







## !! "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime"!!

Support Water 4 Mercy and make a difference in the lives of adults and children who are dying of thirst in Africa. Give a permanent gift of life giving water.

With drip irrigation farming, you also bring hope and restore dignity to the African.



Before Water 4 Mercy: Digging to find dirty, diseased water to drink.

100% of your donation goes directly to a village.

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## **Personal Impressions - Roger Eschenroeder**



Sharon and Roger Eschenroeder at Ndebwe Village in Dodoma, Tanzania.

Roger Eschenroeder and his wife, Sharon, joined Water 4 Mercy on our Ndebwe Donor Trip in April to the Dodoma region in Tanzania. It was his first time visiting Africa. When asked how he would describe it, Roger summarized it easily, "It was truly the trip of a lifetime!"

Read on to find out what Roger discovered during his time with us.



Balancing a filled water jug - NO EASY TASK!!



Having fun during the festivities!



Tending to our African rooster with water.

"There's a primal satisfaction and sense of good when you're able to do something to help others less fortunate than you are. So many people would love to find ways to help their fellow man.

The strategic partnership and use of iA's (innovative:Africa) technology enables Water 4 Mercy to give people the opportunity to help others, thousands really, in a very real and tangible way by providing safe access to clean water within **a proven**, cost effective and sustainable format.

The focus on sustainability gives donors like us confidence that **every penny of our donations** will be used effectively and will have a lasting impact."

## A Shocking Revelation at Vikonje Health Center

While in the Dodoma Region, the group visited Vikonje Health Center in the village of Ikowa. In 1997, the local government installed a solar system to provide basic electricity for the facility. A mere two months -!! 2 months !! - after installation, the system stopped working. It's never worked since. No one on the ground knew why it stopped working or what to do to fix it.

On closer inspection, Roger, an expert on solar, found that the system could have easily been repaired with a few simple replacements... if... it had been taken care of at the start - 22 years ago!!

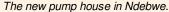


It was a huge waste of resources, and a severe disappointment to the local villagers. Fixing it now will be far more complicated.

Vikonje is one of many cases that illustrate the need for iA's Remote Monitoring

## The Water 4 Mercy Difference: iA's Sustainable Solution & Remote Monitoring System







Where the solar pump and remote monitoring system are housed.

What stops something like the failed electricity system at Vikonje from happening to our projects? To ensure a permanent solution, our partner, innovation:Africa (iA), integrates three critical components in our **proven**, **sustainable approach**:

#### 1. Community Involvement

From the beginning, iA sets up a 'Village Solar/Water Committee" to involve the villagers in the projects so that they understand how the systems work and what to do when there is a problem.

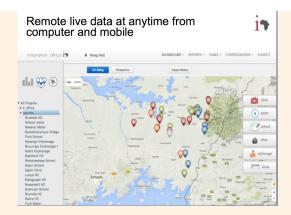
#### 2. Boots on the Ground

iA hires locals who speak the language and understand the village life and culture. iA staff oversee the "Village Solar/Water Committee" and are quickly regarded as 'family' by many of the villagers. Our permanent "boots on the ground" are the critical communication link between villagers, iA technicians, local governments and donors.

#### 3. Real-time System Monitoring

Production at every installation is continuously monitored electronically via satellite so that iA technicians are immediately aware of a system failure. Within hours of a problem occurring, local agents and villagers who are responsible for maintenance of the system address and resolve any issues.

# Bonus !! Water 4 Mercy donors can now log in at any time to view our villages' power and water usages!





## **Are You Ready to Make A Difference?**

!! Stay tuned for details about an upcoming \$25,000 "Matching Dollar Challenge" made possible by a key supporter! !! Look for more information in our next newsletter.

For details on how your group can participate in a Donor Trip with Water 4 Mercy or to schedule a Speaking Engagement for your organization, contact us at 727-439-4222, Nermine@Water4Mercy.org or visit our website at www.Water4Mercy.org.



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# **Uganda? Tanzania? Malawi? Israel? Join Us On Our Next Donor Trip!**

Tanzania? Malawi? Uganda? ..... how about THE Holy Land for a High Tech 'Behind The Scenes' look of how *Israel has 'flowered the desert' with innovation*? No matter where we go, your experience will be unforgettable. **PRICELESS!** 



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