



Kapara Primary School, Zambia

SAFE WATER LEADS TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Nathan Tembo is a ninth-grade student at Kapara School in the Mbenjele community of Zambia. The Kapara School didn't have a water source on the school premises, forcing students to wander the broader community in search of water. As a result, many students relied on the community's only hand pump at the local market. Because so many people relied on the hand pump, long lines formed to gather a single container of water.

Nathan struggled to make it to class on time, as he had multiple chores to complete before attending school, including bathing. Nathan said, "My entire eighth-grade year was spent trying to balance my time between gathering water and attending school on time. My friends and I would often get punished at school for being late."

In an effort to be on time for school, Nathan and his friends rose before the sun to walk to the pump and gather water, but there was always a line of people waiting their turn. As a result, the students were exhausted from a lack of sleep and too tired to study after school. Without a safe and reliable water source at school, students like Nathan began to fall behind in their studies.

The school administration recognized that the water crisis was stifling the students' education and ultimately impacting their bright futures. When a teacher saw a Living Water vehicle driving through the community, she knew she'd found a solution to their water problem. The school reached out to Living Water, who promptly visited the school and constructed a new safe water source in the middle of the campus!

Nathan said, "I am now able to stay at the school during the week, and I am no longer late for class! I can bathe twice a day because I am free to draw water at any time. Now that I can concentrate in class, I believe I will do better on my exams." He continued, "On behalf of my fellow pupils, I would like to sincerely give our thanks to God and to Living Water for coming to our aid when we needed it the most. We now have free and easy access to safe water!"



Students gather to pray over the new hand pump.



A group of students practice washing their hands at a sanitation and hygiene activity.