



Macherenje and Kwanatsa Community, Zimbabwe

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In Zimbabwe's Macherenje and Kwanatsa Community, residents grappled with a heartbreaking water crisis. Without water, the residents' quality of life dwindled. The water crisis robbed them of their time, health, and peace. Community members, namely women and children, had to endure a daily journey of two and a half miles in the heat to collect safe water from a hand pump well in a neighboring community. Sadly, seven other communities also relied on this singular well, meaning that, even after such a long trek, these women and children would wait in line for hours to collect water before embarking on the walk back to their community. The residents of Macherenje and Kwanatsa showed outstanding resilience and experienced complete exhaustion all for the sake of water.

Revai Nyakudanga, a 47-year-old local farmer, reflected on her experience with the water crisis: "The only alternative water source is an unprotected and shallow well which dries up during the summer seasons. This year, the lack of clean and safe water resulted in us waiting in line for water until midnight. We would see reptiles coming to the water as well. It was dangerous."

Community leaders knew there had to be a solution to this crisis and were determined to find it. Upon hearing about Living Water International's work in the area, they immediately reached out. Living Water Zimbabwe responded right away, drilling a new borehole, and installing a hand pump well. Now, Revai's cries have turned to rejoicing! With a new, safe water well just steps from their homes, she and her neighbors will no longer experience the devastating effects of the water crisis and are free to live happier, healthier lives!



Revai smiles next to her community's new safe water source after sharing her experience of the water crisis with a Living Water staff member.



With the well complete, community members are grateful for the Lord's gifts of life-saving safe water and the *living water* of eternal life. Alongside Living Water staff, they celebrate the blessing of their new hand-pump.