



*Give Water.
Give Life.*



**WATER FOR
LIFE INITIATIVE**

IN AFRICA, THEY SAY, WATER IS LIFE...

A woman will walk upwards of five kilometres a day to gather water for her family. She longs to bring them life, but tragically, she also brings them death.

The water she labours to fill her containers with is murky, filled with bacteria and parasites. She walks the long journey home to her children, the disease-riddled water atop her head. She sacrifices all her time to help her family survive, yet it only leads to more suffering.



829,000
people die every
year from water
related diseases

Water related diseases
kill a child every
2 minutes

and cause
58%
of deaths in the
developing world



771
million people have
no access to safe
drinking water

1 million
people die each
year from water,
sanitation and
hygiene-related
diseases

Stats Source: UN & WHO 2014

The negative effects of the lack of safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) access leads to perpetual illness or even death, lack of economic opportunities, environmental degradation, social insecurity, gender inequality, and undignified living conditions. Without the ability to change their environment, her children are especially vulnerable.

It doesn't have to be this way. Often, just 80 meters below their feet are aquifers of clean water. By providing one deep-capped water well, Global Aid Network (GAIN) can help to break the cycle of disease and death and transform communities for a lifetime.



Global Aid Network (GAIN)'s* Water for Life Initiative began as a small well-drilling project in the villages of southern China, and has since grown to include a variety of nations throughout the developing world where clean water sources are few. We have already witnessed **over 3,280 wells** throughout Benin, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Thailand,

We believe that access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene is a human right. This along with the Living Water has the power to change lives.



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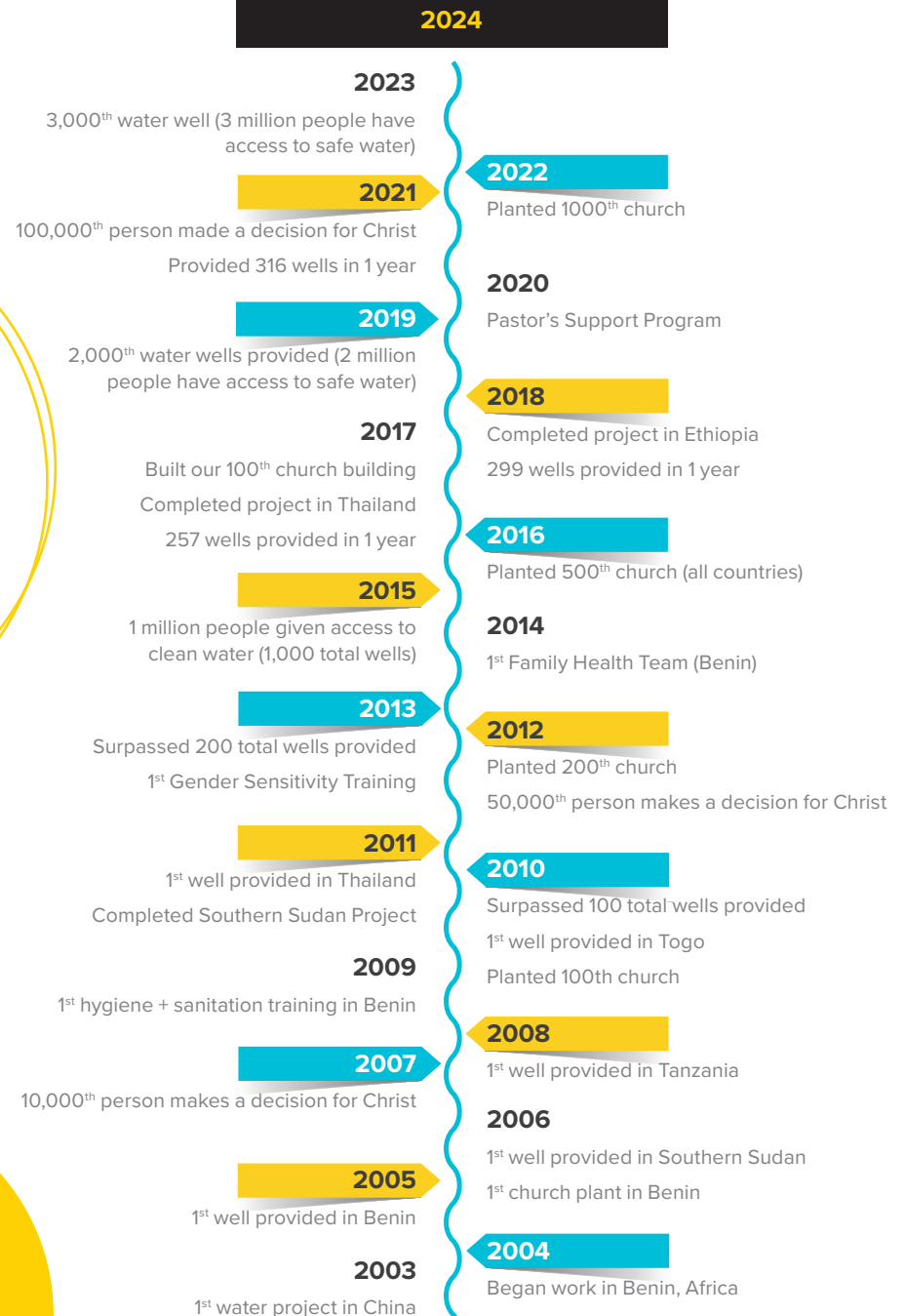


Togo and South Sudan be transformed by the power of clean water. As a result, approximately **3.2 million lives** have been impacted by having access to safe drinking water, and **over 1,110 churches** have been planted.

Through GAIN's Water for Life Initiative, we provide sustainable water services which enable holistic supporting systems through integrated WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) programming, and engage the local church through a mobilization and multiplication strategy.

*See page 14 for details.

Historic Timeline



Typical Day-to-Day of Activities in the Village

Day 1-7

The well drilling process begins. The environment is assessed for optimal water point locations and relationships with the community are built.



IT ALL STARTS WITH A WELL...

Day 7-21

The community welcomes the drilling rig as it marks the commencement of drilling. Soil types and water depth influence the process duration, which can extend up to two weeks.



Day 21-28

A concrete pad is installed around the water point. Stagnant water is flushed from the well, followed by testing, treatment, and pump installation.

This timeline is approximate. It can take shorter or longer, depending on the specific country, operating logistics and weather conditions.

Day 30

The water point is open to the community, signifying a remarkable stride towards improved health and well-being.

A gender-balanced water committee is formed with 5-10 community members.*



Day 31

The water committee is trained on sustainability of the well by focusing on well maintenance, repair and best water use practices.

*Does not take place in every village at this time.

Day 32

GAiN staff members visit the community and provide training on hygiene and sanitation. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) champions are selected in each village to advocate for these behaviors.



Day 33

GAiN staff members visit the community and provide training on increased role sharing between men and women, communication in families, violence related to gender, as well as voice and respect for women.*



Day 34

Training in special projects, such as the Saving Lives at Birth program may ensue in order to further promote community health.*

Day 35-36

The JESUS Film is shown in the village, two nights in a row.

Day 40-50

In some cases, a new church plant will also receive a church building.*



*Does not take place in every village at this time.



Day 37-38

In some villages, the Walking With Jesus* (WWJ) film is also shown for two nights following the JESUS Film.

Day 39-40

JESUS Film follow up occurs door-to-door for any of the new believers. The follow-up includes discipleship and next steps in their faith journey. A discipleship group is formed and when there are more than 15 new believers in one village, a church is planted.

Day 50+

If a new church is planted, the new church leaders will receive training in spiritual growth and church leadership as well as mentorship from a nearby church for a minimum of 18 months. This helps the new church to grow in their faith and understand what it means to follow Jesus.

GAiN's new initiative of seminary training for pastors will also take place. These pastors will be equipped to be strong leaders in their churches and communities, as well as to come alongside nearby church plants.



on average

1000
individuals

benefit from a single well



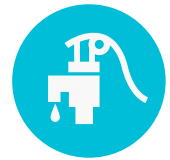
ACCESS TO SAFE WATER MEANS:

- an increase in girls' attendance at school
- a greater understanding of God's unconditional love
- a dramatic reduction in malnutrition and sickness
- more capacity for believers to be disciplined and leaders to be trained
- more time for women to focus on the wellbeing of their families and communities
- new churches are planted and pre-existing church plants are strengthened
- opportunities for women to be empowered to start businesses and improve the local economy
- resilient churches



God's love is at the center of all that we do

LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY



In **John 10:10**, Jesus says: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." A deep-capped well not only serves as a source of water, but as a means of bringing restoration and healing to entire communities.

Through these opportunities that GAIN offers, entire villages have the chance to improve their community and take steps towards living the abundant life that God promises us.

Focusing on productive wells not only brings clean water, but also lifts the dignity and self-respect of the local people. The uniqueness of this program is through our partnerships. By training and employing national people to drill wells throughout the country, it is our desire to foster a sense of ownership that transforms their way of life.

GAIN provides capped wells that are an average depth of 40-60 meters (120-180 feet). This ensures we always tap into pure, uncontaminated aquifers versus shallow wells that have lower costs but less sustainable.

Ensuring new believers grow in their faith and new church plants are healthy and resilient is important to GAIN. Through the local church, we focus on discipleship, ongoing training for church leaders and building strong relationships with church denominations.

GAIN also works in close partnership with local villages, training locals for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the pumps. We provide training to Regional Repair Representatives and local water committees to ensure each well is maintained in good, working condition. This helps the community stay accountable and encourages them to maintain the well, ensuring long-term sustainability.

Many villages are visited 1-year, 2-years, 5-years and 10-years after the well is provided to see how the church, well and community are doing.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

We align with the Sustainable Development Goal 6 established by the United Nations that states: **"Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all".**

GAIN also aligns with Goal 3 (Good Health + Well-Being) and Goal 5 (Gender Equality).



"One thing that has changed is my heart to give and plant and to be diligent with the funds because we're all stewards of God's money. Even if only four people come to know Christ, isn't it worth it? What really matters is not these trophies that we collect, but eternal trophies—investing in God's kingdom."

Maurice Wong, Entrepreneur

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GAiN's Water for Life Initiative can literally break the cycle of suffering and death that contaminated drinking water has caused for generations. Join us in providing safe water, health, hope to suffering people and hope to those who do not know the Living Water - Jesus around the world.



**Safe
Water
Fund**

= \$25/month

**\$13,000
= 1 WELL**

"Our joy is even bigger than yours because today we have a well, we are healthy and we know Jesus in this village."

Bio, villager from Guinerou - Sekira (Tchaourou), Benin

1,110+
Churches
Planted

180,000+
People made a
decision to follow
Christ

**WATER
+ LIVING WATER
= A BIG DIFFERENCE**

Susan lives in a village called Denou Adjì in the south of Benin. Recently, GAiN was able to help install a well in her village which provides clean water that is easily accessible at any time. This access is something that Susan doesn't take for granted.

Previously, obtaining water was a real challenge for the people of Denou Adjì. The nearest water source was a river 9 km away, so villagers would have to repeatedly walk that distance carrying heavy water jugs. In dry seasons, the water in the river would stop flowing altogether and they would have to dig pits around the edge of the river bed to be able to collect ground water. People would line up overnight trying to get this water.

"Sometimes the wait would last for 3 whole days," Susan said.

When water was scarce, Susan said that they would reuse bath water for everybody in the family, starting with the youngest and ending with her. It was so heartbreaking for her to not be able to provide clean water for her children.

Now that Susan has access to clean water right outside her front door, she is constantly filled with joy. No longer will she have to travel long distances in the heat, or dig pits in the ground or clean her children with dirty water. A simple well has given her a renewed sense of hope for her family and her future.

WHO IS GLOBAL AID NETWORK (GAIN)?

A worldwide humanitarian relief and development organization dedicated to bringing hope and tangible help to the poor and suffering.

Our mission is to reveal hope by sharing God's unconditional love and restore life by demonstrating the gospel through compassionate action to those who are living in poverty, injustice and crisis. GAIN envisions a world with flourishing communities where people are physically, spiritually and emotionally thriving.

"I was intrigued by all the little pieces of the puzzle that come together. You have the drilling rig that comes out and of course a well and the cement pad is put in place . . . each one of those is [done by] a separate team and those guys know what they're doing. [GAIN Canada] works hard and they're so well coordinated."

Richard Lieuwen, LIFE team member

GAIN is the humanitarian partner of **Power to Change®** and is a registered charity. From our humble beginnings we have grown to become part of a diverse global network with offices in Austria, Australia, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, South Korea, Spain, UK and Poland. With distribution communities established throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas, GAIN's compassionate reach is truly worldwide. **Since beginning in 1998**, GAIN Canada has mobilized resources to help people in over 49 countries around the world.



DISASTER RELIEF & PREPAREDNESS

- crisis response
- food for the hungry
- medical relief
- shelter to the homeless
- trauma training and counseling
- building projects
- clothing and other non-food items

GAIN Canada has 3 core strategies



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- micro-loans
- vocational training
- financial literacy training
- counselling and spiritual formation
- savings groups



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- access to clean and safe water
- hygiene and sanitation training
- gender sensitivity training
- community health
- partnership with the local church
- JESUS Film & Walking With Jesus showings
- pastor's training
- church planting
- church structure





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