

REPORTS OF WATER PROJECT @ SOTIYO

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Sotiyo is located in Ogun State, Nigeria, situated in the Alapako district of Obafemi Owode LGA. The population is between 500 to 1000, with the major occupation being farming and hunting.

We moved in here few years ago as our ministry training and retreat site. In addition we've established Bible clubs, tuition free Christ centred partial tuition free nursery and primary and wholistic support for aged widows.

Sotiyo is home to immigrants from Benue State and the Republic of Benin. For ages, the major source of water was stream water, which has been overrun by drought and cattle rearing by the Fulani herders.

This development led to the digging of handmade wells, which are hardly sufficient, especially during the dry season. Besides being inadequate, there is also an embargo on any person who refuses to contribute funds for the yearly idol festival.

It's practically the most challenging time of the year for dwellers who stand their ground against sacrifices, which are done by the side of the only functional well that the entire community relies on.

However, there is a relative downplaying of sacrifice by the team of advocates because of strange events experienced, and as we engage them with the gospel.

It was on this note that the missionary in the village spoke with Sam Akinpe about two years ago. It was a great delight when he said a donor was willing to give the community a hand-pump borehole. However, the geo-survey showed that it wouldn't be viable due to the depth of the water table in the area. This led to the drilling of an electricity-powered borehole. To the glory of God, the 115-meter deep borehole with a one-horsepower pumping machine and a 1000-liter storage tank was successfully completed on August 27, 2025. The borehole project has become a memorial of God's love. Some of the people who advocated for the revival of idol sacrifices were seen coming with excitement to get water. The aged village head was overjoyed, as this is happening in his lifetime, same with many elders who were born and grew up in the village and had suffered the challenge of accessing good water.



HERE'S A SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT'S IMPACT.



Project Overview:

A 115-meter deep borehole with a one-horsepower pumping machine and a 1000-liter storage tank was successfully completed on August 27, 2025.



Community Impact: The project has improved access to clean water for the community, reducing reliance on stream water and handmade wells. This development is particularly significant during the dry season when water scarcity is most pronounced.



Social Impact: The project has also had a profound social impact, with some community members who previously advocated for idol sacrifices now coming to fetch water with excitement. The village head and elders are overjoyed, considering this a remarkable achievement in their lifetime.



Challenges Overcome: The community faced challenges with stream water due to drought and cattle rearing by Fulani herders. The handmade wells were insufficient, especially during the dry season, and community members who refused to contribute to yearly idol festivals.

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