

New Life International, in partnership with New Life Zambia, launches a new project called

“The Thirsty of Zambia Project”

The Focus: Providing for the "Thirsty of Zambia"; their spiritual needs, health needs & safe water needs.

The Mission: New Life International will work directly with New Life Zambia to develop 20 more model communities/villages in 2008 and set the stage for further growth for 2009 and beyond where the Gospel of Christ is spreading in Zambia. Spiritual and physical community/village development within each model village or area is the goal of New Life Zambia. God's love is shown for His people through this project reaching out with resources that are sustainable.

New Life Zambia representatives teach about Jesus, health, sanitation, water purification, and initiate new agriculture practices that might work in that particular community as well as initiating adult literacy programs. New Life Zambia has been building Christian relationships, as pathway to a community's spiritual and economic development, throughout Central and Southern Zambia over the past 4 years. And 3 years prior to that, through the Project Zambia, the short term missions ministry, sponsored by Morton Memorial UMC, Clarksville IN.

“The Thirsty of Zambia Project” is being launched in 2008 because the evidence that those nurtured relationships are starting to show some visible fruit. Applications to become a model community/village are pouring into the New Life Zambia office in Choma Zambia.

Through this project, Mr. Lameck Siamalambo, the New Life Zambia country director and lay pastor uses the application screening process to assess the needs of the community/village. Upon personally interviewing the community/village leaders, the community/village members and an audience with the tribal chief, he determines if the community/village would be a good model for other communities/villages if they are accepted as a potential prospect to “The Thirsty of Zambia Project”.

The first bases Mr. Siamalambo and New Life Zambia looks for, is the Evangelical Christian spiritual needs of the community/village, then he evaluates the health and economic needs of the community/village with an emphasis on safe drinking water. He determines the attitude of becoming self sustaining over the long term and sets the terms of the agreement to become part of the project. The furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is incorporated within that plan for the model community/village.

There are currently twenty two New Life water purification systems in 17 model communities/villages being nurtured by New Life Zambia. With the initiation “The Thirsty of Zambia Project”, 20 more model communities will be created to go on and be examples to more communities/villages thus spreading the Gospel of Christ and meeting the health needs and the safe water needs.

Each community/village will become self sustaining at its own pace and in its own way depending on how they seek God's guidance and work toward the goals. New Life Zambia will show the model

community/village several different ways of using the New Life water purification system to build sustainable enterprises. Some examples are:

Selling safe water to other communities/villages, if appropriate

Electrical generation

 Wind capacity

 Water capacity

 Manual power

Battery charging

New water containers

Point of use filters

Well drilling

Well repair

Hand pumps on wells

 Repair and maintenance

Chlorine sales

Water delivery service

Traveling purifier

 Community/village to community/village

Water container purification

Water collecting services

Animal fencing

Fish farming

Mr. Siamalambo does community/village education on the following:

Sustainability

Meeting market demand for sustainable products and services

Risks and costs

Innovative technology

Corporate governance

Shareholder relations

Industrial leadership

Social well being

The pathway to sustainable community/village development always begins with Christian spiritual development and nurturing. Then with continual encouragement, support, education and resources the model communities/villages can become planters of other model communities/villages. It all begins by meeting the needs of the thirsty.

“The Thirsty of Zambia Project” works totally for and with the poor in rural and urban communities/villages of the central and southern areas of Zambia. The poor struggle daily just for the necessities of life; water, food, shelter and clothing. Many have lost all hope but “The Thirsty of Zambia Project” gives them hope that they can survive with dignity and self worth. That they can provide for their family and it all starts with the gospel and with safe drinking water.

“The Thirsty of Zambia Project” will tackle the problem of insufficient health care for the poor head on by working directly with the poorest of the poor in Zambia and the New Life water purifier system. If the poor in a community/village have safe water that will take the majority of the workload off Zambia’s clinics and hospitals by not being overwhelmed with water borne diseases. When people are healthy they can work and provide for their families and healthy children can go to school.

“The Thirsty of Zambia Project” goes on to help a community/village develop by focusing on the spiritual growth of the Evangelical Christian community and with community/village education on: health & sanitation programs, water purification training, agriculture programs and adult literacy programs.

Each model community/village would have a New Life water purification system that could produce enough safe water for over 1000 people a day. The New Life Water Purifier System is a unique system that only common table salt and a 12 volt battery and through the electrolysis process water is disinfected and make it safe for drinking. It is a simple, light weight, cost-effective, water purification system designed and constructed for use in harsh environmental conditions with minimal resources for entire communities/villages throughout Zambia and elsewhere around the world.

Each model community/village will pursue self-sustainability by lifting themselves out of the hopelessness state of affairs to the hope of spiritual healthiness and physical healthiness through “The Thirsty of Zambia Project”.

The short term outcomes of “The Thirsty of Zambia Project” will be the introduction of the Living Water and safe drinking water to 20 identified as model communities/villages.

The long term outcomes of “The Thirsty of Zambia Project”/New Life International will be:

- Growth in the spiritual attitude of these 20 model communities/villages because of the encouragement of New Life Zambia ministry showing the love of Christ.
- Through water purification, the general health of the poor surpassing the surrounding communities/villages because the waterborne diseases virtually being wiped out of the drinking water supply.
- The workload of the healthcare agencies of the area being lightened because less and less waterborne diseases such as Cholera are being alleviated for the community/village because of water purification.
- The mortality rates of infants and children increasing because of less waterborne diseases.
- The poor, being healthier, can work to support their families and children healthy enough to attend school.
- Sustainability by the development of sustainable businesses surrounding the New Life International water purification systems, such as battery charging, chlorine (by product of the water purifier) sales to the government clinics/hospitals , water delivery service, traveling purifier, water collecting services, animal fencing, fish farming and etc.
- Adult literacy going up through the programs initiated by “The Thirsty of Zambia Project”/New Life International.
- Advancements in new agriculture techniques again initiated by “The Thirsty of Zambia Project”/New Life International.
- Pursuing providing safe drinking water for the livestock of the community/village.
- Sanitation problems being overcome through education in safe practices.

During a visit to Zambia in May 2007, in the village of Malundu the one little lady’s testimony that had that sweet sound of Jesus voice. She stood up and through an interpreter she said “their village was now a happier place to live.

“Since Mr. Siamalambo had come and taught them Jesus and about “the machine” (that’s what they call the water purifier) and had taught them about how salt cleans the water using “the machine” and how we are to be salt and light in the world for Jesus.”

She said “before the machine came to their village each family member went to the common bore hole and got their water and went right back to their huts. But since “the machine” has come we all gather at the same time at the bore hole and sit and talk about Jesus while we are waiting for the salt to clean our water and how Jesus is cleaning us”. She said “the kids hear about Jesus as we talk about what He has done for us.” So she’s thankful for Jesus, the “machine”, and for New Life Zambia and Mr. Siamalambo.

It's been said give a man a fish, you feed him for a day; teach him to fish, you feed him for a life time. Give a person a bottle of water, you quench their thirst for a day, teach people to make safe water for their community, you help quench the thirst of a nation for a lifetime. Teach people about the Living Water and you quench their thirst for Eternity.