



# WATER MISSION FACT SHEET

## We build safe water solutions that break through the global water crisis.

The global water crisis is real and it is devastating. 842,000 people die every year — 2,300 people every day — due to diarrhea caused by inadequate drinking water, sanitation, and hand hygiene.

Water Mission is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions. We believe safe water is the basis for physical life. The work we do is motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, the Living Water. It is this faith that compels us to reach out and love our neighbors by building safe water and sanitation solutions.

### HOW WE WORK

We take a comprehensive approach to combating the crisis with water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions. We design customized solutions for each community we serve, and we partner with the recipients throughout the process. A successful project results in more time for work and education, improved health, and increased productivity for the community.

### WHEN WE WORK

We provide solutions for those who live in communities around the world that lack safe water and sanitation and those who are suffering as a result of a disaster or emergency situation.

**Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission their top four-star rating ten years in a row, a distinction shared by less than one percent of charities rated by the organization.**

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## water builds hope

- OVER **2,300**  
safe water and sanitation projects built
- OVER **500**  
projects currently underway
- OVER **128,000**  
people provided with sanitation
- OVER **3,200,000**  
people provided with safe water



**WHERE WE WORK**

We provide safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions in more than 53 countries. Headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina, Water Mission has 250 staff members working around the world in permanent country programs located in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

**1998:** George and Molly Greene respond to Hurricane Mitch in Honduras. Living Water™ Treatment System is born.

**2001:** Greenes found Water Missions International. Three countries are served.

**2004:** Large-scale disaster response following the Southeast Asia Tsunami.

**2005:** First disaster response in the U.S. following Hurricane Katrina. Living Water™ Treatment System is awarded patent.

**2006:** Rapid Response Water Treatment System is developed for disaster response.

**2010:** Largest disaster response to date following 7.0 earthquake in Haiti.

**2013:** Tenth country program (Tanzania) is established.

**2015:** Water Missions International becomes Water Mission.

**OUR HISTORY**

In 1998, our founders, George and Molly Greene, were operating an environmental engineering company in Charleston, South Carolina when they heard about the devastation in Honduras caused by Hurricane Mitch. After receiving a request for multiple water treatment systems in Honduras, and being unable to find existing systems that would work, George and his team of engineers took action to build such a system – and thus the idea for Water Mission was born.

When the Greenes arrived in Honduras, they were shocked by what they found. The river that flowed through a nearby village was deep brown with toxins, bacteria, and hopelessness. The residents of the village referred to it as the “River of Death” – no one survived once they drank from that river. As one of the newly built water systems became operational, the local villagers were still terrified to drink water from the river. So, Molly and George placed their own lips to the hose and drank the newly purified water. With that action, Molly and George bridged the final gap and the villagers swarmed forward to drink the water.

In the aftermath of their Honduras trip, Molly and George discovered the sad truth about the global water crisis – that billions are forced to drink dirty water every day. In 2001, the Greenes took action to combat this reality and founded Water Mission.



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