



Wlenlah Public School, Liberia

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Teachers and students at Wlenlah Public School in Liberia were thrust into a water crisis when the community and school's only available water source, a government hand pump, malfunctioned. With no reliable safe water source left on campus, students had to go out during the day to search for water. This interrupted their learning and exposed them to hazards, including crossing busy streets while carrying heavy containers of water—a daunting task for young children. Teachers and school officials feared for their pupils' safety every time they left school grounds.

Despite students' best efforts, their search for safe water often came up empty, and they had to settle for contaminated water from unprotected sources. This led to frequent outbreaks of waterborne diseases that caused fevers, diarrhea, and vomiting. Students missed school for days or even weeks, which took a toll on academic performance, and many students fell so far behind that they dropped out. The water crisis also placed an enormous burden on teachers, who struggled to maintain consistent lesson plans amid fluctuating attendance.

Recognizing the dire need for a solution, school officials sought help. When they learned of Living Water International's efforts in the region, they reached out. In response, Living Water Liberia installed a new hand pump at the school. Finally, reliable safe water access has been restored at Wlenlah Public School!



Students rejoice over the new hand pump at their school. Now, they are free from constant exposure to waterborne diseases, no longer having to walk long and dangerous distances to collect unsafe water.



Living Water staff joins the school in thanking God for safe water. A local pastor shares Jesus' gospel from John 7:38 (NIV): "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."