



Lasting Impact Prompts New Donation

How a 2015 Trip Resulted in a 2026 Gift

He stopped in his tracks. He had not expected to find this—not in such a remote area.

Patrick Bohan, an expert in water safety, knew firsthand how vital it is for communities to have access to safe water. In 2015, after spending more than four decades working in public health, he traveled to Nicaragua on a missions trip with his church. While there, using his expertise, he planned to assess WASH conditions in rural communities and determine possible solutions.

As Patrick surveyed rural communities with no running water and no sanitation services, he fully expected to see and examine bleak conditions, and he did. However, he did not expect to find a safe water source. “I came across a well,” he remarked.

Living Water International had fixed the well and installed a hand pump for the residents there years ago, and it was still standing and sustaining the community.

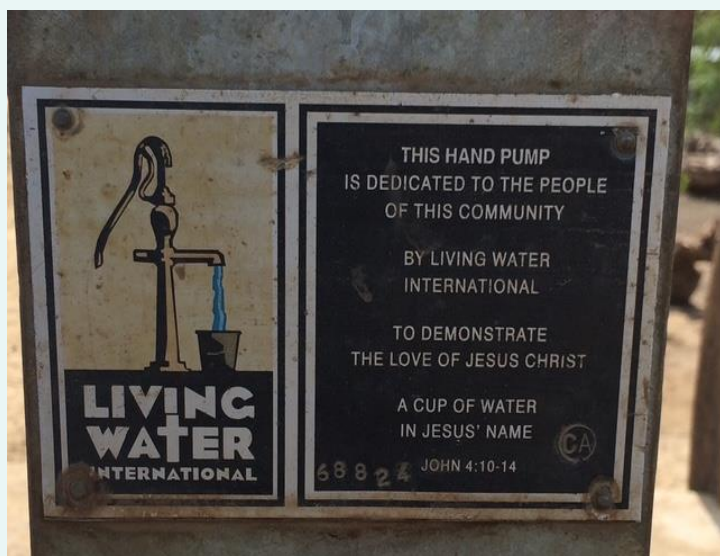
That moment marked Patrick. He knew the effects of contaminated water. He had seen thousands of children suffer and die at the hands of waterborne diseases and had studied and noted the data himself. Yet there, in the middle of a rural community in Nicaragua, safe water and hope flowed.

Patrick recognized that Living Water doesn’t just install hand pumps and fix wells but also shares the living hope of Jesus Christ, and this made a lasting impression. Patrick knew the importance of treating the physical needs of community members before trying to meet their spiritual needs. He explained, “Your work in providing potable water around the world is important for a lot of reasons. I learned that it is challenging to spread the good news when people are constantly sick with gastrointestinal illnesses.”

Eleven years after that trip, the impact of the well hadn’t left his mind. Patrick recently decided to donate to Living Water. When a member of the Living Water NPG team reached out to thank him and ask what prompted this gift, he shared his story. Patrick explained, “Your work is one of the best ways to spread the gospel, and I commend you for it. I hope I can continue to contribute in the future.”



Patrick Bohan stumbled across a Living Water hand pump in a rural community in 2015. Patrick knows that providing safe water creates great opportunities to share about the *living water* of Christ.



This is the hand pump Patrick came across in Nicaragua, providing safe water to its surrounding community members. He snapped a photo. The impact of this well had lingered in his mind for over a decade, prompting him to donate in 2026.