



Thurdibuoro, Kenya

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Students and staff at Aomo Primary School in Thurdibuoro faced a severe water crisis. The school depended on an untreated rainwater tank for daily use, which was unsafe and unreliable. John Omollo, a 60-year-old teacher, said: "During dry seasons, teachers had to ask students to walk up to 1.5 miles to the nearest river—disrupting learning and exposing students to exhaustion and safety risks. Four years ago, during a severe drought in June, our school faced a critical water shortage. At the time, we provided porridge for younger students and lunch for older ones.

"However, one day, there was no water available for cooking. As the teacher on duty, I had no choice but to send all senior students to fetch water at 10 a.m., giving them two hours for the task," he continued. "Two hours later, only 10 of the 57 students had returned. Concerned, I went to check on the others and found many struggling, exhausted from carrying heavy containers uphill. The long journey had drained their energy, making their return nearly impossible. Recognizing that valuable learning time had already been lost, I made the difficult decision to send them back to school without water. That day, no meals were cooked, and the severity of our school's water crisis became painfully clear."

Everything changed when local leaders heard about Living Water International's work in the region and contacted them for assistance. Living Water Kenya responded by extending the piped water system from Thurdibuoro Secondary School, installing 450 meters of gravity-fed piping to supply safe water directly to four taps at Aomo Primary School.

"With a reliable water supply now in place, children can fully concentrate on their studies, leading to improved academic performance," John said. "Better access to safe water also significantly enhances hygiene, reduces waterborne diseases, and creates a healthier learning environment."



Children turn the tap and watch safe water flow freely. This young girl rejoices, knowing she will no longer have to miss class to walk to the river!



Students stand joyfully with their new Bibles after hearing the gospel from a Living Water team member, declaring how God is for them, not against them!