



Our ganda NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to generous donors like you, Martha is celebrating.

Why?

Because she will soon have water within a five-minute walk of her village!

For decades, women and girls have spent three or four hours a day carrying 45-pound jerry cans filled with water back to their homes. Whenever Martha unloads the heavy weight in front of her home, she always asks, "Should I water our garden so we can eat? Should I use it to cook a meal? Should we drink it? Should I wash my children's clothes? Or maybe take a bath?"

It felt so good to send the money to our contractor. Starting next week, they will install a rainwater collection system with two 10,000 liter tanks. Such a system requires a well-constructed building with a metal roof and a roofline at least ten feet above the ground. We had concluded that such a building didn't exist, but when I visited in August 2021, here is what I found.



God's Glory Charismatic Episcopal Church is located over a hill just beyond the place where our medical team serves the villagers every week. The church is not really in the village, but it is literally a Frisbee toss away. Not only did church leaders give our team permission to install the system on their building, but they are delighted to share the water with everyone who comes by with an empty can.

A rainwater collection system is not a perfect solution because it provides water about eight months of the year, but it is a huge, enormous relief. By the time you read this, installation of the gutters, tanks and taps will be only a few weeks away. Every time it rains, the water will splash into those jerry cans just a few minutes from their homes, and the women will smile the joyful smile of relief.

Our ganda is turning misery zones into flourishing zones. We are delighted to help our sisters and brothers with this gift that will improve everyone's health and relieve such a heavy burden. Everything changes when people like you decide to be someone's hero and gives them a hand up.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, **we want to thank you for helping Martha flourish** - along with everyone in Kinyante IV. The water crisis is coming to an end.



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