



Ministry of Mercy Orphanage
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New Well Needed at MoM Orphanage

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Since May 2019 there's been a water crisis at Ministry of Mercy Otutulu where 300 children and several dozen staff members live. Their well is producing muddy water.

They have been cleaning it out about every two weeks since April by hiring a man brave enough to descend on a rope and send buckets of mud and silt back up.



The holding tanks for well water have to be cleaned out at the same time. Notice the piles of silt.





After it has been cleaned, the well supplies good water for a while but then the water turns muddy again.

There are other sources of water, but not fit for drinking without expensive treatment, filtration or boiling.

The natural spring, a short walk through farmland, needs a physical barrier built to protect it from contamination.

The year-round stream, a good 15 minute hike down a narrow, rutted footpath, is great for bathing and playing in, but not safe to drink.



The older children carry buckets of water on their heads, up from the stream, to supply the household needs at the orphanage, but how could they boil enough water for 350 or more people to drink? MoM has been buying bottled water, a huge added expense.

The problem may be that the one existing well cannot bring up enough water for 350 people. Adding a second well and maybe even a third might be the solution to the water crisis. The Orphanage needs financial help to drill another well.



To the left is the equipment that they need to hire to drill the well.



To the right are the roads that the heavy equipment has to traverse to get to the orphanage.

The dry season is overdue, and we pray the rains end soon and the road dries out, for it is impossible for the drilling truck to get to the orphanage on flooded or muddy roads.

Pray with us to the Lord for funds so MoM can drill the well as soon as the roads are dry. The estimated cost is \$5,000 for one new well or \$10,000 for two. You are already supporting the orphanage. Do you know anyone else who might like to help? Please share this letter with them. Whether they can give \$5 or \$500, any donation will help bring clean, drinkable water to the orphanage.

Thank you for caring, praying, and giving.

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