



Namoni B. Community, Uganda

SCOVIA'S STORY | PRJ-061612

Scovia lives in the Namoni B. community in the Mayuge District of Uganda. Without a single secondary school in the community, most children grow to become fishermen and women like their parents before them. Scovia has faced significant hardship throughout her life, especially when it came to water collection.

As a mother of eight, Scovia knew that she and her children needed to save every drop of water they collected. For years, she walked two miles every day to the lake to gather water. Scovia collected as much water as she could carry, but it was rarely enough. Even then, the water near the shores was often contaminated. Scovia tried everything to collect the safest water she could—she often waited for fishermen to ferry her to the middle of the lake in the hopes of collecting safer water. Unfortunately, regardless of where she gathered the lake water, it was full of dangerous bacteria. She shared, “Our water was unsafe and contaminated, resulting in a variety of sicknesses that often led to death.”

Scovia found solace in her local church, St. Kalori, where she rested in God’s promises of hope and redemption. Then, one day, the church leaders announced a new partnership with Living Water Uganda, drastically changing the role of the church in the community. Now, the church not only served the spiritual needs of the community, but ministered to the physical needs as well. Scovia couldn’t believe that years of struggle would soon come to an end.

She wondered: “In our world, where water had always been a curse, could it really become a blessing?”



Scovia [right] shares her story with a Living Water staff member.

With safe water now available in tap stands throughout the community and at St. Kalori, the church had become not just a place of worship, but the heartbeat of a public health movement. Congregation members learned how to be advocates of change in their community by promoting latrines and basic hygiene practices to their friends and family members.

Scovia tearfully shared how safe water has changed everything in her community: "Safe water has transformed us, not just spiritually, but emotionally, socially, and economically. Now, we save money for our children's education instead of hospital bills. Our spirits are healed, and so are our bodies and homes. May God continue to use the Living Water team as a blessing."

Praise God for safe water in Namoni B.!



Scovia happily uses the new tap stands in her community.