

ALABAMA NORTH NMI

Dear Alabama North District family:

While we were in Malawi, God graciously guided us to join Wellington and Hellen Obotte in their vision of clean, drinkable water for the people of Malawi. The vision is that dozens of wells will be drilled in proximity to Nazarene churches so that those communities will be able to get physical water AND Living Water. Our group of seven from Saragossa left Africa burdened and challenged to see this vision come to fruition. I shared with Wellington (a godly, mission-oriented man who has helped to plant 600+ churches in Africa) that I believed our Alabama North District would come onboard to help raise the money to bore at least 10 wells by May of 2019.

The wells cost on average \$7000 (sometimes \$6000, sometimes \$8000), so we would need to raise at least \$70,000 as a district for the 10 wells to be drilled. I began sharing this vision with our church and with an ecumenical Bible study group that I attend in Jasper. And wouldn't you know it--God's Spirit has inspired many individuals to very generously give, and have they ever obeyed, giving just over \$30,000! Praise the Lord! In less than a month, enough money has been provided for five wells to be drilled. Three of them are already operational and the other two will be shortly. God has given us favor with the driller, and he has agreed to do the first wells for \$6000 each.

So, here's my prayer and my plea: that our ALN District will come alongside Wellington and Hellen Obotte in their vision for wells to be drilled in Malawi. Our God is great, and I know that under His inspiration and guidance, we can see the money raised and the wells drilled. Our Saragossa family believes in leading by example, so we have already sent \$16,000 to Malawi for two wells. I pray that your congregation will join us in doing what you can so that we can raise as much money as possible to drill as many wells as possible. Maybe your church would like to pay for an entire well, or half of a well. The good news is that every penny of the money raised will go directly to drilling the wells (just like Alabaster funds).

Our Saragossa church will serve as the conduit for receiving and sending money to Malawi (we have already sent the \$30,000 for the first five wells). There's no overhead. No one is getting a cut of the funds. One hundred percent of what you choose to give will be spent providing fresh, clean water to the people of Malawi. Your church can decide when to raise and send the money, but we definitely want to have this completed before our District Assembly in 2019.

I would love the opportunity to come to your church on a Sunday night (or any other time that we can work out) and talk with you about the project. You may contact me by email: tinkerg@bellsouth.net or by phone: 205.295.8466. We are already halfway to our goal of 10 wells, so I am hopeful that we can exceed that goal and drill many more than 10 wells.

One more thing: Wellington and Hellen will be on our District from April 01-06, 2019, and they would love to come to your church or zone to talk about their work in southern Africa (Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe). You can let me or Casey Faulkner know if you'd like to book a date with them during that time frame.

All glory, honor, and praise to our awesome God,

Greg Tinker
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