

2019 Highlights for Living Waters for the World

2019 brought us one year closer to the vision of Clean Water for all God's children. Although it is now a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, Living Waters for the World (LWW) continues to be the mission project of the Synod of Living Waters, closely tied to the PCUSA. Our own Philip Lotspeich serves on the board of directors.

When a water project is successfully installed and recorded in our database, it is assigned a unit number. In 2019, unit number 1,000 was assigned to a successful installation in Peru. This was joyously celebrated at Clean Water U in October. Elder-elect Kate Guasmann, Maysville, Elder Joanie Lukins, Danville, Rev. Rachel Matthews, Maxwell St., Elder Bill Reed and Rev. Lotspeich were present for that celebration.



One highlight this year for our Transylvania team, led by the Danville church, was the June installation of a new clean water system in the remote village of San Jose Carpizo on the western side of the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. The other Transy highlight was the extensive rehabilitation of a system in the Yucatan village of Tikinmul by a team from FPC, Maysville, in November. This system was one of the earliest LWW installations (2005) and has been faithfully operated by our partners there for many years. It was aging and in a very confined space. LWW is committed to the sustainability of our water systems, and we believe this updated system will be successful for years to come. Installation sites for 2020 should be determined in the next few months.

Looking forward to 2020 and beyond, perhaps the biggest news will be the addition of a new Clean Water U training location in Johnsonburg, New Jersey, in June. For some years LWW has trained teams in Spring and Fall at Camp Hopewell near Oxford, MS. This additional location will hopefully attract some teams who have an easier time scheduling a training week in the summer. It will also be much closer for teams in the PA/NJ area, where there are many Presbyterians, and where LWW already enjoys significant support.



More information is always available on the website: www.livingwatersfortheworld.org. Your prayers and financial support are very much appreciated. Interested in plugging in? Feel free to contact Joanie Lukins (goldenrun1@aol.com) or Bill Reed (willmreed@aol.com).