BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Water Builds the Local Church
Living Water

Church and Community Mobilization Program
CONTEXT
Context

**Vision**
That all people have safe water and an opportunity to experience God’s love.

**Mission**
To honor God by developing, implementing, and sharing best-in-class safe water solutions that transform as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible.
Context
“The ministry of reconciliation: moving people closer to glorifying God by living in right relationship with God, with self, with others, and with the rest of creation.”

—When Helping Hurts
Safe water projects are a vehicle for restoring relationships.

The local church is God’s primary agent for transformation.

Partnership with local faith leaders is also important as they have local knowledge, influence in communities, and are part of long-term institutions.
YEAR OF LEARNING
Living Water Review

Community Mobilization
Community Mobilization

Mexico:
Church Mobilization
Living Water Review

- Community Mobilization
- Safe Water Committee Training
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Haiti: Servant Leadership
Living Water Review

Community Mobilization

Community WASH Promotion

Safe Water Committee Training
Community WASH Promotion

Peru:
Children’s Ministry
Living Water Review

- Community Mobilization
- Safe Water Committee Training
- Community WASH Promotion
- System Commissioning
Commissioning

Honduras: Church Participation
Living Water Review
Follow-Up

Malawi: Equip communities with sound biblical knowledge.

Indonesia: Equip local church leaders.
Contextualized Approaches

Kenya: Disaster Response

Uganda: Refugee Settlements

Tanzania: Refugee Camps
Year of Learning

- Hold monthly calls with key Water Mission staff.

- Collect and review activity reports.

Mexico: Johnny, Osmar, Wilberth
Kenya: Pastor Amos
Honduras: Rousbell, Arnold
Uganda: Rev. James
Haiti: Pastor Edelin, Johnny
Malawi: Chrispin
Peru: Ambar
Tanzania: Benjamin, Agnes
Indonesia: Deddy

45 report submissions
Year of Learning

- Research church and community mobilization models.
- Hold exploratory conversations with like-minded organizations and sector experts.

Water4
Tearfund
Hope International
Living Water International
Dr. David Bronkema
Community Health Evangelism Network
Chalmers Center
Accord Network Spiritual Metrics
International Orality Network
International Care Ministries
Compassion International

InTouch Ministries
Renew
Food for the Hungry
OneHope
ASELSI
Micah Network
World Vision
Water for Good
e3 Partners
Year of Learning

1. All country programs are actively engaged in Living Water activities.

2. Programs are using different methodologies and approaches.

3. There is an opportunity for a global framework and strategy.
DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
Thrivering Church: Local churches are effective in integral mission

Effective churches and fruitful communities

- Local churches (LCs) are effective at proclaiming the gospel.
- LCs are active agents of WASH.

Strengthened churches and gospel-welcoming communities

- Increased biblical knowledge, leadership, and unity among LCs
- Effective salvation theology delivered in LC ministry activities
- Relationship between LCs, WASH actors and communities is strengthened
- Increased knowledge about community WASH activities and biblical response approach

What Water Mission does

- Church leader trainings
- WASH-focused church mobilization
- Evangelism and discipleship support

CORE VALUES

Spiritually, Physically and Socially Resilient Communities

- LCs are effective at making disciples.
- Community members live out the fruits of the spirit.

- Biblical principles applied to safe water project management
- Improved knowledge, attitude, and response to biblical truths

Theory of Change
High-level Strategy

Water Mission aims to equip the local church to actively pursue its biblical mandate to integral mission, so lives may be transformed.
Integral Mission

“Integral mission or holistic transformation is the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel.”

– Micah Network Declaration of Integral Mission
Key Areas of Focus

- Equip local churches with sound biblical knowledge.
- Promote biblical principles through existing community development activities.
- Empower local churches to be active agents in WASH service delivery.
- Strengthen local churches for effective discipleship.
## Project Process

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Promoting Biblical Values

Assessment & Mobilization
- The Blind Beggar
- Integral Mission Case Study

SWC & WASH Training
- The Good Samaritan
- The Woman at the Well

Commissioning
- Relationship-building Events (Jesus film, sports, skits, etc.)
- Living Water Message
Strengthening the Local Church

Church Leader Trainings
- God’s Mission
- Servant leadership
- Church unity
- Integral Mission
- Living Water

WASH-focused Church Mobilization
- Restore Bible studies
- SWC meetings with church leaders
- Integral Mission plan development session

Evangelism and Discipleship Support
- Relationship-building events (e.g., Jesus film, soccer games, skits, etc.)
- Digital discipleship training
Process Flow

Water Mission Project Flow - Community Managed Water Supply

- Scope Preparation
- Safe Water Committee Development
- WASH Promotion
- Commissioning
- Preliminary Consultation
- Church Mobilization
- Equipment Installation
- Follow-Up and Support
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Water Builds the Local Church
Monitoring and Evaluation

**WATER MISSION’S THEORY OF CHANGE**

**OUR IMPACT**

Thriving Church: Local churches are effective in integral mission.

Communities are spiritually, physically, and socially resilient.

**LONG TERM RESULTS**

Local churches (LCs) are effective at gospel proclamation.

Local churches are active agents of WASH.

Local churches are effective at making disciples.

Community members live out the fruits of the spirit.

**SHORT TERM RESULTS**

Local church leaders have an increase in biblical knowledge, leadership, and unity.

Local church leaders effectively deliver salvation theology in local church ministry activities.

Local churches have strengthened relationships with WASH actors and communities.

Local church leaders have increased knowledge in community WASH realities and biblical response approach.

Local churches have an increase in number of listening groups established.

Local churches have an increase in disciple-making activities implemented.

Safe Water Committee apply biblical principles to management of Water Mission safe water project.

Community members have improved knowledge, attitude and response to biblical truths.
## Monitoring and Evaluation

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<td>Understanding of spiritual purpose</td>
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Tool Kit

1. Content Development

2. Content Review
Tool Kit

• Training Modules
  o God’s Mission
  o Integral Mission
  o Servant Leadership
  o Church Unity
  o Living Water
  o Discipleship Listening Groups
  o Restore Bible Study
  o Action Planning

• Story Set
• Facilitator Guide
KEY GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Key Principles

1. Center our work in who we are as believers—love God and love others.

2. Work in alignment with our values of love, excellence, and integrity.

3. Maintain a posture of listening and learning.

4. Empower the local church for its central role in holistic community transformation.
Next Steps

1. Training
2. Implementation
PURSUING INTEGRAL MISSION
Break
Context

80% of the world’s population (5.7 billion people) are oral learners, by necessity or preference.
Oral Communication Methods

- Storytelling
- Drama
- Songs
- Poetry
- Parables
- Proverbs
Key Principles

• Communicate the story in a culturally appropriate way, using narrative, acting, song, dance, object lessons, and other forms.
• Facilitate dialogue with the group to draw out key points and principles.
• Help discover the story’s meaning and application to their lives.
• Use different levels of questions to encourage participation and discovery.
Key Principles

• Share pre-story dialogue and questions for context.

• Tell the story without added commentary.
  o First telling: Orally share the story.
  o Second Telling: Ask for volunteers to help act out the story.
  o Third telling: Orally share the story with the help of the participants.

• Use follow-up questions and dialogue.
Woman at the Well

- **First telling:** Orally share the story.

- **Second telling:** Ask for volunteers to help act out the story.

- **Third telling:** Orally share the story with the help of the participants.
Practice
Story Reflection
Testimony
JAIME GARCIA

• Born in Reynosa, Mexico
• 12-year MLB veteran
• 2011 World Series champion
• Author of “Hands in the Dirt”
• Speaker
• Water Mission partner since 2016
LOOKING FORWARD
The Future of the Living Water Program

- Church and Community Mobilization Program
  - Completion of Phase 1 pilot
  - Phase 2 implementation
  - Full-scale implementation
- Additional Programs
  - Disaster Response
  - Refugee care
  - And more

Long-Term Impact

Thriving churches: Effective in integral mission

Resilient communities: Spiritually, physically, and socially
CLOSING
Closing Prayer