



LIBERIA

Gotomo Community

Latitude: 06 32.339 N, Longitude: 010 20.638 W





DECIMUS/THE LEWIS FAMILY

WATER

Community Details

When the Living Water Liberia team arrived, 340 families and a community center were dependent on an unprotected hand dug well and protected hand dug wells located a kilometer outside the community to sustain their most immediate water needs. Because of this, families were suffering from diarrhea and severe dehydration among other preventable water related illnesses. The community has access to pit latrines, a pit latrine with a slab and VIP latrines which, with use, will help reduce the spread of disease in the area. During the team's stay, community members assembled a water committee who assisted the team with the water project whenever possible, supplied any materials they had available and guarded the team's equipment during the night. The most predominant religion in the community is Protestant. Before leaving the community, the team provided the water committee with a Living Water Liberia contact number in case their well were to fall into disrepair, become subject to vandalism or theft.

How did the community contact LWI? Visited another project LWI was doing, Phone Call

What was the Initial Community Request? Water Well

Project Details

Work Type Well Rehabilitation

Repair Type Pump Head,Pump Handle,Pump Base,Pump Rod-Sucker Rods,Rising Main-Drop Pipe,Cylinder

Location of water point Urban

Type of Institution Served Gotomo Community, Margibi, Kakata, Liberia

Region/Province Margibi

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Construction

Altitude 90 m

Static level 8 m

External Diameter of casing 100 mm

Pump Type Afridev

Gravel Pack Yes

Shock Chlorination Yes

Problems Encountered Fetching water from unprotected well was risky for the community. Most people suffer from running stomach because of unsafe drinking water source.

Water Quality Results

Water Purity Test	LWI test Kit
Total Dissolved Solids (as per T.D.S meter) :	139
pH:	6
Total Hardness:	0 Ppm
Nitrate/Nitrites:	0 Ppm
Bacteria Test	Coliform Bacteria NOT detected (Colorless or Light Yellow color)
Other Comments on Water Quality	The water is good quality and the community is using it for drinking.

FOR LIFE

Hygiene Promotion

Using the Living Water Traditional Method, the team addressed: Disease Transmission, Germs, Hand Washing-Proper Techniques and Water Saving Methods, Good-Bad Hygiene Behaviors, Disease Transmission Stories, Clean Hands Clean Hearts, Proper Care of Pump and Keeping the Water Clean. The Living Water Liberia team further emphasized awareness on environmental sanitation which will help minimize the spread of diseases such as malaria. Demonstration of proper hand washing and water safety methods were taught at the project site.

Community Member Interview

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IN JESUS' NAME

Christian Witness

During the project implementation, the Christian witness team visited homes and shared the Good News of Jesus Christ through oral bible story telling. The story from the bible concerning Jesus and the Samaritan woman was shared. The participants were touched by the story and many gave their lives to Christ. They were pray for at the end of the session. Considering 80% of developing countries are oral preference learners, oral disciple making methods are Living Water International's core component of sharing the Gospel in areas of work. Living Water International provides pastoral care and discipleship of field staff, so pastors and LWI staff are better able to share the Gospel with spiritually thirsty communities. To make disciples of oral learners, Living Water Liberia uses stories, proverbs, drama, songs, chants, and poetry to better engage communities. Living Water Liberia tells Bible stories to community families and asks questions to help guide community members to interpret scripture into their own context.

PHOTOS



Previous water source depended on by the entire community to meet all of their water needs.



Close up of plaque.



Community members gathered to collect safe drinking water and to thank Decimus for helping provide them with a safe water source.



Water committee members who are responsible for helping maintain the well and who were provided with a Living Water Liberia contact number in case their well were to fall into disrepair, become subject to vandalism or theft.



Project in process.



Completed water project.



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