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By sharing your love and your blessings, you're helping provide clean, safe drinking water for the children of Butembo City Primary School in the DRC. You're not only helping keep schoolchildren healthy, but you're reaching their families and entire communities as well.

Your love provides lifesaving access to clean water

It's heartbreaking to see a child suffering and be powerless to help. Schoolmaster Emmanuel Kasereka Sikuli knows this feeling all too well.

Day after day, the children at Butembo City Primary School in the Democratic Republic of Congo doubled over with stomach aches. He never had to wonder why they weren't feeling well. The closest safe public water source was two busy streets away, forcing his students to choose between getting to class on time and having clean water to drink.

As a result, they frequently suffered from stomach pain, chronic diarrhea and other ailments that come with drinking contaminated water. Many missed school altogether due to waterborne illnesses.

Emmanuel has witnessed firsthand the devastation caused by a lack of clean, safe water. Thankfully,

he has also witnessed the incredible impact of your compassionate support.

At the beginning of the summer, a generous group of your fellow donors offered to match gifts up to \$231,500 to provide clean water that keeps children from getting sick. Today, we're thrilled to share that friends like you met and exceeded that goal — which has allowed us to bring clean water directly to the students and teachers at Emmanuel's school.

As with all the lifesaving water projects you

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A MESSAGE FROM DANIEL



As COVID-19 vaccines become more readily available, we're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

While returning to pre-pandemic rhythms and

routines may be a relief to some, keeping safe or even surviving COVID-19 continues to be a real struggle for your neighbors in need. Without food, water and a roof over their heads, the struggle is even more challenging.

Your ongoing support ensures that God's children in countries like India, Democratic Republic of Congo and Lebanon don't have to face these challenges alone. Together, we can empower our most vulnerable neighbors with the resources and support they need to thrive.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus, today and every day.

God bless you,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO

Called to Love Our Neighbors

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

— Galatians 5:14 NRSV



Having access to clean, safe water is life-changing for children and their families. God bless you for caring for your neighbors with the very least.

Your love provides clean water, continued ...

make possible, the local community was involved in the construction and maintenance of the infrastructure for latrines, water storage tanks and handwashing stations. This helps ensure the long-term health of the community as they take ownership of keeping these projects operational.

Today, children attending the Butembo City Primary School have clean drinking water on school grounds, access to sanitary latrines and a place to safely wash their hands — protecting them from deadly diseases like Ebola and COVID-19.

Thank you for all you do to ensure that your most vulnerable neighbors worldwide have access to clean safe water. Your love truly does change everything. ■

Because of you, families like Tamsul's have hope

India's surging COVID-19 outbreak has made life even more challenging for families like Tamsul's. In addition to the fear of getting sick as the virus spreads, the struggle to find work has left her family with little food to live on.



Tamsul and her five grandchildren are not alone. Too many of our most vulnerable neighbors in India — and around the world — lack access to essentials you and I are privileged to have in abundance. That's why the generous support of friends like you has been such a blessing.

With your love, you help God's children who have the very least. For families like Tamsul's, you've provided essentials like vegetable seeds and cereal grain and helped ensure the fair distribution of masks, soap and sanitation supplies to neighbors in need.

During these uncertain times, we are endlessly grateful for friends like you. Thank you for making a powerful and lifesaving difference for our most vulnerable neighbors in the world's poorest countries. ■



Like loving grandmothers around the world, Tamsul Nisha (50) — shown here with four of her five grandchildren — prays that she'll be able to feed her family and protect them and keep them safe from the deadly coronavirus.

You can create a lasting legacy of love.



Martha (1930-2017) and David Herting filled their lives with family and service and will continue to serve others with their legacy gift.

Biochemist David Herting spent his career finding new ways to help living organisms thrive — and that passion for life extends beyond the laboratory.

With a vibrant Christian faith and a deep desire to help neighbors in need, David and his wife, who has since passed, began supporting Lutheran World Relief.

"I feel Jesus would want me to treat the least of these as though they were He," says David. In this same spirit of compassion, the Hertings chose to leave a legacy gift to Lutheran World Relief in their will.

"The poor will always be with us," says David. "That's why I want it to be a gift without any strings attached, so it can be used however [it] is needed at that moment. I trust Lutheran World Relief to make good decisions."

Ultimately, David's generosity is an act of gratitude to God. "It is a way to return to the Lord the blessings we've been given," he said. "The Lord has blessed every one of us."

To find out more about how you can be a lasting source of life and hope for neighbors in need, visit lwr.org/legacy.

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK AROUND THE WORLD

Burkina Faso

Your love is reaching desperate families with emergency food aid. Many farming families were forced to flee their homes after armed rebels attacked their villages. With no income, there is no food. Your generosity helped provide each family with a 50-kilo bag of grain and a liter of oil.

Lebanon

You helped repair homes damaged by the explosion in Beirut. Because of you, nearly 2,000 families now have a roof over their heads. Your continued support of our efforts in Lebanon helps ensure the safe return of these struggling neighbors into habitable homes.

Yemen

You are helping keep families safe from COVID-19 by providing hygiene kits that include washing powder, bars of soap, water containers, a plastic basin and a plastic jug. Because of you, families who've been displaced also have access to informational sessions covering COVID-19, personal hygiene and waste management.

Thank you for sending your love to your neighbors across the globe!

EASY TRANSACTION. BIG IMPACT.

Your gift from a **donor advised fund** is a simple way to bring your love to neighbors who need it most.

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Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

Ask your donor advised fund representative to include your name and address on the distribution, so we know how to direct your acknowledgment. Thanks!

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