

Our Christmas Wish.....Our Christmas Well



Peace Lutheran Church is drilling another well for Christmas. We have a generous donation of \$5000 to match gifts toward our goal of \$10,150 to drill a well in eastern Uganda in a village called Raraka "B"(pronounced ruh-RAW-kuh).

The current water source is an open pond filled with murky, bacteria-ridden, debris-filled water that is located over 2 miles from the village. When Pastor Hillary Malo, Hope 4 Kids Water Project Manager, first visited the water source he noticed fresh cow manure in the water that the villagers considered safe to drink, thus indicating this source is also shared by animals. The water level of this pond varies depending on the season. When it is rainy, the water runs down the slopes nearby collecting human and animal waste,

as well as decomposed organisms, as it fills up the pond. If it is the dry season, the pond contains no water and villagers must trek another 2 miles to Kenya. Scabies and typhoid are among the diseases that run rampant in this area from drinking this desecrated water. Health Centers are over 6 kilometers away and treatment is too expensive for these villagers who live in these remote areas with little or no income. Because they have no alternative, many affected people thus die at a tender age, robbing this village of their precious children and their future leaders.

However, daily life, difficult as it is in and around the village of Raraka "B" is about to change for the better with Peace's gift of a borehole. This deep well will provide fresh, pure water for these villagers and their surrounding community. Health, safety and long life will no longer be a dream for the families of this village. It will be a reality. And fear of sickness, with help far away and no money to pay for it will be greatly reduced when the source of so many illnesses is replaced with water that is safe to drink.



The number of people impacted by your generosity includes 5,500 children and 3,900 adults who will have access to clean, untainted water readily available to them year-round. Many people from the surrounding villages of Sole "A", Raraka "A", Kareu and Western Kenya, as well as the precious schoolchildren from Buteba Primary, Kayoro Secondary and Brain Trust Primary will also benefit from abundant, unpolluted drinking water.