

## Living Waters for the World Update for Transylvania Presbytery – March 2018

During 2017 Living Waters for the World (LWW) continued with its goal of working toward the day when there will be clean water for all God's children. Highlights included.

1. 40 clean water systems, installed by LWW trained teams, have reached 10 years of service.
2. A group of eight traveled to Ghana in September to begin the process of creating a Clean Water U in Ghana.
3. 39 new Clean Water systems were installed by LWW trained teams. (a few more may yet be entered on the database). This represents a slight decline from recent years reflecting an increased emphasis on sustainability.
4. While it maintains a strong relationship with the Synod of Living Waters, LWW has become a separate 501c3 nonprofit corporation. The hope is this will help attract donations from some foundations that will not fund organizations that are strictly church entities.
5. Perhaps the highlight for the year for Transylvania was the fact that Philip Lotspeich began service on the LWW board of directors. Joanie Lukins completed her service on that board and also retired as leader of the LWW Yucatán network.
6. Joanie was recently honored by our Mexican partners in a ceremony in the village of Kaua, during the annual operator's conference.

The Transylvania team rehabbed a system in the village of Oxcabal last July. That team will be installing a system near the town of Champoton in July. This will be a one week trip with an approximate cost of \$800 per person plus airfare. Participation on that team is open to all. If you have any interest please contact Joanie Lukins at [goldenrun1@aol.com](mailto:goldenrun1@aol.com), 859-583-5990. (Joanie continues to head the Transylvania team.)

The photo is from the February 2018 operator's conference which included the ceremony to thank Joanie.



**Additional notes:**

FPC, Lexington will be participating in a Haiti Mission trip in July. Among other things, they will be involved with the Installation of what could be described as an LWW hybrid system.

The PCUSA Woodford County youth group plans an August trip to Belize with the organization known as Pathlight International. The Pathlight camp uses an LWW clean water system.

The necklace program, headed by Mary Weber, continues to raise a few thousand dollars a year for LWW.

Thanks to all who have physically, financially or prayerfully supported LWW in 2017.

Faithfully, Bill Reed

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#### Additional Updates for the November 2018 Presbytery meeting

1. The Transy Pby team rehabbed a 14 year old water system at the church in the town of Plch last June.
2. Plans are underway for two installations in the Yucatan in mid-late 2019. One by a team headed by folks from FPC, Maysville and the other by the Transy Presbytery team which is centered at the Danville church. Look for announcements of those trips early next year.
3. LWW leadership is currently discussing how to best commemorate the installation of the 1,000th system which should occur roughly a year from now.