

This partnership update represents only a few of the myriad ways you have touched the lives of our community partners, and hopefully, gives you a sense of the scale of the impact on lives today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

BOLIVIA**CAMBODIA****BOLIVIA**

In Bolivia, Outreach staff and community teams have been busy keeping up the tempo of their already-great work together. Their most recent collaboration was centered on acquiring and distributing emergency supplies to older community members, unable to work or leave their homes due to their government's strict COVID-related safety measures. Community leaders in 17 communities sprung into action, supplying 243 households (that's 1258 people!) with emergency food supplies and soap to ensure their safety and peace during these tricky times. Great work, everyone!

CAMBODIA

Community-led teams in Cambodia have been extra busy, of late. As they continue their development into empowered, self-sustaining leaders, members have been connecting with local sources of funding and resource networks to realize their big plans. Thanks to their efforts, they connected with IDE, or International Development Enterprises, which provided resources for teams to implement "valve chains" in their fields to improve irrigation on over 1000 square meters of shared land, making it possible for communities participate in commercial vegetable cultivation, and increase their income while also furnishing extra food for local families.

DR CONGO

After community-led teams gathered 3,212kg of corn for their food-loan program, it was time to start distributing it to 198 households whose income has been affected by the COVID pandemic. The food-loan program is only one of the 20 -- 20! -- high-impact, low-cost projects implemented

by community members in DR Congo. Each of the projects is already turning a profit, giving the community the resources to purchase and distribute even MORE food supplies to local families. These projects weren't guaranteed to succeed from the outset; results were achieved because of the dedication and unity of committed, driven, community-led teams to deepen their collective empowerment through their service to one another.

HAITI

It has been a long road to hire two new candidates to lead Outreach's School Feeding Programs in Haiti, but the investment of time and consideration by all involved is nearly ready for its big payoff in the lives of children from 61 schools.

Once the two hires are made — one for Haiti North Schools and one for Haiti South — Outreach and CofChrist teams will meet virtually with them for a thorough on-boarding process to ensure a thorough understanding of their roles, duties, and reporting timelines, and to set up the necessary financial and regulatory details that come with any official position. We are so excited to welcome new leaders into the fold, and even more excited for the impact their work will have on children and families throughout Haiti.

INDIA

When 305 community members in Ghodabadi considered their shared daily challenge of accessing clean water from two frequently dry local wells or from the rushing waters of a dirty river, they realized the solution required "deeper" consideration. After mobilizing to arrange construction, the 65 households in their community now have a new water well on which they can rely, which is deep enough to stay full all year long, and central enough to ensure equal benefit for all.

MALAWI

August 1, 2019 was a big day for members of the Ofesi community in Malawi. 623 people witnessed the drilling of their new communal borehole well, which is significant for practical reasons on a daily basis, but even more significant from a symbolic perspective: The new well is the first reliable source of clean water in their community since it was established in 1935. Elsewhere in Malawi, other wells were drilled in three Outreach-affiliated communities, furnishing daily benefit to 1,703 people!

INDIA

Teams in India have grown incredibly adept at writing, and being awarded, grants from foundations to reach their goals. Most recently, a grant from Light Foundation, a nonprofit which supports food distribution, equipped 45 families with rice, lentils, sugar, salt, cooking oil, and three bars of soap per household. Elsewhere, female-led groups prepared structured submissions (in English) all by themselves to address food and sanitation needs in their community, and received a \$500 grant. The projects supported will have enormous short-term impacts on the lives of community members, but the skills and experience being built and shared by local leaders will go on to pay dividends for generations.

MALAWI

Communities in Malawi are working together to keep one another safe and healthy in the face of lost work and lower income levels due to COVID-related restrictions. Fields previously used to furnish food for individual families have been turned into community gardens, providing nutritious vegetables to fill plates and fulfill communities' commitment to one another through the cultivation and distribution of fields full of tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce, and plenty more.

NEPAL

Since communities in Nepal are still relatively new to the Outreach family, establishing open communication among community members is key to their continued growth and development. With home-isolation orders currently in place throughout the country, teams in Nepal created two Facebook groups for local leaders to network with one another and keep their budding skills sharp. The Leader Page offers community members a space to share their experiences and expertise; where Outreach Nepal staff can keep tabs on and share news of government resource networks, and share new COVID-related updates. The second, the Agriculture Page, offers training resources to help communities streamline and increase their output and efficiency as they work toward their goals. Both pages offer Outreach staff a forum to translate and share new lessons with leaders, who can then share the good news with their teammates.

NICARAGUA

With miraculous assistance from Rotary Club and Darrell Ward, president of the nonprofit Safe Water Plus, nearly 500 water filters have been distributed to schools and homes in 13 communities throughout Nicaragua in 2020. The beneficiaries, roughly 4,364 people, represents 18-31% of ALL Outreach-affiliated community members in the

country. Beyond the material benefit of a new filter, Darrell and Outreach Nicaragua staff arranged for 495 heads of households to receive instruction on best hygienic practices, maximizing the impact of their new clean routines. His work has inspired more than 100 community leaders from throughout Nicaragua to join him in his dedication to safer sipping and/ or scrubbing by working to inspire their teams to continue improving their water quality through organized, community-led development.

PHILIPPINES

What's "OTW," and where is it happening? Easy: It stands for "On the Way," and is the latest means through which Outreach Philippines field staff are making a difference in the lives of community teams. With tight restrictions on mobility still in place by their government, OPI staff is making an extra effort to reach out and keep good things going strong. They've geared up and hit the road, visiting Outreach-affiliated communities throughout the country to facilitate teams' ongoing efforts and development, chiefly in regards to short-term micro- and food-loan programs, which ensure families have enough to eat, regardless of their financial circumstance. The extra effort from the OPI staff affirms their commitment to the communities they serve every day, which in turn, deepens the commitment communities have to their work, and each other.

ZAMBIA

In Zambia, schools are required to submit a time-table of their school days' structure to the Ministry of Education for approval, and the school in the Outreach-affiliated community of Mapande just recently made the grade! Besides the good vibes (and good lesson plans) from their approval, the Ministry also sent over a whole bunch of juice boxes and hand-sanitizer to make snack time as healthy and fulfilling as class time.

Elsewhere in Zambia, communities grew and harvested a bumper crop of corn on a shared plot of land. Once it was gathered, piled, and sorted, the corn filled 15 50kg bags! Besides feeding the people who helped cultivate it, the corn offers communities new pathways toward their goals: A portion of the corn will be sold at market, with proceeds going to group-managed community funds that will cover their respective future project's costs, and the remaining portion will be used to furnish future short-term, community-managed food loans. Bountiful, indeed!

QUESTIONS?

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