

## Uganda - Well # 8 Namahoho

**The Namahoho, Uganda well project was one of the more challenging projects that HMI and One Family International have partnered to date. The 500 or so families of this community have been having to get all their water from contaminated streams in the area causing a great deal of water borne illnesses in the population. Even after the well was drilled, although the water source was plentiful, the water quality was poor. Fortunately the engineer in charge of the project was familiar with the problem, was able to treat the well with the proper chemicals and now the water is a very good quality. The report of Rev. Thomas Aquinas Outa who facilitated the project is attached with much more detail as to how beneficial this well will be to the community, especially the children. Thanks to all who helped make this possible and in particular to OFI and the Winkley family who sponsored this project in memory of Mr. Harold Simpson whose is very dear to them.**



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Dear Deacon Lloyd,

I wish to inform you that the refurbishing of the Namahoho well has finally been completed and officially handed over to the community on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018. There was much joy and happiness by the community especially the young children who had turned up in big numbers at the commissioning of the well. The community through their leaders has asked me to convey their gratitude to you and all the donors for this wonderful gift of water that you have given them. The community pledges to maintain the well so that it serves them for a much longer time. They have resolved that every household that fetches water from the well makes a minimum contribution of UGX 500 a month towards the maintenance of the well. I commended them for this very brave and wonderful act of responsibility.

The refurbishing of the Namahoho well unlike the other wells in Mella A and B, Bughangha, Doko has taken some time because of the technicalities in the water treatment that needed to have been done. I am happy the engineer knew exactly what to do and the chemicals that needed to be put in the well to purify the water. The water is very clean and has been tested and approved for human consumption. The engineer has promised that he will offer his time on a regular basis at no cost for routine checkup of this particular well to maintain its efficiency. After three months, the engineer will test the water to ascertain if it's necessary to apply more chemicals. However, with the additional funding the engineer procured enough chemicals that we shall use if need arises in the next six months. But the engineer has noted from the taste and color of the water, the high volume of water flowing and its cleanliness, that there may be no need again of adding more chemicals.

The Namahoho well serves approximately over 500 households. The community is heavily populated with children below the age of 15 years with parents who are majorly peasant and illiterate. It is a community that needs to be educated and constantly guided to consume clean water from the well and also to take up responsibility in the maintenance of the well. There is the traditional belief by some of the old people in Namahoho, who are very illiterate that water from the streams which is often dirty is heavy hence quenches their thirst more than the treated water and so they are reluctant to consume the clean water from the borehole. However, being an illiterate community, they have shown cooperation and interest in the well. The majority of them now are beginning to consume the treated clean water from the borehole.

The well also serves the pupils of the Nursery and Primary School that has recently been constructed near the well with mud and wattle by the parents. The repair of this well has helped them a great deal to overcome the water related diseases that they have been contracting as a result of consuming dirty and unsafe water from the streams.

be responsible, own the well and maintain it for their own good. These communities of Mella A and B, Bughangha, Doko, Mulagi and Namahoho have promise to pray for you and all the donors for God's blessing for this very wonderful gift of water in their midst.

Finally, I would like to humbly find out about the request I had made about acquiring two water tanks for my parish. I have a water crisis at the parish but the consolation is that there is an opportunity of harvesting a lot of water from the water church roof that we can use during the dry spell but the only challenge is the lack of storage.

Attached is a letter of gratitude from the Namahoho community, the last batch of photographs and receipt. I have asked the engineer to present a written report about the details of the water treatment. He has promised to do it but as of now he has many programs that he is undertaking but I will keep on reminding him about it.

Thank you very much for the love and kindness that you have shown us. I will keep on updating you regularly on the performance of the wells.

May God bless you and all our donors.

Shalom

Fr. Thomas Aquinas Ota







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TO REV. FR. THOMAS OUTA,  
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Dear Fr.,  
RE: THANK YOU FOR DONATING A BOREHOLE TO NAMAKHOKHO VILLAGE.  
On behalf of Namakhokho village I write this letter to thank  
you for the effort made so as to donate us a borehole.  
As a village we are very grateful of you and all  
your friends in America.

We promise to maintain this borehole so as to enjoy  
clean water and reduce on time wastage in search of  
water since initially we used to walk for more than  
five Kilometers while searching for water in swamps.  
Personally I will be giving a monthly report as far as  
the borehole is concerned.

Convey our greetings to all your friends in America  
as we are praying for them.

Yours faithfully,

~~Barasa~~

Barasa Bruno.

For Chairperson Namakhokho village.