

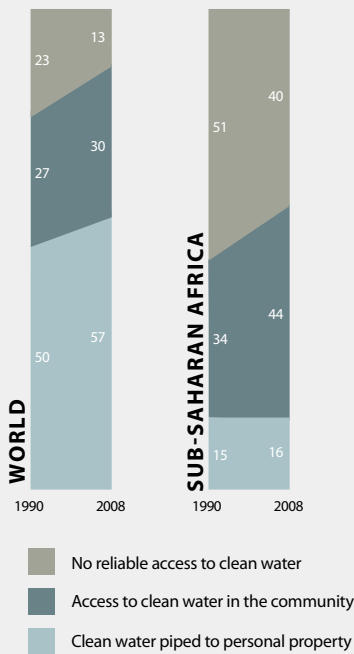
# WORLD VISION *news*

IN FOCUS



Today, a full 87 percent of the world's population—5.9 billion people—has access to improved water sources.

This is an increase of 1.8 billion people since 1990. However, much work is needed in sub-Saharan Africa, where only 60 percent of people have access to clean, safe water.



Source: *Progress on Sanitation and Drinking Water*, WHO and UNICEF, 2010



CRISLYN FELISILDA/WORLD VISION

## Joy on Tap

*Clean water comes to Relie's village.*

BY CRISLYN FELISILDA

**ABOVE | Relie** relishes clean water.

Oh, the joy of being able to turn on a tap and see crystal-clear, clean water flow.

Although youngsters in the United States might not consider this a big deal, it's something that 12-year-old Relie Ricafort from Tula-Tula Norte village, in the central Philippines, will never take for granted.

"We used to climb mountains and walk at least three kilometers to fetch water daily at the streams or deep wells," she says, "carrying heavy containers on our heads."

Even after going to all that trouble, the water that villagers procured was almost invariably contaminated, and village children suffered regular bouts of diarrhea.

Things changed when World Vision partnered with local government and community volunteers—building a reservoir and installing a system of pipes to bring clean water to more than 3,000 households.

Among those who are deeply grateful is Relie's mother, Rosemary. She says that her children now take regular baths, wash their hands before meals, and arrive at school on time. In the past, she explains, her children were often late for school because they had to spend so much time fetching water.

"I don't worry that water [will] threaten the lives of my kids anymore," Rosemary says. ■

### QUOTABLE »

*"Being a Christian, or follower of Jesus Christ, requires much more than having a personal and transforming relationship with God. It also entails a transforming relationship with the world."*

—RICH STEARNS

WORLD VISION U.S. PRESIDENT,  
FROM *THE HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL*

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# Pure Genius

*An innovative water treatment helps children thrive.*

BY WEZZIE BANDA AND JAMES ADDIS

**A**fter playing an energetic ball game with friends at school, 12-year-old Juliana Chilanga became desperately thirsty.

She decided to get a drink of water from one of the wells close to Utale Primary School, in southern Malawi. That was a big mistake. Shortly afterward she felt weak, experienced stomach pains, and began vomiting and passing diarrhea.

Juliana's mother, Peletuwa, took her to the nearest health clinic, about 6 miles away. The doctor discovered that Juliana had bilharzia—a disease caused by parasitic worms picked up in unclean water.

Unfortunately, the prescribed treatment was not in stock. This forced Peletuwa to use money she had set aside for buying farm seed to pay for transport to the nearest town. In Balaka, about 45 kilometers away, she purchased medicine and rehydration salts. Still, it took a week before Juliana felt well enough to return to school.

The plight of children like Juliana prompted World Vision to supply local schools in the district with

PUR (pronounced “pure”) water purification packets—a revolutionary water treatment method.

PUR is the brainchild of Procter & Gamble scientist Dr. Philip Souter, who speculated that the processes employed by city water-treatment plants could be replicated by a small packet of cleaning agents. His hunch turned out to be correct. A single packet of PUR, costing 3.5 cents, is stirred into a bucket of dirty water, causing contaminants to clump together. They can then be removed by straining. Tests show that PUR can remove more than 98 percent of harmful metals, bacteria, parasites, and viruses—and is considerably more effective than chlorine tablets.

Currently, World Vision is one of the leading educators and distributors of PUR, using it successfully in more than half a dozen countries. During the recent cholera epidemic in Haiti, thousands of people obtained safe drinking water thanks to World Vision-supplied PUR.

Meanwhile, the supply of PUR to Utale Primary School sparked greater interest in water purity among

staff and pupils and led to the formation of a water and sanitation club. Teacher Paskasio Pikado says club members disseminate messages about the importance of clean water throughout the local community using drama, poetry, and song.

Among the club's most enthusiastic members is Juliana. “I have learned a lot of things through this club,” she says, “and my life is no longer the same.” ■



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Demosi, in white, leads worship.**

## When Christ Is Revealed »

**J**ust one week after Jan. 12, 2010, I walked the streets of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. An already fragile country was flattened by the worst earthquake in modern memory, killing 230,000 and leaving more than a million homeless. I surveyed the devastation and asked myself how any people could continue on after such an astounding run of misfortune.

Flash forward 11 months and imagine my amazement during a worship service in that same city. In a crude tent in the middle of a sprawling camp for thousands of the displaced,



**ABOVE | Juliana gathers dirty water, adds the PUR treatment packet, and filters out contaminants—leaving her with clean, safe water to drink.**



WEZZIE BANDAI/WORLD VISION (4)

## VITAL COMPARISONS

	MALAWI	UNITED STATES
Population	15 million	315 million
Income per capita (USD)	\$280	\$47,240
Life expectancy	54 years	79 years
Access to clean water	80%	99%
Access to improved sanitation	56%	100%

I heard worship that was full of hope and courage, overflowing with thanksgiving to God.

The worship leader was Demosi Louphine, whose right arm and left leg had been amputated after a building collapsed on her and she endured four days without medical attention. But there she was up in front—leading the choir and leading prayers, lifting her one hand high in praise to God.

She expressed no bitterness; rather, she was deeply grateful that God had spared her life. “He brought me back like Lazarus,” Demosi told us. She believes she was saved for a reason—to

raise her girls and to serve her Lord for a few more years.

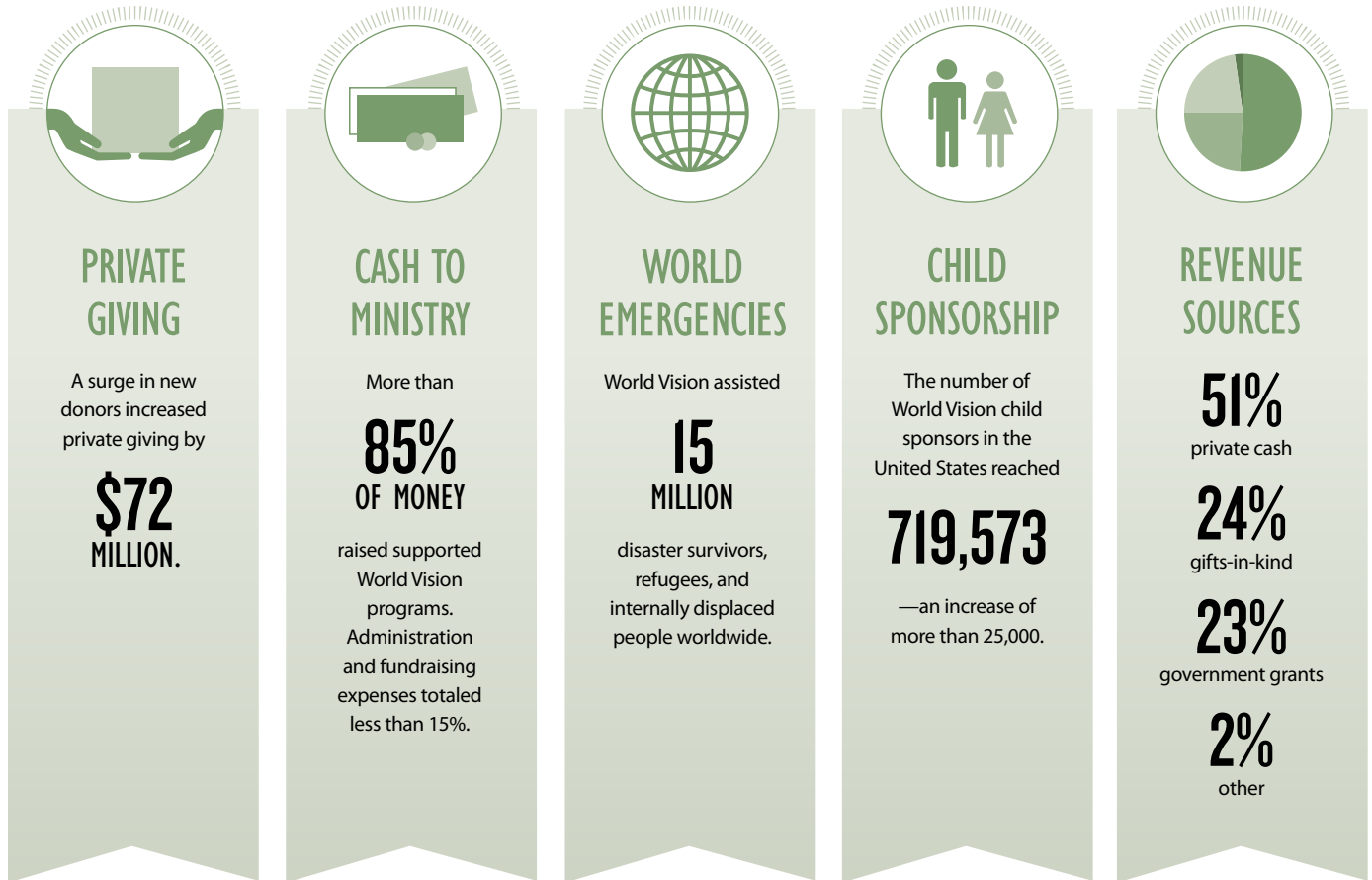
Part of the mystery of our faith is the role that suffering plays in drawing us closer to God. None of us seeks this suffering, but for those with faith in Christ who do suffer, surely He meets them in the deep places of faith, providing some supernatural source of courage and strength—and perhaps understanding.

We have much to learn from God’s beloved poor. ■



# Thanks to You

*In 2010, 1.1 million people like you in the United States chose to financially support World Vision. Thanks to your generous donations, World Vision is continuing to grow and partner with people in need across the globe.*



## POWERFUL PARTNERS

IN ADDITION TO GIVING FINANCIALLY, World Vision supporters in the United States have generously donated their time and effort to spreading the word about poverty and injustice.



**56,000**

participated in the World Vision Experience: AIDS.



**415,000**

youth participated in the 30 Hour Famine.



**15,000**

churches partnered with World Vision.



**20,000**

college students supported the ACT:S network.



**86,000**

volunteer hours contributed.



RANDI ANGLINGENESIS PHOTOS

## MY STORY

**Name:** Pat Schlight

**Occupation:** Director at Microsoft

**Home:** Sammamish, Wash.

**Buzz:** Having reached a point in life where he had some extra money, Pat Schlight, 47, felt a moral obligation to use some of his resources to help people who are desperately poor. That conviction only strengthened when he visited a World Vision water project in Zambia. The water project meant that women no longer had to lug water for half a mile and vastly increased the amount of land they could cultivate. Pat was even more inspired to donate by the fact that his company, Microsoft, matches employee donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$12,000. ■

*“I have trust in World Vision to be able to pick the right projects, be able to efficiently spend the dollars for it, and to have it deliver sustainable results.”*

—PAT SCHLIGHT

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FOR CHILDREN...

## AFRICAN HEARTBEAT

By Barb Christing & Illustrations by Phillip Cisneros

Will 6-year-old Katie get to travel to Africa to meet Neema, the little girl her family sponsors in Malawi? *African Heartbeat* is a picture book that tells the child sponsorship story from a child's perspective. Readers see how child sponsorship results in physical and spiritual transformation. ■



» **To order, visit [www.worldvisionresources.com](http://www.worldvisionresources.com).**

# Fine Filter

*An innovative product to provide clean water from the Nile River.*

BY ABRAHAM NHIAL

**A**long the banks of the Nile River, in Southern Sudan, finding water is not a problem. What is difficult is finding water that is safe to drink.

In the village of Kaka, Sadia Odhong, 37, has found a solution. “This water tastes better compared to the dirty Nile water,” she says. “It is as clear as mineral water,”

Sadia is drawing from a community water filter, which World Vision recently helped construct under the supervision of a local committee. The 100-gallon filter cleans water for 1,000 families and will last for five years.

“We stopped drinking dirty Nile water after the construction of the filter,” Sadia says. “I take four buckets of water to my house every day.”

With a newfound ability to access clean water, community leaders are noticing a big change. “We had many diseases, especially diarrhea,” says Ismail Adbdelkarim Nyikey, a community hygiene promoter. “But when people started using clean

water, dug latrines, and burned their rubbish, things got better.”

“When the community wants to get safe, clean water, they just fetch dirty water from the dirty river and pour it into the water filter,” says Paul Otto, a World Vision water engineer. “The water will then be filtered down and collected from the taps.”

These new filters—using bone charcoal—are more effective than traditional sand filters because they do not need to be replaced as frequently.

Thanks to the new filter, Sadia has fewer concerns for her children's health. Her newest challenge? Battling the crowds when she brings her water to the filter, “because people are many and the filter is only one.”

To ensure sustainability of water infrastructure, World Vision trains village mechanics to repair and maintain boreholes and water filters. ■

» **You can help provide clean water to communities in need. Fill out and mail the attached form, or go to [www.worldvision.org/newsletter](http://www.worldvision.org/newsletter).**



ABRAHAM NHIAL/WORLD VISION

# Scholastic Success

*Sponsorship helps a grandmother's dream come true.* | BY ABBY METTY

**W**hen Sandy Aguilar was a baby, her parents worked as subsistence farmers in the mountains near San Jeronimo, Honduras. When bad weather or droughts destroyed the crops, they struggled to provide food for their children.

Sandy's grandmother, Florinda Palacios Giron, 58, remembers those days. "People needed to work really hard," she says. "There was more poverty during that time."

But then World Vision began working in the community. The children were registered for sponsorship, a program where donors from the United States send a monthly gift to support a child and his or her community.

Grandmother Florinda says that the biggest change through sponsorship was a diversified diet. World Vision helped families plant and grow new crops, leading to better and more nutritious food. Families could also sell the surplus for additional income.

But most important to Florinda—who only completed third grade herself—were educational opportunities



**ABOVE |** Sandy, right, enjoys the support of her mother, left, and grandmother.

that had previously been out of reach. "Now the children have continued studying," she says. "Before, they didn't even finish sixth grade."

In addition to the material support provided by sponsorship, Sandy, 14, receives letters from her sponsors. "When you receive a letter," she says, "you think, *My sponsor is thinking about me*, and you feel happy."

When asked what she would like

to do with her life, Sandy replies, "I would like to be a teacher. And while I'm working, continue my college education so I can teach higher grades, to teach the next generation." ■

**»You can sponsor a child like Sandy with a monthly gift of \$35. Your support helps World Vision provide things like food, access to school, and healthcare. To sponsor a child, use the attached envelope or go to [www.worldvision.org/newsletter](http://www.worldvision.org/newsletter).**

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# Could You Carry This Water?



JON WARREN/WORLD VISION

**H**ow hard is life without easy access to water? How would your life change if you had to walk two miles to the nearest water source? And then what if you had to carry 70 pounds of water back home? These are the questions asked by Kari Costanza, a World Vision writer from the United States. Go online to watch a video of her experience walking in the shoes of Sabina, a young mother in Kenya.

»To watch the video, go to [www.worldvision.org/WaterForLife](http://www.worldvision.org/WaterForLife).

## SOUL SURFER

A major motion picture now in theaters, “Soul Surfer” tells the true story of champion surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a tiger shark attack. While still dealing with the emotional turmoil, Bethany traveled to Thailand with World Vision to meet



child survivors of the Asian tsunami. She returned home and resumed competitive surfing with a new sense of purpose—to encourage others that they, too, can overcome overwhelming odds to reach their dreams. The film stars AnnaSophia Robb, Helen Hunt, and Dennis Quaid. ■

## JOURNEY TO JAMAA

Help your church embark on an unforgettable journey from poverty to hope through an interactive worship service. Features the award-winning film “Jamaa”—the dramatized story of two Ugandan orphans—directed by Michael Landon Jr. ■

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# DRINK Up



In this issue of World Vision News, see a special focus on clean water for children.

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Help World Vision provide clean water to children in need. Use the envelope between pages 4 and 5, or give online at [www.worldvision.org/newsletter](http://www.worldvision.org/newsletter).

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