



A mission grows in Cuba

Three systems installed, four more in the works

By JERRY and VERNIECE GOODE

On June 30, First-Trinity Presbyterian Church in Laurel, Miss., dedicated its third Living Waters for the World treatment system in Cuba at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Martin Luther King Center in Havana.

This system joins two others in Cuba at the Evangelical Seminary of Theology and a children's home and community in Matanzas. All three systems resulted from efforts by teams from First-Trinity Presbyterian in partnership with the Matanzas Seminary.

But new blood is on the way. In November, two teams from the St. John's and ChristChurch Presbyterian Churches in Houston, Texas, and Clear Lake Presbyterian Church in Bellaire, Texas, will travel to Matanzas to install systems at the First Baptist Church of Matanzas and its associated Kairos Center and at Iglesia de la Playa Presbyterian Church.

In addition, Westminster Presbyterian in Minneapolis is exploring the possibility of an installation at Luyanó Presbyterian Church in Havana, and St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian in New Orleans has plans to install a system at its sister church, El Fuerte Presbyterian in Cardenas, both in early 2012.

A number of other sites have been identified and await partners. All of this activity has been in conjunction with a




Luis, lead operator at the MLK Center in Havana, explains the importance of proper bottle disinfection to the health, hygiene, and spiritual education class.

strong partnership with the seminary in Matanzas and the IPRC (Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Cuba), our sister denomination there.

As of July, the two existing systems have produced almost 200,000 gallons of clean water and reports of health benefits continue. A recent health problem caused by water contaminated due to

flooding did not affect the communities using the water from their LWW systems.

If you have an interest in LWW in Cuba, please contact Jerry or Verniece Goode through LWW. 

Jerry and Verniece Goode of Laurel, Miss., are instructors in CWU 103 and 102, respectively.

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We're peering five years into the future

By WIL HOWIE

Seventeen years ago the first LWW system was installed in northern Mexico. It strikes me what a very long way we have come from those first tentative, shaky steps. Who could have imagined today 395 clean water systems have been installed in 23 countries, and 91 percent of these are still operating!

Along the way have been several pivotal Spirit-powered moves. Catching the vision in 2003 to begin training and equipping teams was the first huge shift, which came in March 2004 with the first Clean Water U. Now, 31 sessions and over 1,250 graduates later, more and more clean water is flowing into the world.

With intentional and strategic planning, we've been busy learning as we go, both administratively and organizationally. Regional networks and network coordinating teams have been formed. Eleven international in-country consultants and technicians have been hired. Our Development and Awareness team keeps hustling to meet the growing demands.

Today LWW is poised on the edge of another *kairos* time as we look forward to the realities and challenges we face. Where is God leading in all of this growth and interest?

In the January Water of Life, we announced we are scoping out a Five Year Vision, intentionally working to discern what God wishes us to be and do to meet the growing opportunities and chal-

lenges we face. In early June the Leadership Team and staff met for two days to initiate this process. Starting with a SWOT analysis — strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats — this led to the development of the following Mission Statement:

LWW is a Christian ministry providing sustainable clean water and fostering long-term mutually beneficial relationships between volunteers and communities in need.

What do you think? We'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas. In the next Water of Life issue, we will share our new Vision Statement. Stay tuned as together we work to make a difference. 🌍

The Rev. Wil Howie of Water Valley, Miss., is founder and director of Living Waters for the World.



This is a typical home of Dominican users of LWW clean water. It is in a small village between the mountains and the sea.

Dominican Republic Network, where growing pains are good

By WILLIAM MILAM

The Dominican Republic Network is one of the newer networks within the LWW family, and we are excited about its growth.

This beautiful country covers the eastern two-thirds of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. The capital city is Santo Domingo, on the southern coast. The people are friendly and joyful.

One recent addition to our network has been Pedro De La Cruz, joining us as a part-time in-country consultant. Pedro has a passion to help the people of his country and is committed to helping bring clean water to the less fortunate there. He is helping with the long-term success of current systems

there as well as being available to help teams install new systems.

Another milestone of our network is the installation of a reverse osmosis system in June in Azua, a mid-size town along the southern coast. Both their surface water and well water sources have heavy content of minerals and dissolved solids. A team converted a standard system to this new RO system.

As the network grows, we look forward to touching the lives of more and more people there and to working more closely with Haiti, which is just east of the DR on Hispaniola. 🌍

William Milam is moderator of LWW's Dominican Republic Network coordinating team and an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn.



FCI's account team for LWW: (front row, from left) Sheila Lee, Christina Bell, Bryan Robison, (middle row) Any Hartell, Jason Mattingly, (third row) Sharon Wheeler, Christy Bratcher, Keith Ballard and (top) Andre Morris.

FCI: Johnny on the spot

By JEFF WAGNER

It was 3 o'clock on a Monday afternoon when I hung up the phone. A Living Waters for the World partner was putting on a training seminar that weekend and needed 30 Clean Water Systems handbooks on short notice.

I asked Amy Hartell, our client manager at Fulfillment Concepts Inc. (FCI) in Louisville, Ky. No problem, she replied. Could I pick them up at 2 p.m. Wednesday?

Since 2003, FCI has been a valued partner of LWW, providing unparalleled service in fulfilling needs for system parts, LWW promotional items or, in the case of Clean Water U, all the student binders for every session held.

FCI's state of the art supply chain, logistics and printing applications provide on-demand services. Its highly qualified staff provides an exceptional level of service to LWW, whose mission it is proud to be a part of.

When Living Waters for the World

began, a dedicated volunteer, John Gramling, managed warehousing and shipping from his farm outside Bowling Green, Ky. As the LWW mission grew and Clean Water U became a reality, it became apparent that we'd quickly outgrow John's barn and that supplying teams was going to be more than a one-man-show.

As is often the case, great relationships begin with an innocent question; In this case, "What is it that you do?"

During an installation trip to Haiti in 2002, LWW founder Wil Howie posed that question to a member of the installation team, Ralph Hall of Louisville, who operated FCI. A partnership soon was established with FCI.

Since 2003, it is estimated that FCI has provided services valued at \$17,000 annually, making FCI a crucial partner in LWW's efforts in the world water crisis. 🌍

Jeff Wagner of Louisville, Ky., is information technology administrator for LWW.

One grant of \$5,100 remains to be given

By CARIETURNER

At the end of last year, LWW received from an anonymous donor a gift of \$30,100. The donor asked that this money be used for water systems installed by Presbyterians, for Presbyterians. To date five \$5,000 grants have been awarded, leaving one more grant of \$5,100 available.

Here are the grantees to date:

- South Highland Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Ala., installed with Grace Inkukun Presbyterian Church in Kiserian, Kenya.

- Transylvania Presbytery of Lexington, Ky., with Divino Maestro Presbyterian Church of Ukum, Yucatan, Mexico.

- Advent Presbyterian Church of Cordova, Tenn., with Presbyterian Church Veba de Dio in Moropocay, Honduras.

- Western Kentucky Presbytery of Hopkinsville, Ky., with Gethsemane Church in Huimanguillo, Tabasco, Mexico.

- First-Trinity Presbyterian Church of Laurel, Miss., with Guasinas Presbyterian Mission Church in Guasimas, Cuba.

Any Presbyterian Church which is installing a system in covenant with a Presbyterian Church at a point of need is eligible to apply for the remaining \$5,100 grant. To apply, complete the application form found at:

<https://livingwatersfortheworld.box.net/shared/static/if90k11lu4.doc>

Instructions are included with the application form. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! 🌍

Carie Turner of Franklin, Tenn., is financial administrator of LWW.

Upheaval in El Salvador, and a happy ending

By RALPH YOUNG

Misty Johnson, the former In-Country Coordinator for the LWW's El Salvador Network, had been living in El Salvador near the capital, San Salvador, for about four years with her husband and two pre-school children.

Within the past year, the political climate in El Salvador reached the point where Misty felt that her family was not safe, no matter how much reassurance she received from local law enforcement.

Taking matters into her own hands, Misty resolved to leave El Salvador with her children and return to the United States to live with her parents. The bad news was that her husband, Daniel, could not accompany them because he could not get a visa. U.S. immigration policy required that the family be separated for a period of time before granting a visa.

Fortunately for LWW, Daniel was able to serve as the in-country coordinator for Misty in her absence.



Misty Johnson de Lopez and her family enjoy the first Fourth of July fireworks show her husband and children had ever seen. At right, Santos Daniel Lopez Montes carries Daniel Alejandro on his shoulders, while Misty carries Samuel Emilio.

During this period, Daniel was able to help installation teams and do follow-up work on several systems in the network.

As with many of us in Living Waters for the World, God was watching over

Misty and her family. In June, Misty and her children were reunited with Daniel in the U.S. Soon afterward, Misty found a job working for Care International in Richmond, Va. In the near future, they will be moving

to Richmond to start a new life.

The good news doesn't end there. Because of Misty and Daniel's efforts over the past several months and the dedication of the El Salvador Network Coordinating Team, the Living Waters for the World network in El Salvador is expected to be restored to full network status in early August.

Team Moderator Mona Lee has been tireless in scheduling meetings, conference calls, and doing whatever it takes to restore the El Salvador Network. The coordinating team of Robert McCrary, Lee Stovall, Tom Ritter, Tracey King-Ortega, Bill Perry, and Kristi van Nostran have all contributed.

Let's offer a prayer of thanksgiving for this dedicated team and their service to the Salvadoran people. 🌍

Ralph Young is a CWU 103 lead instructor, leader of the Design Sub-team, LWW's Network and Sustainability Services Coordinator and an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Paducah, Ky.

University masters' theses provide statistics on operations in Yucatan

By SUSAN BRADISH

Like any mission program, Living Waters for the World needs help from experts from time to time to know how it is doing.

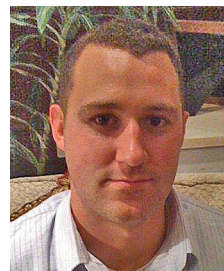
Three recent graduates of the master's degree program at Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University in Atlanta — Janelle Hartman, Joanna Galvez and Stephen Crabbe — focused their

theses on detailed program assessments of several LWW systems in the Yucatan.

Their topics included:

- Sustainability, both operational and financial.
- Bottled water consumption, based on consumer interviews.
- Water quality analysis, both at treatment systems and in households.

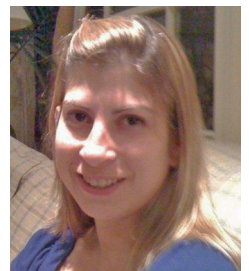
They found that, while we



Crabbe



Hartman



Galvez

do well in some areas, we have room for improvement in others. Study results will be a topic of intense discussion at future meetings of our leadership teams.

These three young profes-

sionals demonstrated a pioneering spirit in choosing LWW as the focus for their master's theses. 🌍

Susan Bradish, an instructor in CWU 102, attends Troy Presbyterian Church in Nicholasville, Ky.

Education materials now available in French, Creole

By JOANIE LUKINS

The explosion of new water systems in Haiti has created a demand for the CWU-102 curriculum in French, with activities and visuals also in Creole.

The French version will be appropriate for Haiti as well as some areas of Africa, and the Creole will make it accessible to the non-French-speaking Haitian population.

This new translation, which includes a hard-copy manual in French as well as CDs with reproducible items in both French and Creole, is now available for ordering through the LWW website.

This newest member of the 102 family joins the existing English and Spanish translations. We are becoming multi-lingual, indeed! 🌐

Joanie Lukins of Danville, Ky., is, among other things, a lead instructor in CWU-102 and author of most of its training materials.



This poster, familiar to CWU graduates when it is in English, is shown in the Creole version contained in the new manual's "Reproducibles CD." Translation: Use this water (for) drinking, brushing teeth, cooking, caring for baby.

From now on, CWU offering travel by Gator

By STEVE YOUNG

Thanks to the generosity of LWW volunteers Jerry and Kathy Vaughan of Hopkinsville, Ky., Living Waters for the World now has a new John Deere CX Gator utility vehicle for the Hopewell campus of Clean Water U!

Moving from location to location at Hopewell has been a challenge for CWU staff and students with ambulatory challenges. The Vaughans noticed and felt compelled to do something about it. In between CWU sessions, the vehicle will be used as needed by a very appreciative Hopewell staff.

Those who have worked with Jerry and Kathy at CWU, conferences and on mission trips aren't surprised; the Vaughans seem to make a habit of showing love to others by always going above and beyond.

Many thanks to Jerry, Kathy and all of you who share your time, talent and gifts with this special ministry. 🌐

Steve Young of Franklin, Tenn., serves full-time on the LWW staff as Director of Development.



From left, Kathy Vaughan, Camp Hopewell director Ann Kelly and Jerry Vaughan, passing the keys of the new Gator.

When there's a big meeting, LWW is there

By PIERCE BUFORD

From Indianapolis, to Nashville, to Montgomery to New Wilmington, Pa., Living Waters for the World has been on the road this summer.

The Big Tent, the second biennial PCUSA conference where participants had the opportunity to participate in nine different conferences, was held in Indianapolis in June. Unable to have a booth in the exhibit hall, LWW partnered with Solar Under the Sun to have a suite where drop-ins could hear about LWW, Clean Water U and Solar Under the Sun.

On display were pictures of the systems, installations and people in various countries, as well as the printed material. In hours when the suite was not opened, Wil Howie, Chris McCrae, and Pierce Buford were visible in the exhibit hall and in workshops. It was very encouraging to have persons approach them to ask about LWW and SUTS, and to meet persons who had attended CWU or SUTS and to hear the stories of their installations.

In July LWW was represented for the first time outside the PCUSA. The Disciples of Christ invited LWW to have a booth at their General Assembly in Nashville which was attended by over 6,000 persons. There was excitement and interest by the participants about the opportunities open to partner with



The Rev. Dr. Johnson Mhillah of Nairobi, Kenya, stopped by the LWW booth at the Disciples of Christ General Assembly in Nashville. He told us there is an LWW system in his hometown in Ghana.

LWW and SUTS for training that will lead to installations in areas in need of clean water.

Steve Young had the opportunity to meet with the DOC leadership to discuss ways to stay connected with DOC. Jerry and Kathy Vaughan, Dave Howell, Mona Lee, Beth Weaver, and Pierce Buford managed the booth.

Among the exciting moments was when a man who lives in Kenya, and is originally from Ghana, stopped suddenly when he recognized the water system because there is a system in his Kenyan village as well as systems in Ghana.

In addition, a minister from the Congo and one from Viet Nam, currently serving churches in the USA but

remaining connected to their home villages, said their villages were desperately in need of clean water. They will pursue working with LWW/SUTS.

A third large event, the annual AL/MS Presbyterian Women's Conference was held in Montgomery, Ala. LWW had a display and Pierce Buford made a presentation highlighting Clean Water U plus work in Haiti (with information on SUTS) and in Cuba. LWW was blessed to be given a monetary gift.

Finally, the Rev. Jim McComack from Erie, Pa., represented LWW with a display at the New Wilmington Missionary Conference attended by several thousand people. 🌐

Pierce Buford of Birmingham, Ala., travels widely to promote LWW.

Looking ahead

- Sept. 7-11 CWU No. 32, Oxford, Miss.
- Oct. 9-13, CWU No. 33, Calvin Crest, Calif.
- Nov. 9-11, LWW team meetings, Franklin, Tenn.
- Dec. 5, LWW Committee meets, Franklin, Tenn.

Water and the Word: Thirst No More

Based on John 4:1-42

By Carie Turner

Jacob's well in the noonday heat.
A Samaritan woman and Jesus meet.
He asks for a drink, she does not understand.
Living water, life eternal, who is this man?
Leaving behind her empty life and water jar,
She shares her testimony with the town of Sychar.
Living water, poured out,
Thirst no more.

Carie Turner of Franklin, Tenn., is financial administrator of LWW.

LWW teams are connected, you bet

By JOANIE LUKINS

How do you define “connectionalism”? Well, try this:

A new LWW team from Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wis., with a connection in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico, plans to send someone to check on a system previously installed by a group from Richmond, Ky., whom they have never met.

Not only that, but the Mequon team also is in conversation with a team from Edmond, Okla., about their common interest in the San Cosme area of the Yucatan, working with the Reformed Church.

David Coleman of First Presbyterian in Richmond explained in a message to Patti Pyle and Doug Depies of the

Mequon church that two years ago they had installed a system in the village of Yaxcheku and had made two follow-up visits.

The Richmond church then shifted its emphasis to work in Honduras, but subsequently learned of a change in the situation at Yaxchecu, which is not far from where the Wisconsin group planned to work. Rather than arrange a special trip to Mexico, the Richmond group learned through LWW channels that the Mequon group planned to be working nearby.

That’s where connectionalism kicked in. 🌐

Joanie Lukins of Danville, Ky., moderates LWW’s Yucatan Network coordinating team.

Spreading the word, at home and across the globe

By BILL REED

In recent months LWW supporters have been telling our story a in places ranging from Nashville, just a few miles from the LWW home office, to the other side of the world in Ghana.

Many of us feel that there is great potential for the ministry of LWW to expand with partners from many different U.S. denominations. To this end we exhibited at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nashville in July (see preceding page).

As you know, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has mission co-workers stationed in dozens of countries around the world. There are also networks for many of those countries which promote cooperation between PCUSA mission coworkers and church groups involved in those countries. And, of course, LWW has network coordinating teams in many of those same countries. Cooperation between these networks seems like a natural.

In a recent wonderful example, Jim Levernier and Buddy Nix worked with LWW’s Ghana network coordinating team but also cooperated with the PCUSA-Ghana network. That network had a meeting in Akropong, Ghana, in June. Jim and Buddy were able to arrange for the group to visit an LWW installation that was within



Buddy Nix reviews the workings of the LWW system at Akropong, Ghana, during a meeting of the PCUSA-Ghana network in June 2011.

walking distance of the meeting site.

LWW has a number of other fruitful relationships with PCUSA mission co-workers: Joella Holman in the Dominican Republic, Tracy King-Ortega in Honduras and Nicaragua, Philip Beisswenger in Guatemala are other examples.

All of us involved with LWW are urged to be alert to building relationships with these mission co-workers.

It is another good way to promote the work of “Clean Water for All God’s Children.”

As always, please keep Bill Reed informed (willmreed@aol.com) when you make an LWW presentation and feel free to contact him with any speaker requests or related questions. 🌐

Bill Reed of Dover, Del., coordinates volunteer and staff LWW presentations for the Development and Awareness Team.

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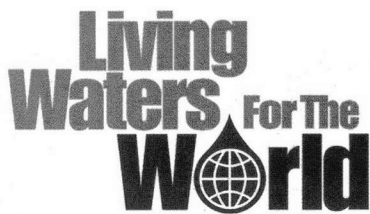
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IP: Grace Presbyterian Church.
- Iglesia Evangelica Centroamericana Esmirna, Solola, Guatemala.
IP: First Presbyterian Church, Visalia, Calif.
- Shaddai Villa Nueva, Guatemala.
IP: Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Ky.

Haiti Network

- Little Brothers of St. Therese — Palmiste au Vin, Decouze, Haiti.
IP: Holy Spirit Catholic Church Haiti Mission, Huntsville, Ala.
- Darivager, Haiti.
IP: First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, Kans.

Nicaragua Network

- CEPAD, Santa Cruz, Nicaragua.
IP: First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Va. 🌐

A hot time makes water appreciated

By STEVE YOUNG

June 9-12 were incredibly hot days in Middle Tennessee, particularly for the 65,000 fans attending the Country Music Association Fan Fest, a major event for the country music industry.

Living Waters for the World was invited by the Shalom Foundation, one of our initiating partners working in Guatemala, to partner with them to set up and staff free water stations throughout the event. Thousands of hot, thirsty folks came through the stations, almost all offering a word of sincere thanks as they refilled water bottles, or just drank from the taps provided.

Volunteers who staffed the station did a remarkable job under tough circumstances and we thank them: Terry Allen, Emily Dunbar, Doug and Susan Henry, Dave Howell, John and Mona Lee, Bill McClanahan, Deb and Mike O'Brien, Don Piggins, Carie Turner, John Wade and Tom Wilhoite. 🌐

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