This provides an update on World Vision water efforts to address the global water crisis.

**World Vision Water Update:** August 2016

Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” John 7:37-38

**MID-YEAR RESULTS**

We’re grateful for the support of our donors and partners allowing us to reach our highest ever mid-year number of new water beneficiaries, with 1.4 million people reached in the first six months of our fiscal year. We also reached more than 1.2 million people with hygiene behavior change programs and more than half a million with sanitation. We have prepared a summary of our mid-year efforts ([LINK](#)) that includes our specific work in each region and country reaching more than 580,000 people with clean water in nine East African countries, more than 350,000 in nine
Southern African countries, more than 236,000 in seven West African countries, more than 36,000 in five Latin American countries, and 166,000 people in India. Our work in 31 countries involves the massive task of starting 19 new country programs this fiscal. Note our impressive results occurred while our staff in several countries also responded to flooding and heavy rains due to El Nino. We are on track with our commitment to reach one new person with clean water every 10 seconds by 2020.

**PIPELINE WATER PROJECTS**

We are providing an increasing number of water points from mechanized wells, springs, rainwater harvesting, and piped-water systems. In fact, our mid-year results showed that traditional boreholes with hand pumps were only about 20% of the water systems provided by World Vision. This continues a trend as we seek the most appropriate water system for each community. In this newsletter as well as next month, we’ll take a closer look at these alternative water systems, starting with pipeline projects in this edition.

Actress and World Vision Global Ambassador Meghan Markle of the television show “Suits” does a good job of explaining a pipeline project in this 2 minute video ([LINK](#)). She traveled to Rwanda to witness the completion of a pipeline project that is benefitting 10,000 people. In many countries including Rwanda, Kenya, and Ethiopia, we provide the pipe-line projects with partial financial support from local governments. This means that our donor support goes even further to help those in need.
Long time World Vision Water supporters and National Leadership Council members Jim and Sherree Funk saw the need for a pipeline project in Ethiopia and committed to helping fund the effort.

“After seeing the impact and efficiency of World Vision pipeline projects to transform thousands of lives, Jim and I decided that we’d commit with our friends and family to help raise funds for a new pipeline in Ethiopia. What began as a way to celebrate my birthday has blossomed into nearly complete funding for a pipeline for over 10,000 people to enjoy access to clean fresh water. We even planned a trip down Route 66 coupled with social media as a fun way to help raise funds. To date we have raised more than $260,000.” - Sherree Funk, World Vision donor.
year. This work is a critical part of reaching everyone, everywhere we work with clean water by 2030. Please prayerfully consider whether you can help with a pipeline project, and let us know if you’d like more information.

THE NEED FOR CLEAN WATER
While she was in Rwanda, Meghan Markle also witnessed the long and sometimes dangerous walks that women and girls endure to bring water, sometimes filthy water to their families. You can share Meghan’s frustration in seeing children robbed of an education because of hauling water and equally her joy in celebrating the joy of providing clean water in this short video produced by World Vision Canada.

News Flash
Thank you Procter & Gamble (P&G) for new grants to World Vision that will provide 6.5 million P&G Water Purification packets to help families in Kenya and India, including helping 50,000 people in India suffering from devastating floods.

Mark Your Calendar!
To learn more about how World Vision is progressing towards our goal of providing clean drinking water to 1 person every 10 seconds by 2020, please join our next Water Warrior Call! Sherree and Jim Funk will be this month’s guest. They will share about the pipeline project they are supporting in Ethiopia.

Date: August 18, 2016
Time: 8:30 AM PST // 11:30 AM EST

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