

Chapin Living Waters (CLW)

Bucket Kit News

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Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world. With a population of about 17 million people, Burkina Faso is a landlocked country in West Africa and is home to more than 60 ethnic groups and languages. About 90% of the population is engaged in (mostly subsistence) agriculture. The country has a dry climate and water is scarce, so drip irrigation can really make a difference there. Chapin Living Waters has been partnering with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN, to supply bucket kits which they are installing in several areas of this country. The pictures below were taken by them after kits were distributed and demonstrations and training provided to over 100 households.

They installed our Super Bucket Kits (100 square meters) at 2 different Bible schools north of the capital city. The individual bucket kits are being used by the families of Bible school students as a means of providing fresh vegetables during the long 7-month dry season when water is very scarce.

Plans were made for more gardens to be installed after the team left. Future teams plan to return to Burkina Faso from Bethlehem Baptist Church, providing opportunity for continued support of these gardening initiatives. They informed us that they are now working with “one enterprising family” that is interested in taking leadership to promote this technology in their own country.



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From The Desk of the Executive Director

Greetings in the name of Christ,

Time has a way of fleeting away. We have survived the winter and are looking forward to the spring rains and flowers coming soon.

During February I had the privilege to meet with Mr. Bob Bland, founder of Teen Missions International on Merritt Island, Florida. He took us on a tour of the organization's amazing 250-acre facility. They have programs for children starting at the age of 4 years to adult. While we were there we saw that Teen Missions had loaded some bucket kits on a container for shipment overseas. Every June TMI has a boot camp for teens planning on going on a summer missions trip. June 2019 TMI will be targeting a team bucket kit ministry specifically for helping grannies. The teens will be trained at boot camp how to install and maintain bucket kits for installation in the field. This is a life-changing experience for young people. Possibly you may have a teen or know someone who is interested in missions that may want to participate. They have all the materials to help a teen to raise their own funds. You can visit their website: www.teenmissions.org.

We will have our first Community Garden meeting here in Watertown with CLW, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the Urban Mission (food pantry). Last year hard working volunteers tilled, laid drip irrigation, planted, weeded and harvested 1000 lbs. of fresh vegetables donated to the Urban Mission food pantry. Needless to say, the vegetables went out as fast as they went into the food pantry. Cornell Cooperative Extension also offered a cooking class once a month focusing on different ways to prepare a vegetable harvested from our garden.

We are so blessed by you, our supporters, to have been able to purchase the Chapin property, that includes the building where we assemble our bucket kits, totally debt free! We have also purchased a badly needed 14 x 30 storage building to store our bucket kit materials. I hope to have more in our next newsletter about our building and volunteers.

Another first for Chapin Living Waters! I opened up an email from a young lady that said she is getting married in a few months and would like to have CLW listed on her gift registry. CLW is working on adding a line in donations on our website for the soon-to-be-married young couple. What an amazing way to give to help people grow their own food when they struggle to have one meal a day during the dry season. Those of us who are blessed to live in a place where food is abundant need to never lose sight of how food security is a daily struggle for so many people in the world. Thank the Lord for young people like this couple, who have this vision to help others.

Your prayers and financial support are critical to the operation of CLW. We are blessed every day receiving your financial support and know when you are praying for CLW. Thank you!

Doug Carlson

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The skies display his craftsmanship.
Psalm 19:1*