



The Promise of Water

A skit for two actors and a narrator

A young woman walks in carrying a large jug and dips it into the river. She looks tired and frustrated. As she is dipping her jug into the water, an older woman approaches the river with a jug of her own. The second woman looks happy and hopeful. As the second woman dips her jug into the river, she speaks to the younger woman.

Older woman: Niece, you look so sad! What's wrong? Are you having trouble at school?

Younger woman: Yes....I mean, not exactly.....well....kind of...! Oh, Auntie! I'm just so tired of walking all the way to the river to get water everyday. Its two miles here, then two miles back every morning before school and then again after school. I hardly have time to do my homework once I get the water back and then finish my other chores.

Older woman: But you've been getting water like this since you were a little girl. Why are you so upset about it now?

Younger woman: Well, a girl I know from the next village told me that they just got a well in their village. It's just a very short walk from her front door. And it's clean water! They don't even need to boil it before drinking it! She said a group called Church World Service came and helped them build it.

Older woman: (interrupting) Oh, I know about this Church World Service. The people who donated money for this well live far, far away, but they care about us and others like us.

Younger woman: (confused) How do you know about it?

Older woman: Because they are coming here to build us a well! Next month! And clean water for us will mean our village will be healthier. A well nearby will make it easier to bring water to our animals and our gardens.

Younger woman: And I'll have much more time to spend on my homework!

Both women start to walk away with their water, talking excitedly.

Narrator: Your donation to Church World Service through TOOLS & BLANKETS will help make the dream of clean, accessible water come true for many people around the world as it did for the women here. Please be generous.

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