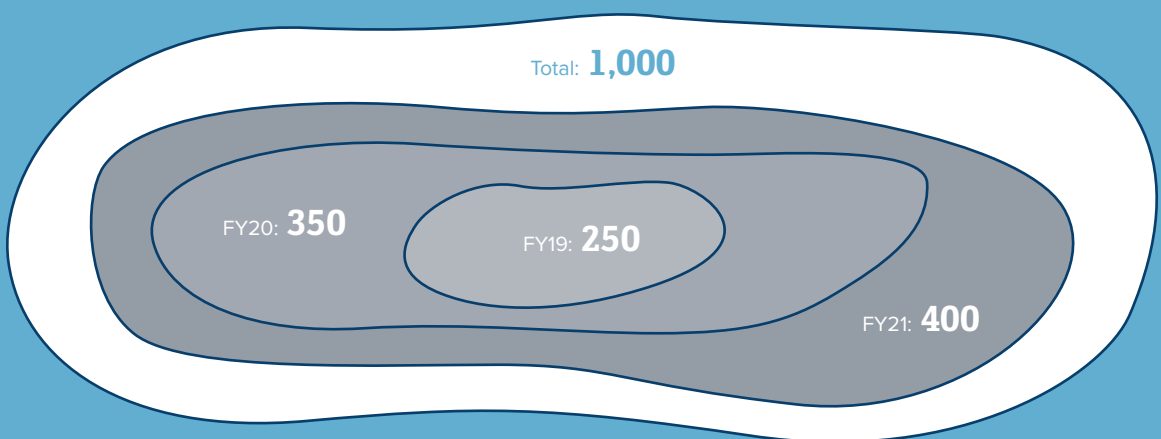
FY 2019 is the first year for 1,000 Villages, an ambitious, multi-year campaign to bring clean water and hope to 1,000 rural communities and shift focus from building wells to transforming villages.

IMPROVE WATER PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY



Beginning in 2018, we will monitor and evaluate the efficacy of our programs for up to five years after completion to ensure sustainability.

SCALE TO SERVE 1,000 VILLAGES

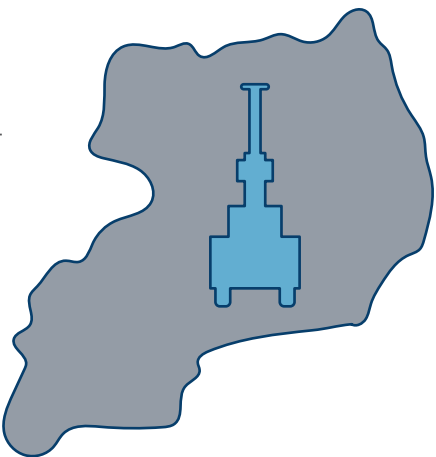


Clean water is life changing for girls in Uganda

Increase Capacity to Serve **150,000** People Per Year

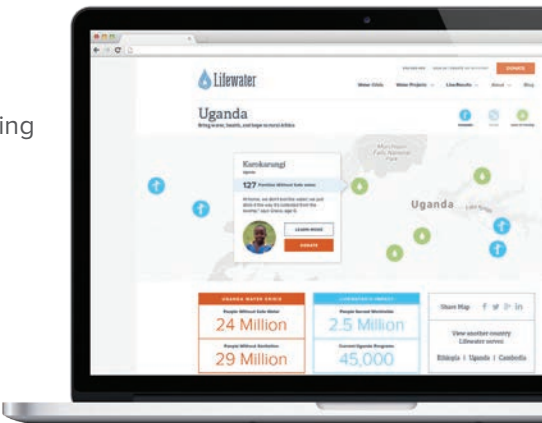
DEPLOY SECOND DRILL RIG IN UGANDA

Increase drilling efficiency to cost-effectively serve remote villages.



GROW AND DIVERSIFY DONOR BASE

We will deploy a new online giving platform that combines compelling stories, data, and mapping to give donors insight into the impact of their gifts like never before.



INCREASE CAPACITY TO SERVE (PEOPLE PER YEAR)



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIRMAN



As an engineer, I work every day to provide safe and sustainable water to the 695,000 people of southwestern San Bernardino County, just east of Los Angeles. Providing water in a semi-arid climate is a complex endeavor, and requires millions of dollars in funding for large-scale infrastructure projects. These are very important projects that will serve our citizens for many years.

A world away, in places like rural Ethiopia, there are other very important water projects happening in hard-to-reach villages and schools. Each project transforms a community with new life and hope— it’s a joy and honor to be a part of every one of them.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are delighted to celebrate a number of milestone achievements from this past fiscal year:

- **100+ HEALTHY VILLAGES:**
These communities have achieved 90% Healthy Home status. Praise God!
- **10,000+ HEALTHY HOMES:**
Families are using safe water, washing hands, using a latrine and keeping things clean.
- **100,000+ PEOPLE SERVED:**
Lives have been forever changed with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- **1,000 PEOPLE IN DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDIES:**
People are hearing the hope of the gospel for the first time.

We are exceedingly proud of the staff that make this work happen on a day-to-day basis in the far and forgotten corners of our world. And we are so grateful for the nearly 4,000 everyday people like you who make all of this possible. Without the grace and favor of our Lord and your faithful and generous support, this simply doesn’t happen.

Douglas Headrick, Chairman, is a registered Professional Civil Engineer and currently serving as General Manager of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. He has been a Lifewater volunteer since 2003.

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Gete's daughter is growing up in a healthy village



This life-changing work couldn't be done without the faithful partnership of people like you. Thank you!

"With joy you will draw from the wells of salvation." – Isaiah 12:3



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STATEMENT OF FAITH

Lifewater has adopted the Lausanne Covenant as its statement of faith.

INTRODUCTION

We, members of the Church of Jesus Christ, from more than 150 nations, participants in the International Congress on World Evangelization at Lausanne, praise God for his great salvation and rejoice in the fellowship he has given us with himself and with each other. We are deeply stirred by what God is doing in our day, moved to penitence by our failures and challenged by the unfinished task of evangelization. We believe the Gospel is God's good news for the whole world, and we are determined by his grace to obey Christ's commission to proclaim it to all mankind and to make disciples of every nation. We desire, therefore, to affirm our faith and our resolve, and to make public our covenant.

1. THE PURPOSE OF GOD

We affirm our belief in the one-eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who governs all things according to the purpose of his will. He has been calling out from the world a people for himself, and sending his people back into the world to be his servants and his witnesses, for the extension of his kingdom, the building up of Christ's body, and the glory of his name. We confess with shame that we have often denied our calling and failed in our mission, by becoming conformed to the world or by withdrawing from it. Yet we rejoice that even when borne by earthen vessels the gospel is still a precious treasure. To the task of making that treasure known in the power of the Holy Spirit we desire to dedicate ourselves anew.

(Isa. 40:28; Matt. 28:19; Eph. 1:11; Acts 15:14; John 17:6, 18; Eph 4:12; 1 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 12:2; II Cor. 4:7)

2. THE AUTHORITY AND POWER OF THE BIBLE

We affirm the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written word of God, without error in all that it affirms, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. We also affirm the power of God's word to accomplish his purpose of salvation. The message of the Bible is addressed to all men and women. For God's revelation in Christ and in Scripture is unchangeable. Through it the Holy Spirit still speaks today. He illumines the minds of God's people in every culture to perceive its truth freshly through their own eyes and thus discloses to the whole Church ever more of the many-colored wisdom of God.

(II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21; John 10:35; Isa. 55:11; 1 Cor. 1:21; Rom. 1:16, Matt. 5:17,18; Jude 3; Eph. 1:17,18; 3:10,18)



3. THE UNIQUENESS AND UNIVERSALITY OF CHRIST

We affirm that there is only one Saviour and only one gospel, although there is a wide diversity of evangelistic approaches. We recognise that everyone has some knowledge of God through his general revelation in nature. But we deny that this can save, for people suppress the truth by their unrighteousness. We also reject as derogatory to Christ and the gospel every kind of syncretism and dialogue which implies that Christ speaks equally through all religions and ideologies. Jesus Christ, being himself the only God-man, who gave himself as the only ransom for sinners, is the only mediator between God and people. There is no other name by which we must be saved. All men and women are perishing because of sin, but God loves everyone, not wishing that any should perish but that all should repent. Yet those who reject Christ repudiate the joy of salvation and condemn themselves to eternal separation from God. To proclaim Jesus as "the Saviour of the world" is not to affirm that all people are either automatically or ultimately saved, still less to affirm that all religions offer salvation in Christ. Rather it is to proclaim God's love for a world of sinners and to invite everyone to respond to him as Saviour and Lord in the wholehearted personal commitment of repentance and faith. Jesus Christ has been exalted above every other name; we long for the day when every knee shall bow to him and every tongue shall confess him Lord.

(Gal. 1:6-9; Rom. 1:18-32; I Tim. 2:5,6; Acts 4:12; John 3:16-19; II Pet. 3:9; II Thess. 1:7-9; John 4:42; Matt. 11:28; Eph. 1:20,21; Phil. 2:9-11)

4. THE NATURE OF EVANGELISM

To evangelize is to spread the good news that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, and that as the reigning Lord he now offers the forgiveness of sins and the liberating gifts of the Spirit to all who repent and believe. Our Christian presence in the world is indispensable to evangelism, and so is that kind of dialogue whose purpose is to listen sensitively in order to understand. But evangelism itself is the proclamation of the historical, biblical Christ as Saviour and Lord, with a view to persuading people to come to him personally and so be reconciled to God. In issuing the gospel invitation we have no liberty to conceal the cost of discipleship. Jesus still calls all who would follow him to deny themselves, take up their cross, and identify themselves with his new community. The results of evangelism include obedience to Christ, incorporation into his Church and responsible service in the world.

(I Cor. 15:3,4; Acts 2: 32-39; John 20:21; I Cor. 1:23; II Cor. 4:5; 5:11,20; Luke 14:25-33; Mark 8:34; Acts 2:40,47; Mark 10:43-45)

5. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We affirm that God is both the Creator and the Judge of all people. We therefore should share his concern for justice and reconciliation throughout human society and for the liberation of men and women from every kind of oppression. Because men and women are made in the image of God, every person, regardless of race, religion, colour, culture, class, sex or age, has an intrinsic dignity because of which he or she should be



respected and served, not exploited. Here too we express penitence both for our neglect and for having sometimes regarded evangelism and social concern as mutually exclusive. Although reconciliation with other people is not reconciliation with God, nor is social action evangelism, nor is political liberation salvation, nevertheless we affirm that evangelism and socio-political involvement are both part of our Christian duty. For both are necessary expressions of our doctrines of God and man, our love for our neighbour and our obedience to Jesus Christ. The message of salvation implies also a message of judgment upon every form of alienation, oppression and discrimination, and we should not be afraid to denounce evil and injustice wherever they exist. When people receive Christ they are born again into his kingdom and must seek not only to exhibit but also to spread its righteousness in the midst of an unrighteous world. The salvation we claim should be transforming us in the totality of our personal and social responsibilities. Faith without works is dead.

(Acts 17:26,31; Gen. 18:25; Isa. 1:17; Psa. 45:7; Gen. 1:26,27; Jas. 3:9; Lev. 19:18; Luke 6:27,35; Jas. 2:14-26; Joh. 3:3,5; Matt. 5:20; 6:33; II Cor. 3:18; Jas. 2:20)

6. THE CHURCH AND EVANGELISM

We affirm that Christ sends his redeemed people into the world as the Father sent him, and that this calls for a similar deep and costly penetration of the world. We need to break out of our ecclesiastical ghettos and permeate non-Christian society. In the Church's mission of sacrificial service evangelism is primary. World evangelization requires the whole Church to take the whole gospel to the whole world. The Church is at the very centre of God's cosmic purpose and is his appointed means of spreading the gospel. But a church which preaches the cross must itself be marked by the cross. It becomes a stumbling block to evangelism when it betrays the gospel or lacks a living faith in God, a genuine love for people, or scrupulous honesty in all things including promotion and finance. The church is the community of God's people rather than an institution, and must not be identified with any particular culture, social or political system, or human ideology.

(John 17:18; 20:21; Matt. 28:19,20; Acts 1:8; 20:27; Eph. 1:9,10; 3:9-11; Gal. 6:14,17; II Cor. 6:3,4; II Tim. 2:19-21; Phil. 1:27)

7. COOPERATION IN EVANGELISM

We affirm that the Church's visible unity in truth is God's purpose. Evangelism also summons us to unity, because our oneness strengthens our witness, just as our disunity undermines our gospel of reconciliation. We recognize, however, that organisational unity may take many forms and does not necessarily forward evangelism. Yet we who share the same biblical faith should be closely united in fellowship, work and witness. We confess that our testimony has sometimes been marred by a sinful individualism and needless duplication. We pledge ourselves to seek a deeper unity in truth, worship, holiness and mission. We urge the development of regional and functional cooperation for the furtherance of the Church's mission, for strategic planning, for mutual encouragement, and for the sharing of resources and experience.

(John 17:21,23; Eph. 4:3,4; John 13:35; Phil. 1:27; John 17:11-23)



8. CHURCHES IN EVANGELISTIC PARTNERSHIP

We rejoice that a new missionary era has dawned. The dominant role of western missions is fast disappearing. God is raising up from the younger churches a great new resource for world evangelization, and is thus demonstrating that the responsibility to evangelise belongs to the whole body of Christ. All churches should therefore be asking God and themselves what they should be doing both to reach their own area and to send missionaries to other parts of the world. A reevaluation of our missionary responsibility and role should be continuous. Thus a growing partnership of churches will develop and the universal character of Christ's Church will be more clearly exhibited. We also thank God for agencies which labor in Bible translation, theological education, the mass media, Christian literature, evangelism, missions, church renewal and other specialist fields. They too should engage in constant self-examination to evaluate their effectiveness as part of the Church's mission.

(Rom. 1:8; Phil. 1:5; 4:15; Acts 13:1-3, I Thess. 1:6-8)

9. THE URGENCY OF THE EVANGELISTIC TASK

More than 2,700 million people, which is more than two-thirds of all humanity, have yet to be evangelised. We are ashamed that so many have been neglected; it is a standing rebuke to us and to the whole Church. There is now, however, in many parts of the world an unprecedented receptivity to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are convinced that this is the time for churches and para-church agencies to pray earnestly for the salvation of the unreached and to launch new efforts to achieve world evangelization. A reduction of foreign missionaries and money in an evangelised country may sometimes be necessary to facilitate the national church's growth in self-reliance and to release resources for unevangelised areas. Missionaries should flow ever more freely from and to all six continents in a spirit of humble service. The goal should be, by all available means and at the earliest possible time, that every person will have the opportunity to hear, understand, and to receive the good news. We cannot hope to attain this goal without sacrifice. All of us are shocked by the poverty of millions and disturbed by the injustices which cause it. Those of us who live in affluent circumstances accept our duty to develop a simple life-style in order to contribute more generously to both relief and evangelism.

(John 9:4; Matt. 9:35-38; Rom. 9:1-3; I Cor. 9:19-23; Mark 16:15; Isa. 58:6,7; Jas. 1:27; 2:1-9; Matt. 25:31-46; Acts 2:44,45; 4:34,35)

10. EVANGELISM AND CULTURE

The development of strategies for world evangelization calls for imaginative pioneering methods. Under God, the result will be the rise of churches deeply rooted in Christ and closely related to their culture. Culture must always be tested and judged by Scripture. Because men and women are God's creatures, some of their culture is rich in beauty and goodness. Because they are fallen, all of it is tainted with sin and some of it is demonic. The gospel does not presuppose the superiority of any culture to another, but evaluates all cultures according to its own criteria of truth and righteousness, and insists on moral absolutes in every culture. Missions have all



too frequently exported with the gospel an alien culture and churches have sometimes been in bondage to culture rather than to Scripture. Christ's evangelists must humbly seek to empty themselves of all but their personal authenticity in order to become the servants of others, and churches must seek to transform and enrich culture, all for the glory of God.

(Mark 7:8,9,13; Gen. 4:21,22; I Cor. 9:19-23; Phil. 2:5-7; II Cor. 4:5)

11. EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

We confess that we have sometimes pursued church growth at the expense of church depth, and divorced evangelism from Christian nurture. We also acknowledge that some of our missions have been too slow to equip and encourage national leaders to assume their rightful responsibilities. Yet we are committed to indigenous principles, and long that every church will have national leaders who manifest a Christian style of leadership in terms not of domination but of service. We recognise that there is a great need to improve theological education, especially for church leaders. In every nation and culture there should be an effective training programme for pastors and laity in doctrine, discipleship, evangelism, nurture and service. Such training programmes should not rely on any stereotyped methodology but should be developed by creative local initiatives according to biblical standards.

(Col. 1:27,28; Acts 14:23; Tit. 1:5,9; Mark 10:42-45; Eph. 4:11,12)

12. SPIRITUAL CONFLICT

We believe that we are engaged in constant spiritual warfare with the principalities and powers of evil, who are seeking to overthrow the Church and frustrate its task of world evangelization. We know our need to equip ourselves with God's armour and to fight this battle with the spiritual weapons of truth and prayer. For we detect the activity of our enemy, not only in false ideologies outside the Church, but also inside it in false gospels which twist Scripture and put people in the place of God. We need both watchfulness and discernment to safeguard the biblical gospel. We acknowledge that we ourselves are not immune to worldliness of thoughts and action, that is, to a surrender to secularism. For example, although careful studies of church growth, both numerical and spiritual, are right and valuable, we have sometimes neglected them. At other times, desirous to ensure a response to the gospel, we have compromised our message, manipulated our hearers through pressure techniques, and become unduly preoccupied with statistics or even dishonest in our use of them. All this is worldly. The Church must be in the world; the world must not be in the Church.

(Eph. 6:12; II Cor. 4:3,4; Eph. 6:11,13-18; II Cor. 10:3-5; I John 2:18-26; 4:1-3; Gal. 1:6-9; II Cor. 2:17; 4:2; John 17:15)



13. FREEDOM AND PERSECUTION

It is the God-appointed duty of every government to secure conditions of peace, justice and liberty in which the Church may obey God, serve the Lord Jesus Christ, and preach the gospel without interference. We therefore pray for the leaders of nations and call upon them to guarantee freedom of thought and conscience, and freedom to practise and propagate religion in accordance with the will of God and as set forth in The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We also express our deep concern for all who have been unjustly imprisoned, and especially for those who are suffering for their testimony to the Lord Jesus. We promise to pray and work for their freedom. At the same time we refuse to be intimidated by their fate. God helping us, we too will seek to stand against injustice and to remain faithful to the gospel, whatever the cost. We do not forget the warnings of Jesus that persecution is inevitable.

(I Tim. 1:1-4, Acts 4:19; 5:29; Col. 3:24; Heb. 13:1-3; Luke 4:18; Gal. 5:11; 6:12; Matt. 5:10-12; John 15:18-21)

14. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father sent his Spirit to bear witness to his Son; without his witness ours is futile. Conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth and Christian growth are all his work. Further, the Holy Spirit is a missionary spirit; thus evangelism should arise spontaneously from a Spirit-filled church. A church that is not a missionary church is contradicting itself and quenching the Spirit. Worldwide evangelization will become a realistic possibility only when the Spirit renews the Church in truth and wisdom, faith, holiness, love and power. We therefore call upon all Christians to pray for such a visitation of the sovereign Spirit of God that all his fruit may appear in all his people and that all his gifts may enrich the body of Christ. Only then will the whole church become a fit instrument in his hands, that the whole earth may hear his voice.

(I Cor. 2:4; John 15:26; 27; 16:8-11; I Cor. 12:3; John 3:6-8; II Cor. 3:18; John 7:37-39; I Thess. 5:19; Acts 1:8; Psalms 85:4-7; 67:1-3; Gal. 5:22,23; I Cor. 12:4-31; Rom. 12:3-8)

15. THE RETURN OF CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly, in power and glory, to consummate his salvation and his judgment. This promise of his coming is a further spur to our evangelism, for we remember his words that the gospel must first be preached to all nations. We believe that the interim period between Christ's ascension and return is to be filled with the mission of the people of God, who have no liberty to stop before the end. We also remember his warning that false Christs and false prophets will arise as precursors of the final Antichrist. We therefore reject as a proud, self-confident dream the notion that people can ever build a utopia on earth. Our Christian confidence is that God will perfect his kingdom, and we look forward with eager anticipation to that day, and to the new heaven and earth in which righteousness will dwell and God will reign forever. Meanwhile, we rededicate ourselves to the service of Christ and of people in joyful submission to his authority over the whole of our lives.



(Mark 14:62; Heb. 9:28; Mark 13:10; Acts 1:8-11; Matt. 28:20; Mark 13:21-23; 1 John 2:18; 4:1-3; Luke 12:32; Rev. 21:1-5; II Pet. 3:13; Matt. 28:18)

CONCLUSION

Therefore, in the light of this our faith and our resolve, we enter into a solemn covenant with God and with each other, to pray, to plan and to work together for the evangelization of the whole world. We call upon others to join us. May God help us by his grace and for his glory to be faithful to this our covenant! Amen, Alleluia!