

Watering Malawi.

We did it! You did it. You met and surpassed the phase one goal for Watering Malawi. A year ago right now Watering Malawi (WM) was just being dreamed into reality. **Eleven months and \$150,000** later, deep bore hole wells will be drilled and irrigation techniques offered in twenty remote areas of Southern Malawi where the droughts hit the hardest.

With Katrina swamping us just after a catastrophic Tsunami, last year's drought in Malawi just didn't seem to be on anyone's radar. So we put it in front of Passport teenagers and they took the ball and ran with it!

Students began events prior to the summer, gave an offering during camp and then went back home and created Watering Malawi events all over the map. It has been like Christmas to come to work, read letters from all over the place and hear how teenagers brought this issue up with their schools, churches and civic organizations. Teenagers have done everything from aution off eye-brow waxes to throwing



rock concerts. The results are astounding. Grants were also contributed by national groups including the tri-denominational *Faith in 3-D* youth gathering, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, *Pure Water Pure Love* and The Florida CBF. Fifty-six individuals and forty-six congregations from multiple denominations have also contributed.

So, what's next? Passport's Board and Advisory Committee strongly encouraged the continuation of the project. *"It's important to help young people know that long range solutions can't be solved in one year,"* said committee member Dr. Horace Hambrick of Georgetown, Kentucky. *"We all need to understand that significant change takes time and commitment to the task."*

So, stay tuned and keep watering those gardens. Thanks to teenagers' faithfulness in hearing and responding to God's leadership in their lives, **Watering Malawi II** is already well underway!

Watering Malawi advocates for clean water and simple irrigation systems as long term solutions to hunger and drought in the country of Malawi.
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