



New Hand Pump Becomes Cornerstone of Hope for Community

Epworth Community, Zimbabwe

In the Epworth community of Zimbabwe, Living Water International and the Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ) partnered together to upgrade the community's borehole. As the drilling team began construction, the water point quickly became a communal meeting spot, where residents lingered to talk and connect.

Noticing the new pattern of groups gathering at the site, local pastor Joshua Makuwerere recognized an opportunity. He began using the area as a place to provide prayer, encouragement, and the gospel to those fetching water.

When the upgrade efforts began, Pastor Joshua conducted these sessions at the borehole twice a month. Initially, engagement was scarce. However, as the pastor remained consistent, he fostered deep relationships within the neighborhood.

Pastor Joshua recalled, "The water point became a place where people not only accessed safe water but also found spiritual support, fellowship, and hope."

This collective shift yielded tangible results for the local population. Residents embraced hygiene practices, relationships among families and neighbors grew more harmonious, and local youth, previously known for troublesome behavior, began demonstrating respect.

Pastor Makuwerere acknowledged that the intervention by Living Water and EFZ proved to be deeply impactful; it turned a standard hand pump installation into a long-term resource for community relationships and ministry. Today, many individuals who first heard the gospel at the water point are committed members of the church.

As the new hand pump continues to provide essential safe water, it remains a cornerstone for sharing the *living water* of Jesus Christ and maintaining the newfound social unity within Epworth.



Pastor Makuwerere shares the gospel with his neighbors at the community's gathering spot—the new hand pump.