Water for Good is a faith-based non-profit organization committed to improving lives in one of the world’s most neglected and unstable countries, the Central African Republic (CAR). Water for Good was founded in 2004 in the aftermath of civil conflict. Our vision of long-term change requires empowering local Central Africans to improve lives in their own country with sustainable clean water access.

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WHY WATER? Reliable access to safe water is the first step out of extreme poverty. A new water well in a village saves lives and saves families time fetching water. In twelve years we have drilled 640 new water wells in order to address this basic human need. But new wells are just the beginning. We stay engaged with communities over the long-term, providing regular well maintenance visits to keep the water flowing—for good.

CONFLICT TESTS THE VISION. Water for Good’s initial vision of building a locally sustainable solution to the water crisis was significantly tested when a period of violence started in 2013 that turned neighbor against neighbor. Through the dedication of local staff and generous supporters we were able to continue operations.

Impact of Current Conflict:

- One million people (20% of the population) are displaced.
- Roughly half of the CAR population faces hunger.
- Water for Good’s Bangui offices suffered repeated looting and local staff have periodically had to flee their homes.

In 2015, CAR started the recovery and reconciliation process. In this context, Water for Good is a Christian organization with local leadership working for peace and a better future, starting with life-saving clean water.

OUR STAFF
It is difficult to find the words to express how proud I am to be the CEO of such a stellar group of people, who get up every day and work through the many challenges facing an organization that exists to provide lasting water solutions to some of the most overlooked people on the planet.

At Water for Good we believe that every person was created in the image of God, and for 12 years now we have been compelled to put our faith into action by serving the “least of these.” The people of Water for Good are committed to making sure that the resources our donors entrust us with are well-managed and put to effective use. We hope that you experience the deep sense of gratitude we feel as you look through this annual report. I’m thankful to God for protection in a volatile and dangerous environment, thankful to the incredible staff who make it happen every day, and thankful for all who have joined with us this past year providing their time, talents, and treasures as we seek to replace water that causes death with water that brings life.

*EEP stands for “Equipe Entretien des Pompes” which translates to “Pump Maintenance Team.”*
In 2015, the Central African Republic transitioned from an active conflict crisis to a period of reconstruction and rebuilding. As a Christian organization with long-term commitment to the country, we were able to take a leadership role in the rebuilding efforts, providing clean water access!

**50 New wells drilled**
Our teams completed 50 new wells this year, giving 25,000 people clean reliable water for the first time!

**42 Wells rehabilitated**
We rehabilitated 42 broken and forgotten wells, restoring access to clean water for 21,000 people. With regular maintenance, we’ll reduce the chance that they ever have to go without clean water again.

**Water pump maintenance**
Water for Good keeps the clean water flowing in communities by providing hand-pump maintenance services.

In 2015 we built a partnership with charity: water. Water for Good has worked with charity: water, a leading fundraising organization in the water sector, since 2007. They have funded new wells and well rehabilitations with us in the past, but now they actively support maintenance and innovative models for sustainability. Why? Up to 60% of new water projects in Sub-Saharan Africa are broken due to the lack of attention to sustainability and maintenance. As a result of sharing our data and stories from the maintenance program, in 2015 charity: water decided to join us in the fight to address the long-term sustainability of water access!

**SERVICE VISITS & RESULTS**
- 1,115 community pumps in the program
- 1,953 maintenance visits
- 232 communities made a payment
- 93% of pumps were functional on departure

**20 New latrines**
We constructed high-quality brick and cement latrines along with hand washing stations at schools and medical clinics.

**115 Community health trainings**
Our local community health trainers implemented programs focused on sanitation and hygiene education as well as care and management of the community’s water pump.

**Radio programming for peace**
In 2015 Water for Good reached over a million Central African residents with messages of peace and reconciliation. Local DJs broadcast a particularly popular call-in show that gave people from across the country the chance to share their hopes for a better future on-air.
It’s easy to get lost in the numbers, but an easy way to grasp the big picture is to figure out how much it costs to provide a year of water for one person. For the third year in a row, that number for us has been just under $5. We accomplish that by a combination of new wells, rehabilitation of old forgotten wells, the ongoing maintenance of the existing wells, and training villages on the importance of hygiene and sanitation.

Water for Good’s four locally-trained maintenance teams each service approximately 250 pumps, serving a total of approximately 500,000 people.
Since 2004, Water for Good has drilled 640 new wells, expanding water access to an estimated 320,000 people. And we’re currently maintaining water access for 10% of the population. But what’s the long-term plan?

**Our Goal = 100% of Population with Access to Clean Water**

**Rig Emmanuel**

We are pleased to introduce Emmanuel! Water for Good supporters have come together to donate and ship a new custom-built drill rig to CAR. Yes, it’s true, the drill rigs have names. Emmanuel will complement our two drill rigs already working in CAR. Thanks to our amazingly kind and generous community of supporters, Emmanuel can have a legacy of drilling hundreds and hundreds of new wells, saving thousands of lives in the Central African Republic.

**Project 50|15**

Project 50|15 was an ambitious project to drill 50 new wells in the CAR in the midst of a nation-wide conflict. Thanks to generous supporters, and a dedicated staff, we succeeded. The result? 25,000 people had access to clean water for the first time.
WHERE WE’VE BEEN & WHERE WE’RE HEADED

Thanks to your generosity and support, MAD drilled 50 new wells this year, providing clean, reliable water for the first time to 25,000 people!

Together with our supporters, staff, and local communities we are seeking to solve the water crisis—FOR GOOD. The hard truth is that a US-based non-profit organization like us doing all the drilling and maintaining of the county’s wells is not a sustainable long-term solution, even if it has been a necessary first step.

Our goal has always been to work ourselves out of job—training and equipping locals to overcome the problems faced by their communities. Although you may not have been aware of it, we made a significant step towards that goal at the beginning 2015. We helped to established the first ever local Central African owned water well drilling business—Marcellin African Drilling (MAD).

How does that work? The new for-profit business is led by Marcellin Namsene, our former head of well-drilling operations. When implementing a Water for Good project, we contract MAD to do the work, using our equipment. MAD can also pursue their own local contracts, meeting the needs of local non-profits, businesses, and communities. In these cases, MAD leases the vehicles and equipment from Water for Good.

We’re unbelievably excited to see where this goes! We have a solid start already, with all 50 wells drilled in 2015 completed under the new model.

Please join us in our journey to build a local, Central African private business that’s able to thrive and provide new wells to everyone in rural CAR, with or without Water for Good.

WORKING OURSELVES OUT OF A JOB

Marcellin Namsene, Director
Hermane Beauté Malhoum, Garage Manager
Alexis Wandeuba, Site Manager
Arsène Kozindaina, Drill Rig Driver
Kevin Namsene, Well Driller
Anicé Panzet, Drilling Assistant
Patrick Yakite, Drilling Assistant
Nestor Singa Gbaguene, Drilling Assistant
Saint Clair Danzet Beauté, Mechanic
Etienne Sakombo, Pompe Team Leader
Osée Yelembai, Driver
Jean Bosco Yelembai, Drilling Assistant

Williams Dao, Mechanic
Eliot Pegui Kenam, Mechanic
Romarin Kpakanjo, Mechanic
Joel Ngonda, Cement Team Leader
Constant Olivier Longnang, Security Guard
Brice Krambi, Security Guard
Lucky Ngawen, General Assistant
Jean Cristophe Nzongo, General Assistant
Tom Ephraim Daouda, General Assistant
Gérard Gouy, Security Guard
Gabin Koko Dounia, Site Manager
Fabrice Kotoga, Machinist
People across the nation are taking the Five Gallon Challenge to help #endthewalk for unsanitary water in Africa! In 2015, this initiative already raised over $11,000!

What is the Five Gallon Challenge? You can experience for yourself what life is like in the Central African Republic, where the average person walks about a mile to fetch water each day, and usually carries a five gallon bucket or jug. When full, each jug weighs over 44lbs!

Now you can go online, order a unique Five Gallon Challenge jug, and get the challenge started in your community. Take your jug, and pick a route that's roughly a mile. Fill your jug, then take your walk! You can earn badges for your jug if you get creative. When you’re finished with your walk, you come back and report your walk on your specific jug… each jug has a unique name and webpage! Then you challenge a friend to do the same, committing to donate for every gallon they carry. As your jug travels, raises money, and earns badges you can look it up online to see the impact it has made since you passed it on.

The Five Gallon Challenge is great for events and groups too. We have a short curriculum/group guide and other materials to help connect your experience carrying water to the impact you make in people's lives in Central Africa. Every gallon you carry ends the walk for an entire year for a person in Africa!

Below: Water for Good staff finishing the pump install at the PK5 Central Mosque in Bangui ahead of the Pope's visit.

Pope Francis Visit

Pope Francis’ visit to the Central African Republic, a country which most world leaders neglect—was a significant turning point in the recent conflict. In all of his stops, he spoke about forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace between the Muslims and Christians. He gave a mass in the country’s soccer stadium that thousands attended. Pope Francis also visited Central Mosque, which is a camp for internally displaced people, mostly Muslims. Water for Good drilled a well there just a month or two before that visit.