



Making a Difference One Village at a Time

May 28, 2011 - Kilbride, North Burlington

School Announcements

The following is a series of **facts on the reality that children in developing countries face every day**. These facts can easily be read & understood by the entire school population, even though some classes may not actually be participating in the Run For Wells program. The idea is to have a child read the fact over the PA. Participating classes can then discuss at will what has been said and teachers may find interesting ways to incorporate this information into other subject areas, including Math (*Venn diagrams for comparing*), Language, Arts, etc.*NB: It is a good idea to provide participating teachers with a copy of each announcement ahead of time to help them prepare/integrate them to their daily lessons.

ANNOUNCEMENT #1

In most developing countries in Africa, it is usually the girl's or the mother's job to collect water for her family. A typical woman in Africa has to walk 6 hours every day to collect water for her family. This is about the amount of time you spend at school each day. The amount of water she can bring back (*about 20 litres*) is equal to the water that goes down the drain with 2 flushes of a toilet. The route the woman has to travel to get the water can be dangerous... There are wild animals and steep rocky hills to climb. Most of the time, she is barefoot.

ANNOUNCEMENT #2

For the majority of Africans, the main source of drinking water comes from streams, rivers, swamps, open shallow wells, and rain water collected from roofs. Often, this water is contaminated from the mud after a rain storm and from animals using the same water source.

ANNOUNCEMENT #3

There are different ways for people in developing countries to carry the water they fetch. They can use big buckets, jugs, or large carved fruit. The containers are then carried on animals or on old bicycles, but mostly on their heads.

ANNOUNCEMENT #4

The water that a girl or woman fetches and brings back for her family has often been infected by animals drinking from the same water source or animals using the water hole to go to the bathroom. Oftentimes, people in Africa are seen with large extended stomachs, which are full of little worms from the bacteria in the water.



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ANNOUNCEMENT #5

When a well is built in a village, the well being of the villagers dramatically increases. People can have better sanitation and less disease. They also have clean water to be used for growing food to feed their family.

ANNOUNCEMENT #6

2.9 **billion** people in the world do not have access to proper sanitation such as running water, bathrooms, toilets, showers, baths or sinks. Most people in developing countries do not have electricity. Women must wash clothes and dishes by hand in the nearby water source because they do not have any running water.

ANNOUNCEMENT #7

Many adults and children in poor countries do not have socks and shoes to wear on their feet. They must walk barefoot among the pointy rocks and threatening animals such as snakes and other dangerous insects and spiders. Many get serious diseases on their feet.

ANNOUNCEMENT #8

People in Canada use 92% more water than most Africans. Each person in North America uses about 326 litres of water per day – that's about the same amount of liquid as found in **126** large bottles of pop. Africans use as little as 3 litres per day – that's the amount of liquid in **1 ½** large bottles of pop. They use this amount to drink, cook, and wash themselves and their clothes. This water is usually very muddy & infected with diseases.

ANNOUNCEMENT #9

Have you ever complained about having to go to school and do your homework? Many children in developing countries cannot go to school because they have to take care of their brothers and sisters at home, or work in the fields to help their parents gather food for their family. The children who are lucky enough to go to school often have no desks or chairs, no pencils, books or erasers. They usually sit on the ground in a tiny classroom or under a tree to listen to the teacher all day. They try to learn everything they can by memorizing all the information.

ANNOUNCEMENT #10

Many people in poor developing countries do not have a house or access to toilets or sinks. Most people live in little straw or mud huts where they sleep directly on the hard ground, with no mattress, blanket or pillow.



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Halton's Back Streets

The Venue

- The quiet streets & rural roads of north Burlington
- Staged at Kilbride Park and Public School
- Comfortable change rooms
- Large gym and indoor washrooms
- Food and beverages for all participants
- Loads of enthusiastic volunteers!

The Races

- 10K and 5K
- Chip-timing on certified courses
- Technical-Ts for runners
- Cash prizes for top-finishers



10K and 5K



walking with water

3K Team Walk-With-Water

- Each team carries 11L of water for 3K
- An inspiring and educational family experience
- Special activities for families with children

The Cause

All donations and 100% of net proceeds will go to HOPE International. Funds will be used to bring clean water to the people of Ethiopia.



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