

... WITH A PASSION FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Water for West Africa Hunger Plus is working with The Rotary Club of Sierra Vista Arizona, District 5500 (southern Arizona), District 5510 (northeastern Arizona), District 4100 (Sonora, Mexico), District 5610 (South Dakota) and the Rotary Club of Dapaong Togo West Africa (District 9100) to provide a community water well for the entire community of Tindogou. This project will also provide a total of 50 ECOSAN latrines for the villages of Tindogou, Naok, Dogle, and Nandodani, which will help to correct some of the sanitation problems in these areas. Each village has approximately 1000 residents, all of whom are very poor. The communities have no electricity and no running water. The women of Tindogou walk miles each day to fetch water from unclean open sources where pigs and cattle also drink. They carry the water back to their homes in basins carried on their heads. The weight of six gallons of water is 50 pounds. The entire trek for water can take up to four hours, perhaps longer in the dry season, when water is less available. The well will have the following beneficial effects on the Tindogou: 1. Improved health as the clean water from the well will reduce the incidence of water borne diseases; 2. Improved food production as the residents will be able to irrigate local gardens; 3. A higher standard of living as the women will be able to devote energy to income producing work rather than walking to get water; 4. Improved education as the girls will be able to attend school rather than walking to get water; and 5. Improved livestock retention as livestock owned by the residents will less likely wander off in search of water. The latrines will improve sanitation in all four communities and reduce the incidence of diseases caused by open latrines and poor sanitation.

Preparation for the Harvest As I stood on a hillside in Dersca, Romania, located near the Ukraine border, overlooking 20 acres of Child Life farmland, I marveled at God's unwavering provisions. The Child Life fields, planted with rye this past fall, are lush and green. It is our prayer that, once harvested in the fall, the rye may be ground into flour to be used in making fresh bread for the Romanian children. The harvest, both in the natural and the spiritual realm, comes in God's time, and our best efforts don't always produce immediate results. In farming, many months pass between planting and harvesting. During this waiting period the crops must be nurtured and protected so they can thrive and grow. Sometimes we sow and other times we reap. Much of what we do today will only reveal results many months or years from now. Sometimes God requires that we plant and nurture in faith that other will one day gather the results. May we not grow weary, but remain steadfast always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. Frank Bullock, Child Life International

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One village at a time

The world can go far in reducing poverty if it does more to embrace the United Nations' "Millennium Villages," which have showed that relatively small investments can significantly boost health and education. The Kenyan village of Sauri, for example, has managed to double its food output while halving malaria incidents, said Guido Schmidt-Traub, associate director of the UN Millennium Project. The Millennium Development Goals were adopted by 189 world leaders in 2000, and reaffirmed at the World Bank-International Monetary Fund spring meetings in late May. (to read article please follow the link) [Inter Press Service News Agency](http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=33140) (5/5) <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=33140>

DAKAR, May 21 (Reuters) - From Moscow to Monrovia, from New Zealand to New York, people turned out in hundreds of thousands to march in support of the global fight against hunger, that silent killer which claims a child every 5 seconds. In West Africa, one of the world's worst hunger zones, tens of thousands of schoolchildren wearing white T-shirts bearing the "Fight Hunger-Walk the World" slogan joined anti-hunger marches in several capitals. "Every five seconds there is a child dying of hunger in the world, which has the resources to stop it," WFP representative in Senegal Omar Bula Escobar told Reuters. Every day, 24,000 people die from hunger, 18,000 of them children, according to the WFP.