

Prayer Points

- Pray for our overseas partner communities who are unable to access their basic right to clean water and sanitation.
- Pray for the success of UnitingWorld clean water projects in PNG, South India and Zimbabwe.
- Pray for Australian church communities and the developed world to engage more deeply with this issue and be part of the solution.

UnitingWorld clean water projects:

A. Rural Water and Sanitation in Ponnai Village, Vellore, India

The project aims to improve community health and productivity by providing access to a safe water supply for identified villages. The project provides boreholes, water pumps, tanks, drainage, and latrine facilities. Water management training and education workshops on sanitation, health and hygiene are included.

B. Water Harvesting in Muzarabani, Zimbabwe

The project addresses the need for accessible water supply through the installation of water tanks. Local people are trained in tank construction and build the tanks themselves. Brick making moulds are purchased as well as wheelbarrows, shovels and hand tools. Training in water management is implemented.

C. Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Milne Bay and Central Province, PNG

The project aims to improve overall community health and productivity by providing access to safe water. Access to clean water is provided by local teams through appropriate systems. Training is provided to raise awareness of hygiene, sanitation and health.

"Our gesture on a cool autumn morning could not possibly put us in the shoes of a woman in India or PNG who would have to walk over 12 kms in extreme temperatures to quench her family's thirst". Erica, Water Walker



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Why a Water Walk?

Lent Event is about communities participating in a common action of deepening our relationships with God and neighbour and sharing material resources with our brothers and sisters in developing countries.

However the 40 days of Lent are just the beginning of a journey that continues as we grow in our understanding and engagement with issues of poverty.

A Water Walk is part of a series of new community events designed to help communities to deepen their connection with and support of some of their neighbours who do not have access to clean water.

The Water Issue

Lack of clean water is perhaps the foremost problem for people experiencing extreme poverty, compromising health, education and economic and gender equality. Lack of access to a safe and reliable source of water and adequate sanitation facilities is widespread in regions throughout Asia, Africa and the Pacific. In the Milne Bay region of PNG, for example, only 32% of the population have access to safe water supplies. Water collecting remains largely the responsibility of women and children.



Your Water Walk

What?

People of all ages are invited to undertake a Community Water Walk. The goal is for a group to set out to collect and carry back enough water to meet all their needs for the day (for drinking, washing, cooking etc.)

When?

Where?

What to Bring?

To take part, wear comfortable shoes and clothing and bring two containers for carrying water appropriate to your strength e.g. children would probably be able to carry two 2-3 litre containers (cordial bottles), women and teens could probably carry two 6-8 litre containers (buckets) while men would be able to carry two 10-15 litre containers (water drums).



Supporting Clean Water

You may like to seek sponsorship for UnitingWorld projects that give some of the world's poorest communities access to safe water and sanitation:

A. Rural Water and Sanitation in Ponnai Village, Vellore, India

B. Water Harvesting in Muzarabani, Zimbabwe

C. Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Milne Bay and Central Province, PNG

(Please see overleaf for project details)

You can collect sponsorship in person.

1. Use the sponsorship form provided to record cash/cheque donations
2. Deposit contributions to the UnitingWorld account (BSB 032003, Acct # 442126) at any branch of the Westpac bank.
3. Be sure to obtain a bank deposit stub when you make the deposit.
4. Send the sponsorship form together with the bank deposit stub to UnitingWorld at PO Box A2266 Sydney South NSW 1235.

N.B. UnitingWorld will send receipts out to sponsors.

You can collect sponsorship online.

Go to 'GoFundraise'

- <http://lentevent2011.gofundraise.com.au/>

1. Create your own dedicated fundraising page for FREE (see 'How to GoFundraise' instructions provided on the site).
2. Email your friends, family, and colleagues to ask for their financial support
3. Donate to your own page to get the sponsorship rolling.
4. Keep track of your page to find out whose sponsored you and watch your tally grow.