

Creating Relationships for Sharing about Living Water for the Soul!

"From SWIM with love" ... on 194 Bibles!

The smiles on the faces of the pastors who received a Bible lit up the sky!

John* and Julie Battern recently traveled around Africa to share about Jesus, in which they gave out the **194 Bibles**, and delivered **50 chlorine producing units (CPUs)** which also included solar panels, solar batteries, cable, and controllers!



Thanks to the contributions of SWIM supporters, these life-saving CPUs have been given to people in Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, and Mozambique. The devices will impact thousands of lives and tremendously help people who have been suffering from water-borne diseases.

CPUs are making a difference

Everywhere John and Julie traveled, there were numerous stories of how SWIM's chlorine was improving their lives! While in Uganda, one man told about how he had been suffering from typhoid for many years, but once he started drinking chlorinated water, his symptoms went away. People kept asking for more CPUs so they could share them with their neighbors. There is still a great need for CPUs.



Serving and helping others

During their visit, John and Julie became a part of the communities. They held a training for pastors and their wives, which included the distribution of the Bibles. They helped serve meals to children, visited a tea shop and a pigsty, prayed for the sick, and helped with maize shelling – plus so much more!

They also joined the staff at the Abundant Life Center Ministries and helped to serve the people in the area. A holistic ministry, the purpose is to reach out to the communities using "the Jesus model": He fed, He healed, and He taught.

Check out next month's e-newsletter where we will share more about their incredible trip and the impact of the CPUs!

*John is a SWIM board member

Please PRAY for Nepal

An outbreak of cholera is happening in Nepal. Some people are dying and hospitals are full of people suffering. The Nepal SWIM team is trying to help by giving out CPUs so people will have access to clean water.

Heavy rains are not helping the situation, as many places have been affected by flooding.

According to one of the SWIM team members, "All of the hospital beds are filled with patients having cholera. Patients are not getting beds due to the overflow of patients. Please pray for Nepal!"

While distributing CPUs, the SWIM team is also sharing about the love of Jesus with people.

The SWIM team is presenting information about the importance of chlorine and what a SWIM chlorine producing unit (CPU) can do. Several public and student awareness programs are being conducted on drinking water purification and sanitation, trying to help prevent people from getting diarrhea and cholera.



Some areas are remote and far away from medical help. As the SWIM team member reported, "There is a lack of awareness in several localities. They are far away from the health education and sanitation ideas. Due to the cholera outbreak, families are losing loved ones. Please pray that these places are under God's protection."

Praises from Uganda

The best part of distributing chlorine producing units (CPUs) in Uganda? Every single house that has access to a CPU has access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Juma, a Uganda SWIM team member, shares, "It's a great pleasure to show love to people and help them with water treatment. The most important thing is encouraging evangelism in communities to spread the message of Christ our Lord and Savior!"



"We give glory to God for every single community that receives a CPU for their water treatment. Thank you to SWIM. Thank you Okello Charles for sharing the Gospel and teaching the people how to treat their water. We give glory to God!" he added.

Your support of SWIM is making such a difference! Thank you!

Free Health Check-up Camp in India

The North India SWIM team organized a free health check-up camp with a safe water awareness campaign in the Haryana state in Mewat, India.



Please see our THANKS and matching challenge update on the next page!

THANK YOU!

Last month we asked you to help us with a matching challenge of \$12,000 and we are excited and so grateful to report that we met that challenge! With the \$24,000 raised that means 68 more CPUs (with solar panels and batteries) can be given to people needing clean water! THANK YOU for your generosity!

Your help is still needed!

Your gift to SWIM can make a huge difference in the lives of so many people!

Think about this: Your gift can go places you may not be able to able to travel to.

No gift is too small or insignificant! God uses ALL gifts!

SWIM has provided over 2500 CPUs so far in 35 different countries – but the need is still so great! With your help, many more people can be blessed by the gift of safe, clean water *and* the incredible gift of Living Water in JESUS!

Please donate today to support SWIM. Thank you!

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