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Clean Water U is coming to California.

Formal approval has been given and work has begun to open a second CWU in the Sierra Nevada mountains of central California.

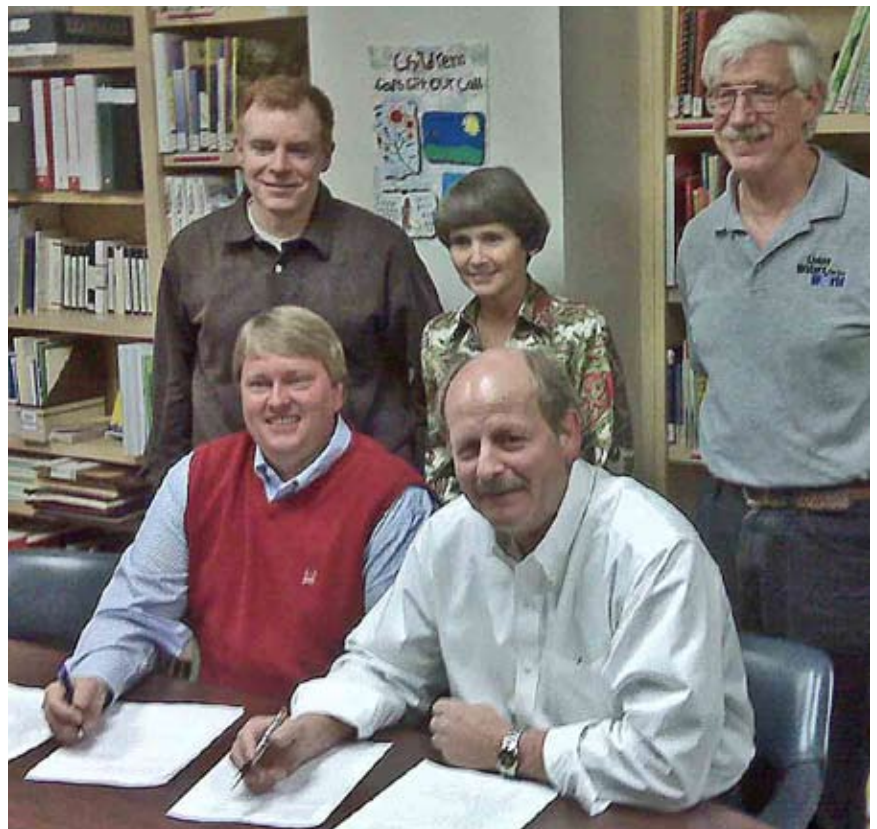
The first classes will be conducted there October 4-8, 2009. Two more sessions already are scheduled for 2010: August 15-19 and October 3-7.

The Synod of Living Waters, parent body of Living Waters for the World, at its January 2009 meeting approved a covenant with Calvin Crest Conferences in Oakhurst, Calif.

CWU-West — and only that part of CCC’s total ministry — will be seamlessly integrated into LWW. Details like registration, instructor assignments and curriculum will be handled by LWW. CCC will have the same sort of relationship with LWW as does Camp Hopewell, the St. Andrew Presbytery facility which has housed CWU since its inception.

“We believe that CWU-West will greatly increase the number of churches and organizations in the western part of the U.S. to participate,” said Wil Howie, LWW director.

“At this time, fewer than 20 percent of all CWU graduates have come from the West. Another 20 percent come from the East and Northeast, and most



Signing a covenant between the Synod of Living Waters and Calvin Crest Conferences are (seated, left) Scott Henderson, executive director of CCC, and Terry Newland, synod executive. Standing are (from left) Steve Young, LWW administrator; Joanie Lukins, moderator of the LWW Committee, and Wil Howie, LWW director.

of the rest come from within our synod bounds.”

Scott Henderson, executive director of CCC and a CWU graduate, said, “As CWU-West we look forward to helping to increase the number of mission teams trained each year and the number of water treatment systems installed

each year.

“Calvin Crest is completing plans and beginning construction on the CWU training building. We have received financial support from several presbyteries, the Synod of the Pacific, numerous congregations and individ-

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Wow, we at LWW are teenagers now!

By WIL HOWIE

Thirteen years ago our first water treatment system was installed outside of Reynosa, Mexico, and our clean water journey truly began. As we began this year, the reality hit me hard: We are now a teenager!

What a wild and wonderful journey it's been. From our infancy of developing treatment hardware and figuring out who we are and what we were doing, taking the baby steps of installing the first systems, stepping into pre-adolescent, adding education training, developing Covenants, revising, always revising, steadily we've been learning so much as the Lord kept growing us up.

Five years ago, in 2004, our first Clean Water U session massively changed the way we worked, teaching now — learning how to train and equip others, empowering them to bring the Good News and clean water to those in need throughout the world.

Now with 20 Clean Water U sessions behind us, with 844 graduates, there are 274 systems operational in 20 countries around the world!

That's reason for great joy, for sure, but it's tempered by the sure knowledge, having survived my teenage years and those of our three children, that teenage years are wonderful but also challenging. Now, here we are, a teenager!

Still, it seems our work is just beginning as new and exciting opportunities keep flowing. As I look forward, one thing is abundantly clear, God is not through with any of us yet.

This year in partnership with Calvin Crest Conferences in Oakhurst, Calif., our second Clean Water U campus will host its first session on October 4 – 8, 2009 (see our front page).

In 13 years, 844 CWU grads, 274 systems in 20 countries

Networks continue to be grow in number and size as we recognize their critical role in supporting and sustaining our systems toward long-term sustainability. The Dominican Republic Network formed this year is now our eighth network, and others are in process. Our Appalachian (USA) Network is experiencing huge in-

terest and growth.

Solar powering our systems will become a reality in Haiti this summer. Our Design Team has also folded our Standard system into a Transportable box for rapid deployment. Introduced in both Haiti and Nicaragua earlier this year, already there is demand for more.

So many more stories, but for now, Happy 13th Birthday LWW, let the Good News – like clean water – keep on flowing through the years. To God the glory!

The Rev. Wil Howie of Water Valley, Miss., is founder and director of LWW.

Appalachian Network expanding, seeks grant for new service areas

By BILL BOWMAN

The Appalachian Network continues to make good progress on treatment systems and wells funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In September 2008, the network received a \$50,000 grant to work in the communities of Buffalo Creek, Tennessee, and Laurel Fork, Kentucky. As of the March 2009 quarterly report to USDA, we have drilled five wells and completed nine homeowner treatment systems. At this point, we have expended \$22,000 of federal money and about \$9,000 of Living Waters money on these projects.

The Appalachian Network has received generous support from many churches, the following seven of which have signed covenants pledging money and volunteers over a three year period: Bardstown Road Presbyterian of Louisville, Ky.; First Presbyterian of Cookeville, Tenn.; First Presbyterian of Lexington, Ky.; First Presbyterian of Oak Ridge,

Tenn.; First Presbyterian of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Rivermont Presbyterian of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Springdale Presbyterian of Louisville, Ky.

As word travels from homeowners, communities, and churches about the work being done and clean water becoming available, more areas of Appalachia are becoming interested in Living Waters for the World.

The network hopes to expand into more areas of Tennessee and Kentucky in 2009-10 with a new USDA grant. The network's leadership team agreed in March to apply for a \$100,000 grant in the next few months.

Plans are also being laid for a training retreat in October 2009. This retreat will introduce many church members to the work going on in the region and the plans for future expansion. More details will be available in the near future.

Bill Bowman of Louisville, Ky., is coordinator of the Appalachian Network.

CWU-West plans to open in October in California

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uals. Even the contractors, engineers and architects helping us build the new building are donating some of their time to support the CWU training.

“Our hope was to encourage connections and cooperation between congregations and organizations by being in mission service together. That is happening already.”

One of the benefits of a CWU-West campus is connection with the large Southeast Asian refugee populations

that live in central California, Howie pointed out.

The first survey/partnership development trip to Laos, meeting with leaders of the Lao Evangelical Church, already has taken place. The second will be this summer, and will include Howie.

Twelve West Coast volunteers have completed initial sessions at Hopewell as instructors-in-training and will help teach in October. For this first session, the program director, administrator and three lead instructors will be experienced leaders from Hopewell.

What's coming up in '09

Not counting a long list of meetings of LWW committees, task forces and other behind-the-scenes gatherings of volunteer leaders and staff, here's the calendar for the rest of 2009:

- **June 11-13**
PC(USA) Big Tent Event, Atlanta*
Ten church agency national conferences combined
- **July 11-15**
Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering, Louisville*
Women from across the church gather for study, work
- **July 22-24**
AL-MS Conference, Starkville, Miss.*
PW leadership training event for two states
- **July 22-26**
Clean Water U No. 23, Camp Hopewell, Miss.
First-ever midsummer CWU
- **Aug. 14-15**
Alabama Main Event, Birmingham*
North Alabama and Sheppards and Lapsley Presbyteries' leader training
- **Sept.16-20**
Clean Water U No. 24, Camp Hopewell
Year's final Hopewell session
- **Oct. 4-8**
Clean Water U No. 25, Calvin Crest, Cal.
First time ever in California!
- **Oct 22-24**
PC(USA) World Mission Celebration, Cincinnati*
Mission co-workers, partners and supporters gather
- LWW will have a booth

CWU No. 20, October 2008



Hopewell had 43 students camp from nine states and from Mexico.

CWU No. 21, March 2009



Indoors on a cool, rainy day: 40 students from nine states and Mexico

CWU No. 22, April 2009



Forty students from 10 states and Guatemala raised CWU's all-time student count to 884.

LWW's VBS Goes International

For several years, the Living Waters for the World curriculum for Vacation Bible School, *Clean Water for All of God's Children*, has enjoyed growing popularity among PCUSA congregations.

Soon, we'll introduce another version of the VBS, intended for us in Spanish-speaking communities. Many of our congregations, especially youth mission groups, travel to these areas and assist churches in offering VBS for their children, and this would be a good tool for them, particularly if the sponsoring church is also engaged in the installation of a clean water system in that community.



Mexican pastor our fervent new ambassador

By JOANIE LUKINS

When First Presbyterian Church, Natchez, Miss., installed a clean water system several years ago in the little town of China (pronounced chee-NAH) in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico, its mission team never dreamed of the ripple effect their efforts would have.



Ramirez

The pastor who served that church, Fernando Ramirez, became very engaged in the ministry of water, and when his presbytery assigned him to another area of the peninsula, he took his interest in clean water with him.

But he wanted to dive even deeper into this ministry, and when he was invited to come to Clean Water U to learn more and become a troubleshooter for other LWW systems in the peninsula, he responded enthusiastically.

His visa application was denied twice, but he was finally successful in obtaining permission to enter the United States and in March 2009 he was able to attend CWU.

Ramirez also spent a week with friends in the church in Natchez, renewing relationships and expanding interest in Living Waters for the World. Now he's back in the Yucatan peninsula, an ambassador extraordinaire!

He joins the other Mexican pastors – earlier graduates of CWU – in extending his thanks to LWW for sharing this ministry with them.

Joanie Lukins of Danville, Ky., is moderator of the LWW Committee.

Pennsylvania church plans installation in India

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Norristown, Pa., is sending a mission team to India this fall to provide clean water for the Bridge of Hope Ministries and surrounding villages.

Gabriel Devathala, a frequent visitor to Lower Providence services, is the founder of this ministry. He and two sons live in Norristown for

most of the year while his wife runs the school and orphanage in India.

The school is near Vikarabad, a two-hour drive from Hyderabad, one of India's growing cities in south central India.

Water test results from the source indicate that the system needed is the same as the one the church installed

in Peru in August 2008.

We expect to travel in late November or early December. We will be starting to plan the trip, selecting the side trips as tourists, and choosing hotels and methods of travel in India.

If you are interested in going on this mission, please contact Kary or Nanette LaFors at 610 630-9637.

Newest network is in Dominican Republic

By WILLIAM MILAM

The Dominican Republic Network, the newest Living Waters network, is getting off to a good start.

The Dominican Republic, a Spanish-speaking country, shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. While poor, the people are hard working. They feel a strong connection with the U.S. through baseball and extended family members, and many of the younger citizens are learning to speak English.

Due to a combination of limited governmental budgets, geography and other reasons, infrastructure has not kept up with the needs of the population. As a result, the poor spend a significant portion of their income purchasing potable water. The poorest of the poor drink from contaminated sources and pay the price with health ailments.

The need for clean water systems is urgent in the D.R., especially in rural areas. Both surface water and well water are contaminated due to population density, agricultural run-off and limited wastewater infrastructure.

However, the D.R. is fertile ground for groups looking for a project location. Plumbing and electrical supplies are relatively abundant and transportation there is convenient (especially through Miami, Atlanta and New York).

Sometimes things do take a little longer,



Installation at Finca 6, near Azua, D.R., September 2008.

being on "D.R. time," but the cultural experience is very rewarding. Potential operating partners include service clubs, churches and co-ops. If you or your service group would like more information about the LWW opportunities, please contact William Milam at wtmlam@ieee.org.

William Milam of Maryville, Tenn., is coordinator of the Dominican Republic Network.

Something new under the sun —

Solar power, UV treatment new options

By DAVE HOWELL

A visitor to the water buildings at Camp Hopewell will see something new that's not pipe, tanks or plumbing hardware.

CWU now has solar power at Hopewell, and a new solar partner to the west.

Where commercial electric power is not available, even fuel to run a generator may be hard to come by, development of a solar power alternative for the treatment of water may be feasible.

A team installed initial equipment at the water building in connection with the fall CWU classes and during the February work session. Solar power was on line for the March 2009 session as a demonstration with further improvements made for the April session.

A solar powered training position now serves as one of the regular training positions. It has four solar panels mounted on a catwalk between the "Mexico" building (the concrete one) and the "Mississippi" building (the wooden one). The control electronics, batteries, and DC powered training position are in the

Mississippi building.

Additional equipment can operate the other training position in the Mississippi building on AC power derived from solar power. The use of solar power as an option will be in the 103 course going forward.

As more and more Presbyterians from the Synod of the Sun (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas) became involved with LWW, it has got them thinking.

Impressed with the Synod of Living Waters using our name to give us a water mission, so Chris McRae of Fort Smith, Ark., reasoned, why can't the Synod of the Sun do the same thing with solar power?

Out of this dream 'Solar Under the Sun' has been born, modeled after our Clean Water U. Already they have begun fleshing this dream of training and equipping churches and civic organizations in the installation, operation and maintenance of solar power throughout the developing world.

For their initial project, SUTS is working with LWW's Haiti Network, where

community electricity will never reach the many remote regions and where contaminated water is a massive problem, here is potential for an amazing partnership.

In addition to solar power, some early water treatment technology is making a comeback. The use of ultraviolet lamps (UV) to provide the final step of disinfection for the water treatment process was a part of the early LWW systems and we are returning to UV for basic systems.

UV had been in use with the reverse osmosis systems for the last couple of years. Now for the basic systems, UV will be the first choice, but ozone will remain a choice where water characteristics or operational concerns may indicate its use.

In general, the UV systems can be a little simpler to install, a little more compact, and a little simpler to operate. Factors for making the choice between UV and ozone will be part of the 103 instructional package.

Dave Howell of Mount Juliet, Tenn., moderates the solar sub-team of LWW's Technology Team.

Multistate team installs two systems

By MARK VANCIEL

Installation/education team members came from five churches and three states when First Presbyterian Church of Visalia, Calif., installed systems in San Pedro la Laguna and Panajachel, Guatemala last summer.

The group also worked on projects at the Centennial Camp, where the Visalia church installed its first water system the previous year.

This trip included two team members from Whidbey Presbyterian Church in Washington, two from Hanford Presbyterian Church, two from University Presbyterian Church in Fresno and one from Lexington, Ky., sent to start collecting information for a water issues study.

Team members ranged in age from 17 to more than 80 and included six married couples.

It was a God thing, wrote Jean and Oz Allen of the Whidbey church:



Good water brings big smiles in Guatemala.

"The circumstances leading to our participation in the Guatemala mission trip began last year when we became aware of Living Waters and researched their website.

"We then learned of your planned trip through our friend Marge Allen. On our way to Mexico in January of this year we had planned to spend one night with Marge and voila! Your presentation on your previous trip was that night. We signed up for the June trip on a "space available" basis, i.e. if there was room after

your members signed up, we would go.

"There was room, we went and had life-changing experiences. Many would say that this was an amazing series of coincidences but we know better. We have seen the stealthy hand of God working in our lives before and this had all the earmarks."

Check this link on youtube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-4lgACkM7A&feature=channel_page

Mark Vanciel is a member of First Presbyterian in Visalia.

USAID boosts water projects in sub-Saharan

At least twelve USAID missions in sub-Saharan Africa are implementing programs to improve water, sanitation and hygiene in schools, the group Water Advocacy reports.

A good example is USAID/Nigeria, which plans to expand its partnership with the Women Farmers' Advancement Network to provide sustainable access to safe drinking water, sanitation facilities and hygiene services to schools in Kano state.

There was also an important formal session on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools at the World Water Forum in Istanbul.

Presenters documented how improving water and sanitation in schools results in health improvements and helps keep children, especially girls, in school. See <http://content.worldwaterforum5.org/index.php/home>.

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Martha Haynes wins Jefferson Award

Former LWW moderator Martha Haynes of Bowling Green, Ky., has been named this year's South Central Kentucky winner of the Jefferson Awards, a prestigious national honor for "ordinary people who do good things without expectation of recognition or compensation."

Her name has been submitted for consideration for national honors.

"Since arriving in Bowling Green in 1985, Martha F. Haynes has continually demonstrated leadership as an exemplary community activist," the citation for her award said.

"She has donated countless hours of her time to local causes, but her caring nature has also compelled her to reach out to help humanity both nationally and internationally.

"Martha's charitable work has ranged from supporting public radio to helping provide clean water to third world coun-



Martha F. Haynes

tries. Martha has volunteered for Western Kentucky University Public Radio since 1985, doing any chore needed such as answering phones and addressing envelopes, combining tireless service with a

genuine love for the station.

"Her social skills are also a valuable asset when it comes to promoting the station during on-air fundraising. Martha's involvement with Bellewood Presbyterian Home for Children is significant at the local and state level. The home is a therapeutic treatment facility with centers in Bowling Green, Lexington, and Louisville for at-risk 12-18 year-old boys who may be abused or homeless.

"She has served the organization in many capacities, and for her outstanding contributions, in 2001 a classroom building was named in honor of her. Martha has served as a tutor to underprivileged and handicapped girls in the literacy program, and also gave her time to the Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra."

The citation said her work with LWW constitute "some of Martha's most significant contributions."

Article tells of Appalachia progress: 'pipe and patience'

"PVC pipe and patience" have helped transform the lives of people in pockets of Appalachia, a copyrighted article in *The Knoxville News-Sentinel* has reported.

Bob Fowler, the newspaper's editor for news of Anderson County, Tenn., told how CWU graduate Mike Sale of Farragut, Tenn., and several volunteers from Oak Ridge, Tenn., have been travelling to mountain communities to install water treatment systems for low-income residents with bad well water.

"Years of acid runoff from coal mining and oil and gas drilling in the Appalachian Mountains have taken their toll on wells there," the article said.

When the article was published in March, LWW's Appalachian Network teams had installed 17 systems in the Buffalo Creek area near Clairfield, Tenn.

The project is unique in that it is administered by a non-profit group, Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties, based in Oak Ridge. The group got a \$50,000 load from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and raised \$80,000 from Presbyterian churches and area Rotary clubs.

Beneficiaries are to repay the USDA loans over long terms at low interest, but church fund-raisers are helping to offset those costs, Fowler's article said.



'Demand for the water is incredible'

'People really wanted the purified water,' Tim Wheeler, a Presbyterian missionary, reported about this installation in Trinidad, Honduras, led by First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Ala. Three trained operators are working three-hour shifts daily and a fourth is being trained. They'll have to have two working each shift to keep up, he said, and 200 additional bottles are being obtained to help meet the need. Let clean water flow!

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