

Project Snapshot:

THE MALAWI WELL PROJECT

Location: Malawi

Website: www.sustainableltd.org/?p=well_repair

Partner: Sustainable Resources LTD

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Summary of project:

Water is without a doubt the most precious resource in the world; in developing, rural areas, residents are entirely dependent on wells for clean water. In Africa, there are several thousand "bore hole" wells drilled to provide fresh water in rural areas. Most of the time, these bore holes are drilled by foreign companies, and there is no reliable service for maintenance and repair when the pumps (inevitably) stop working. Many bore holes need repair within a matter of months after installation, and locals are forced to return to the endless and often fruitless search for potable water.

The pump device that pumps water to the surface is a simple design. In fact, on one of his many trips to Malawi, ASU Professor Jan Snyder of Sustainable Resources, LTD was approached by residents in a small village and asked if he could fix their well. The village had been without any running water for months. With a few rudimentary tools, some rope, and an inexpensive rubber part, Dr. Snyder enlisted the help of most of the village men in dismantling, fixing, and reinstalling the pump.

Funds for the project:

100% of funds will contribute towards the low-cost repairing of wells.

" Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu



Malawi Info:

Population: 11.2M
(compared to USA's 307M)

67% of Malawi's population has access to safe drinking water (World Development Report 2005)

68% of Malawians live below the poverty line (World Development Report 2005)

43 years Is the average life expectancy of Malawians (CIA World Fact Book 2008)

