8000 Villagers Have Water at Last

For many children and families in Chalice’s Wa sponsor site in Ghana, collecting water is still a daily manual chore. Most still must trek long distances to dams or streams in search of water for any daily washing, cooking or drinking. They share this untreated water with animals, and it can carry disease and parasites. The time-consuming and arduous task of fetching water often falls to women and children. It takes the mothers away from income-generating activities or food cultivation, and it keeps children from getting to school or doing assignments. If the children did come to school but got thirsty during the day, they would miss class time just to find a drink.

Chalice worked with the Wa sponsor site to install five borehole wells in communities in dire need. Now 8000 people in the villages of Vieri Gurungu, Chogsia, Dolinguo and Tambaahe have their own access to safe water! The site also appointed and trained parent committees to take charge of maintaining and managing the wells. This instills an important sense of ownership within the communities and equips them to keep everything running smoothly for years to come.

One of the best parts is that the wells are placed near the primary schools, so the schoolchildren can access drinking water as often as they need to. “Today, children leaving classes in search of water is a thing of the past,” writes the Wa staff. “The communities at last are a happy people.”

Duncan Champions for Mental Health and Wellness in Nairobi

Our Nairobi site in Kenya works to level the academic playing field for students from all different backgrounds. Without support, academically gifted children from poor families in Kenya often never get the chance to study alongside their peers from more privileged backgrounds. Through sponsorship and other Chalice programs, our Nairobi site allows children to access quality education, ensures that they’re comfortable throughout their studies by providing basic needs, and encourages them to pursue their talents and passions through post-secondary studies.

Duncan, a young man from our Nairobi site, proudly recalls his time in our sponsorship program. He was sponsored from high school all the way through university, where he pursued a Bachelor’s degree in Counselling Psychology. He remains forever grateful for the unwavering support of his loving sponsor, and to the entire Chalice team for the opportunities that have changed his life.

Along with his work in counselling psychology, Duncan has become an advocate for mental health in his community. He currently volunteers with several organizations such as the Kenya Red Cross Society, the Kenya YMCA, Amazing Minds Africa University of Nairobi chapter, and the Mental 360 Organization, championing for mental health and wellness among young people. So far, through his dedicated work and volunteering, he’s been able to help over 1000 young people in Nairobi access essential treatment and resources for their mental health.

“Duncan thanks Chalice for the opportunity to receive an education,” writes Merciline, our Nairobi site director. “He has managed to accomplish so much because of all of the support he’s received throughout his academic life,” she smiles.
Deacon Paul Brown and his wife Joan put a lot of thought and effort into planning how they would celebrate his ordination with their family and friends in Ontario but then COVID changed everything. “I was to be ordained in May 2020 with 6 others,” explains Paul. “We were expecting St. Michaels Cathedral in Toronto to be full of guests including over a hundred of our own family and friends, to be followed by a dinner dance. The Archdiocese was dealing with all kinds of issues including the constantly changing COVID rules and protocols for churches, it was a confusing time for everyone. One thing that didn’t change was Deacon Paul’s commitment to use the occasion of his ordination to help those in need. “We thought many of our friends and family would be sharing gifts to mark the occasion and decided their generosity would be better served by making donations to a charity,” he described. “We chose Chalice for several reasons, including their support and care of children, families, and communities around the world regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion.” Together Paul’s friends and family raised over $6000 for the gift catalogue. “We specifically suggested donations through the gift catalogue to families to give them opportunities for self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives,” adds Paul. A mass attended while on vacation with his family in 2006, led to his introduction to Chalice and a 14-year relationship with his first sponsored child Anas from Cameroon. “Chalice has been a wonderful opportunity for our entire family to be a small part in the life of Anas,” explains Paul. “Over the last 14 years, hand drawn cards, photos, letters and small gifts were exchanged between my girls, Carolyn and Jacqueline as well as Joan and myself with Anas and his mother. The four of us are now sponsoring Osward from Zambia, Dadeline from Haiti and Jessica from Paraguay.”

Using his ordination as a tool to allow friends and family to generously celebrate an event of great joy by sharing with others was important to Paul. “We have never looked at our contributions to Chalice as handouts, but investments in children and families giving them opportunities to develop into successful, educated and compassionate adults.”
Using Our Gifts for the Common Good

Welcome Deacon Paul. It is always wonderful to hear about those who respond in faithfulness to Christ. Their response assures us that Christ, through the Holy Spirit, still inspires human actions of self-giving and sacrifice. One of the “Charisms” that has been constant over the years are those moments of sacrifice we have witnessed in those who work in our sites and those who give in Canada.

In different ways each give of themselves. St. Paul put it this way: “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians12: 4-7)

One of our sponsored children Duncan, now fully grown, has become an advocate for mental health in his community. Amorjyoti is loved by his mother and family and supported now by his sponsor. A donor giving to a critical need brings relief to Olya and her son Dima. I hope all who read these stories will also be reminded and assured that God is with us because we see his hand in all these, ‘prayer in action’ moments.

Mary, mother of our church, pray that we recognize and are always thankful to those who reveal Christ’s presence by their loving actions. Amen

Father Patrick Cosgrove, President

Sponsorship Helps Families Survive Pandemic

Amorjyoti has faced many challenges in his life including being diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and losing his father when he was six. Working as a daily wage earner, cleaning potatoes at a factory his mother did the best she could to feed and house them both. Her prayers were answered in 2011 when they found out Amorjyoti had been chosen by a sponsor, and the relief she felt was immediate. They were going to be okay now.

As Amorjyoti’s illness progressed, Chalice provided a wheelchair to help with his mobility and keep him in school. He completed grade nine but was unable to write his grade 10 exams due to weakness in his hands. When the country locked down due to the pandemic Amorjyoti’s mother lost her job. If it wasn’t for the support received through their sponsorship funding and COVID-19 disaster fund they wouldn’t have survived the past year. “Sponsorship helps them a lot and gives meaning to survive in this world,” explains the sponsor site. “In this ongoing lockdown they didn’t have any other source of income or proper savings to stay alive. He and his mother are very grateful to Chalice for the support. Chalice is a ray of hope for the hopeless, a strength for the weak, home for those who struggle to meet their needs. A sponsor would add stability to their lives and keep Oscar in school.

In the bustling city of Manila, many children living in poverty are in poor health. In the Tondo community, where Chalice serves, malnutrition, leading to anaemia and poor dental health, is an urgent issue. “Many children are still deprived of the most basic need which is food,” writes Eunice, Tondo site director. “So every meal is like manna from heaven to them. The Site is happy to run Heaven’s kitchen.”

Before the pandemic, Chalice and our local partners were serving hundreds of balanced, nutritious meals per month in five areas with the most child poverty. Many sponsored children ate their daily meal at the Tondo site’s ‘Centros’ dining hall, and non-sponsored children gathered at temporary meal tents in their neighborhoods. These community-based meals were a lifeline for the children. “Life is hard for them, but each spoonful assures them God is blessing and caring for them,” says Eunice. “Hot nutritious food fortified with so much love...really do wonders.”

When pandemic struck, the local government imposed strict lockdown measures, and the children were stuck at home. Community feeding came to an abrupt halt. But the site staff knew that the children were still hungry. By May, they had re-opened a daily lunch program in the poorest neighborhood of Baseco. The site staff pre-packed the meals and served them to children as soon as they arrived, to avoid crowding. This initiative expanded to a second highly affected area, children living in temporary housing.

This year, the Tondo site is preparing to serve 500 hot meals every weekday in six locations. That’s a total of 150,000 meals! If you would like to support this program, please visit chalice.ca/feed-tondo.

Hot Nutritious Food: Children in Tondo happily eat their meals.

faces of hope

SAM3441

Alianna

MAY 9, 2013
Living in Luzon Northern Samar, the Philippines with her mother and four siblings, Alianna is bright and determined to finish school and become a doctor. A sponsor will ensure she can continue her education.

SF1933

Oscar

APRIL 2, 2012
When he grows up Oscar wants to be a nurse. Living with his mother and two brothers in Ntare, Rwanda, he was forced to stop his education due the pandemic. A sponsor would add stability to their lives and keep Oscar in school.

TER5757

Pavlo

AUGUST 15, 2011
Achra and Leon Pavlo lives in Berezhany, Ukraine with his parents and six siblings. He loves to fix things and wants to be a chef. Sponsorship will ensure he eats nutritious food to help him do well in school.

TON3702

Sian

DECEMBER 14, 2014
Sian lives in Manila, the Philippines with his father and brother. A hardworking child, he wants to finish school so he can help his family. Sponsorship will help his father buy nutritious food and the supplies Sian needs to stay in school.

TPJ1343

Kwabena

SEPTEMBER 18, 2009
Living in Wa, Ghana with her grandmother and two sisters, Kwabena’s world was shattered when her parents passed away. Despite her circumstances she is a positive girl who wants to be a nurse to take care of people. A sponsor will help her achieve her goals.

TUM2314

Brenda

APRIL 14, 2010
Brenda lives in Accra Market, Kampala with her parents, brother and sister. When she grows up she wants to be a teacher and serve her community. School fees are expensive, a sponsor will help Brenda stay in school.

YAP3837

Katherine

FEBRUARY 19, 2013
Happy and outgoing Katherine lives in Popocani, Bolivia with her parents and sister. She loves learning new things. A sponsor will support her family and help Katherine stay in school.

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Mission Trips Update

Thank you everyone who has expressed interest in future mission trips. Our international travel has been greatly impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Chalice has suspended all international travel for the time being, including our mission trips. We cannot reasonably plan for mission trips until the pandemic has passed, international travel restrictions are lifted, and travel would not expose our Chalice family (in Canada and abroad) to an unreasonable level of risk. In the spring of 2022, we will re-assess and decide if there is any change in our position and determine if we are able to start planning for our missions once again. At that point, our previously scheduled missions for India and Ukraine will be a priority.

United in Prayer

Through the challenges and gifts of this past year, we have discovered new ways to pray together as a Chalice family. Our Canadian office morning prayer moved to an online platform, enabling us to invite some of our Chalice Deacons and site staff to join us. This past Lent, we piloted an online prayer gathering with a small group of our supporters and sponsor sites. It was an amazing grace to meet, learn and pray together. Our prayer included a Gospel reading, video reflection, small group discussions, and praying a chaplet for specific prayer requests from our sponsor sites and the intentions of those gathered.

Three of the video reflections were prepared by our Saint Dominique (Haiti), Chiclayo (Peru) and Kawambwa (Zambia) sponsor sites. They explore Chalice’s mission through the following themes: Rooted in our relationship with Christ, we invite and engage the church, and accompany the poor; our mission is consecrated to Christ through Mary, Mother of our Church; it is a sacrificial offering to God, and leads to the joy of communion in the Body of Christ. These reflections can be viewed on ChaliceChapels.ca. Please pray with us for Mary’s continued intercession for all of our Chalice family suffering during this pandemic, especially as we approach Chalice’s Feast Day on May 25.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS


To the Members of the Board of Directors of Chalice (Canada):

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at June 30, 2020, and the summary statements of operations and changes in financial position for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Chalice Canada (the “Charity” for the year ended) June 30, 2020.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

The Audited Non-Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We have expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated October 24, 2020.

Management’s Responsibility for the Summary Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the basis of the summary financial statements. Our audit includes an assessment of the risk of material misstatement in the summary financial statements of the Charity, an evaluation of significant accounts and their related disclosures, an assessment of the overall presentation, and an examination of supporting documents. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
November 5, 2020

Chalice (Canada) Non-Consolidated Summarized Statement of Financial Position As at June 30, 2020

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