

Sharing Families-Rwanda

If you're not familiar with the ten plus year story of our parish support for the Station School in Rwanda – or would like a review – please check out the insert from the October 8, 2023 Sunday Bulletin. Below is a link to the picture-filled report on our parish website:

<https://stelizabethtrinity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Station-School-Rwanda.pdf>

Here's an update:

- It's back to school time, and aided by your generosity, new Station School students are being equipped for success with proper school supplies and essential hygiene products and additional items.
- In appreciation, the students will be sending letters and photos. While each child has a unique personal story, all Station School students share a profound gratefulness and a commitment to study hard to make the Sharing Families of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity proud.

I will be again traveling to Station School in September to bring a message of Christian hope to the community. I'll share another report upon my return.

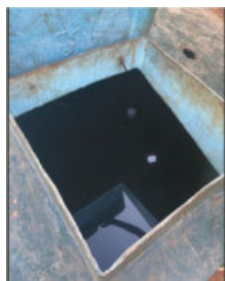
Our motto is simple: ***Helping one child will not change the world, however, for that one child the world will be forever changed.***

The Water Well Project

Can you imagine trekking eight miles round trip to collect water?

I personally have witnessed this daily hardship. Sharing this story with a Sharing Family, they generously offered to help launch a water well project. To no one's surprise, it's been a challenge. However, we've worked with local landowners to gain permission to lay pipe, and engineered a plan that reaches the low point in the valley where there is a possibility for water. We're now working on a solar panel solution for the activation of the pump. Since launching the project many other Sharing Families have helped fund this project.

In short, aided by your generosity and prayers, water (which we take for granted) will be flowing consistently in approximately two months.



Here is how you can help this community move beyond the violence of the past and the challenges of serious poverty:

- Support the annual fund-raising Spaghetti Dinner on October 13.
- Sponsor one (or more!) Station School students at \$25.00 per student.

A few reminders:

- You can sponsor a student or donate any amount at any time by making a check payable to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. (Please be sure to **mark on the memo portion of the check *Station School.***)
- You can also donate online via Faith Direct. Please select the Station School.

Follow our progress on this remarkable journey at www.stelizabethtrinity.org and see the hope and smiles in the eyes of the children. We have given them the gift of a brighter future and we have received the gift of an extended family. God bless,

Bobbie DuMelle