



**SAFE WATER
INTERNATIONAL
MINISTRIES**

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SWIM is Part of the “Kingdom Puzzle”

A puzzle image can't be complete if it's missing a piece. SWIM is like the missing puzzle piece with other organizations who are making a difference in God's Kingdom. We are helping people fulfill their calling within the communities they are serving. Together, we are a more complete reflection of God's image, bringing love!

The Abundant Life Center in Malawi is one example of a faith-based organization that SWIM partners with.

Two of the main tools that are used to reach out to communities with the message of Jesus are chlorine producing units (CPU) and the distribution of Bibles to those who do not have one of their own.

In the Abundant Life Center's 2022 Annual Report, this amazing story was shared.

“God has been faithful with us during this year, as we managed to distribute over 201 Bibles to both new and old believers who did not own a Bible in Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique. The Bibles have helped families have a time of sharing/Bible study as testified by one of the beneficiaries.”

Meet the family of Ackim Jake. He tells us: “I used to be a drunkard and beat up my wife. I never took care of my children. One day I was sitting outside and I saw a gentleman talking to my wife and children near a borehole. He had a Bible in his hand. I only could hear him talk about love, so I moved closer to where my family was. Interestingly he said he was giving out chlorine so that we could live a healthy life and enjoy the love of God.”

“I asked him about this love of God and he shared from John 3:16. I enjoyed the teaching and needed to learn more about this love, so he asked me to come to the center, which I did for several days. Then one day Pastor James asked me if I wanted to know Christ as my Savior. I did accept Jesus and I am now a true believer! What a miracle it is that I am now an elder at church.”

“I couldn't live this new life without reading the Word of God, so I asked for a Bible. The ministry provided and that is the Bible we use in my house when we meet every evening for our family Bible study.”

Your support of SWIM has helped with the distribution of CPUs and Bibles. “We have used the CPU as a tool for reaching out to communities with a message of Jesus Christ. We give them chlorine door to door and preach Jesus to them.” (SWIM partner – Abundant Life Center, Malawi)



New Board Officers, Retiring Board Members, and a Special Thanks!

New officers were elected to the SWIM board recently. They are:

- Chairman – **Rich Grant**
- Vice Chairman – **Andy Roemer**
- Recording Secretary – **Frank Reitsma**
- Treasurer – **Pastor John Battern**

There were also three members who retired from the board:

- **Earl Ratcliff** – 14 years of service
- **Bob Sorenson** – 8 years of service
- **Lorn Heyne** – 4 years of service

SWIM teams, supporters, and volunteers worldwide express gratitude for your generous service! All of you are appreciated! *Special thanks to Earl for his many years of service on the board, technical development of the CPU, and for serving as chairman for most of those years!*

THANK YOU!

Thank you for being such a good friend to SWIM! Your support allows us to reach even more people who desperately need to hear the Good News of Jesus and be provided with safe water via a CPU for their village.

Your support is making a difference as evidenced by what Chief Mwacha (Malawi) said:

“We have eliminated waterborne diseases. Villages surrounding us keep coming to ask us the secret. We tell them it is SWIM!”

If you choose to support us by sending a check, please mail it to:
SWIM, PO Box 227, New Sharon, IA 50207

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Thank you for your generosity!

Rich Grant

SWIM Chairman of the Board