



SAFE WATER INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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**If you could, how would you help?**

Besides writing out a check, how do you like to help a nonprofit?

Rev John Battern and his wife, Julie, along with some of their neighbors, recently held a "SWIM garage sale" that raised over \$1000! The money will be used to for chlorine producing units (CPUs) and other equipment that is needed in Uganda, Kenya, and Malawi. John and Julie are planning to travel there in October to personally distribute the CPUs.

John said the garage sale was Julie's idea. They talked to friends about their upcoming trip and several of them generously donated items to the garage sale. John likes to repurpose/refinish furniture, so a vanity, a desk, and several other repurposing projects were sold.

While it was a "typical" kind of garage sale, they also handed out bottles of water with koozies that had the SWIM logo on them. The koozies were obtained through a grant from Thrivent. A donation box was available for those who chose to donate directly to SWIM. And people did – \$180 was collected in the box!

Brochures about SWIM, along with the SWIM banner, were also at the garage sale to share information to those who wanted to learn more.



## Will you help SWIM?

There are several trips being planned by SWIM board members in the next few months. In order for people to be blessed with safe water and be told about Jesus, the Living Water, money is needed to cover the costs of CPUs and solar panels which will be distributed on those trips.

Here are some suggestions on how you can help SWIM:

- Pray – Everyone can pray because God gave all of us the incredible gift of prayer.
- Organize an event – It can be a garage sale or simply selling items you no longer need. Organizing is a special skill and when shared with others, it can benefit a lot of people.
- Encourage others by volunteering – When people help by volunteering, others are blessed and encouraged.
- Donate in someone's honor (birthday, anniversary, or just because they are wonderful!) or in memory of someone who has made a difference in your life. Continue the legacy!

Do you have another idea? Please tell us!

"Experience the blessing that issues from generosity." Philippians 4:17 (The Message)

**SWIM is grateful for you!** Through your partnership with SWIM, you're helping people to find new life in Jesus as the Living Water, plus being able to have clean, safe water is making a tremendous impact in their lives.

## Please contact us today at:

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## Dealing with Pain and Loss While Sharing the Hope of Jesus

There has been a lot of pain and losses during the second wave of COVID in India. Many families have lost loved ones and some of them are having to recover from difficult health issues. The North India SWIM team is reaching out to families, praying together, and giving them hope in Jesus Christ.

They are also blessing people in the Name of Jesus with the gift of safe water in the Faridabad Haryana State.



**Water fact:** One flush of the toilet can use more water than the average person in a developing world uses in a whole day of washing, cooking, and drinking.

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## **Your Generosity Creates a Powerful Impact!**

Your generosity is powerful! We see the impact of your support in smiles of joy and eyes full of hope as people are able to experience clean, safe water for the first time. With your gift, you are changing people's lives!

Your support can make an immeasurable impact to their daily lives. Together we can share the hope of Jesus and help them improve their lives.

Here's how to give:

- Mail a check to: SWIM, PO Box 227, New Sharon, IA 50207
- Online: <http://swimforhim.org/donations/>

**Check out more stories of impact on the SWIM website (<http://swimforhim.org/news>):**

- Kneeling down with joy in their hearts (Look under Congo)
- What's better than prayer fellowship? Including safe water distribution! (Look under India)
- Teaching the importance of safe water (Look under India)
- Sharing hope in Nepal (Look under Nepal)
- Devastating floods happening in Nepal (Look under Nepal)