



Clean Water & Hope for **THE GAMBIA**

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Jones and Associates, thank you for your partnership with Unto® and for organizing a peer-to-peer fundraising campaign to provide clean water for people in the toughest places. Through your support, Unto worked in collaboration with the Cru® Global Church Movement (GCM) team and their local church partners to drill a new water well for people in the Latrikunda community of The Gambia in 2022. Today, the well is still functioning and is located on the property of the local church, which neighbors a community where less than 1% of people follow Jesus.



Over the years, local church leaders in Latrikunda have faced persistent opposition concerning the presence of their church. City authorities attempted to close the church on several occasions. Despite ongoing challenges, the leaders chose to install an outdoor faucet, offering safe, clean water to all community residents. After the well's installation, government officials informed the church they could not use the water and took legal action in an effort to seize control of the well. Yet, by God's grace, the church was awarded a favorable verdict.

Because of your generosity, more than 500 people have access to safe, accessible water. The well serves the entire community — providing clean water for everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs. As a result, families no longer walk long distances for water, children are missing fewer days of school and cases of waterborne diseases have decreased. The well helps relieve physical suffering and is a witness to many in this predominantly Muslim community.

Unto's humanitarian projects play a vital role in equipping local Cru teams and church partners to demonstrate the love and kindness of Jesus in tangible, practical ways. A key part of our mission is building access, credibility and trust among communities that might otherwise be difficult to reach. Your partnership in supporting this well has opened doors for meaningful relationships in Latrikunda. Our local church partners host a variety of community outreach events, including youth camps, children Sundays and special Easter services. People no longer view the church as an enemy, but rather as an agent of goodwill in the community

The well has been foundational for ongoing ministry in the Latrikunda community, as well as served as a model for other Cru Global Church Movement teams across The Gambia. In each village served, Unto and local GCM teams help drill new clean water wells and share the message of hope in culturally appropriate ways. Ministry is then handed off to the local GCM teams, who along with church leaders, continue to train indigenous pastors to expand gospel ministry and establish more churches in unreached areas. With the Latrikunda well's completion in 2022, faithful partners have helped fund the drilling of 16 clean water wells across the country, launching a multiplication movement to bring Jesus' light and hope to all Gambians.

In this challenging and hard-soiled area of the world, the reality is that gospel ministry takes time. This is due to hurdles such as Islamic extremism, hostility toward Christians and societal and familial pressures. Yet, after years of patient relationship building, local pastors are now reporting deeper spiritual conversations taking place, with 942 people hearing the message of Jesus and eight responding to faith and becoming disciples in 2024!

Your partnership was a catalyst to help make this possible. Thank you for being part of a story that brings both physical and spiritual freedom to those in The Gambia — you are truly making a difference in people's lives both now and for eternity!



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