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We are grateful for the opportunity to share the impact we made together in 2021. This year was full of triumphs and challenges, and throughout, the Lord has been faithful. In this report, we are excited to share some of the many stories of transformation that partners like you have made possible.

In 2021, we celebrated our 20th anniversary. We are humbled by the Lord’s use of Water Mission to serve more than 7 million people around the world and continue to be encouraged by the doors He has opened. This past year, we reached new milestones, serving more than 1.4 million people with best-in-class safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions. Additionally, we responded to the devastation caused by hurricanes, typhoons, volcanoes, storms, and earthquakes. Each disaster required a unique response and, with our network of partners, we served more than 260,000 people whose lives were uprooted by disasters.

Amid the continued challenges resulting from COVID-19, healthy hygiene practices are some of the best ways of slowing the spread of this virus. Our handwashing stations and community training sessions reached more than 90,000 people in areas with limited access to vaccines and medical facilities. Our Living Water program connected entire communities with the hope of God’s love. We shared the gospel; witnessed transformation through salvation; led biblical trauma healing for refugees; and taught foundation-building biblical truths to children, teens, and married couples.

As we celebrate the impact of last year’s efforts, we continue to press on, recognizing that there are still 2.2 billion people who lack access to safe water. You will notice that we’ve added QR codes to our Annual Report this year. We encourage you to visit the online articles to read more about these stories, view videos and photos, and learn more about what your support has made possible in 2021. To view the report online, scan the QR code above or go to watermission.org/2021-annual-report.

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Then, Water Mission and The Poul Due Jensen Foundation installed a safe water solution at the school. Now, the girls can stay safe and spend their days focused on studies instead of collecting water.

“Water is a must for girls in school,” Munira explains. She says that the health and wellness they experience by having safe water “builds confidence so we know if we have a problem, we can solve it.”

Now that she no longer struggles to collect water and fight water-related illnesses, Munira’s dreams center on helping others. “I want girls’ lives to be good. I want my friends to be able to decide what they want for their own lives and then fetch it.”

SAFE WATER OPENS DOORS TO EDUCATION

INSPIRING VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Supported by Water Mission’s Innovation and Engineering Department, the WCAR Solar Hub helps.

Made more than 330 contacts from 98 UN agencies, NGOs, private sector organizations, and government offices.

Conducted workshops in Sierra Leone, Mali, Niger, and Mauritania for nearly 130 participants.

Conducted virtual classes on principles and practices of solar-powered water systems.

The WCAR Solar Hub provides free technical support for any organization working on solar-powered water systems in the region and aims to scale up sustainable, safe water production. We are grateful to lead this innovative collaboration with our partners as part of ending the global water crisis.
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Walks were hosted by corporate partners, including Grundfos, Geor Fischer, Hach, Pace Analytical, and Pentair. Churches and community groups also organized Walks, raising awareness and funds to fight the global water crisis.

Scan the QR code with your phone to learn more about the Walk, join the 2022 Walk for Water in North Charleston, or find a 2022 Walk near you!

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One such disaster happened in January 2021, when a magnitude 6.2 earthquake ravaged Sulawesi, Indonesia, displacing more than 40,000 people. Water Mission worked with global partners to install four emergency safe water systems that served more than 11,000 people.

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