



– <u>World</u>	7,124,200,000
1  <u>China</u> ^[8]	1,361,060,000
2  <u>India</u>	1,236,420,000
3  <u>United States</u>	317,061,000
4  <u>Indonesia</u>	237,641,326
5  <u>Brazil</u>	201,032,714
6  <u>Pakistan</u>	184,790,000
7  <u>Nigeria</u>	173,615,000
8  <u>Bangladesh</u>	152,518,015
9  <u>Russia</u>	143,500,000
10  <u>Japan</u>	127,300,000
11  <u>Mexico</u>	118,395,054
12  <u>Philippines</u>	98,649,000
13  <u>Vietnam</u>	90,388,000
14  <u>Ethiopia</u>	86,613,986
15  <u>Egypt</u>	83,661,000

Luke 6:24–36 (NASB95)

24th But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full.

25^{Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.}

1 Samuel 2:7 (NASB95)

7^{The LORD makes poor and rich; He brings low, He also exalts.}

Deuteronomy 8:17–18 (NASB95)

17^{Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'}

18^{But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.}

1 John 3:17 (AMP)

17^{But if anyone has this world's goods (resources for sustaining life) and sees his brother and fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God live and remain in him?}

James 1:27 (NASB95)

27^{Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.}

Matt 25:34^{Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.}

35 For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'

37 Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?

38 And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?

39 When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'

41 Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'

Matthew 6:19–21 (NKJV)

19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Ecclesiastes 2:24 (NKJV)

²⁴Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NASB95)

¹⁹Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.

Deuteronomy 8:7–14 (NASB95)

⁷“For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;

⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

⁹a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

¹⁰“When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

¹¹“Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

¹²otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,

¹³and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Deuteronomy 15:11 (NASB95)

¹¹“For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.’”

1 Timothy 6:7–10 (NASB95)

⁷For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.

⁸If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

⁹But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Deuteronomy 15:10

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

Proverbs 3:27

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Proverbs 22:9

He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.

James 2:15-16

If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that,

1 Timothy 6:17–18 (NASB95)

¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

Dear Connecting the Dots Ministries,

Thank you for your commitment of providing fresh water for those in need around the world! Your generous financial donation will enable us to save thousands of lives who are suffering from dysentery and other preventable diseases, all due to the contaminated water they currently drink. Together, we can help restore an entire community that will benefit in so many ways from clean, safe water.

I wanted to share with you a little bit about this unique village that you will be impacting in Uganda. The name of this village is Masange (pronounced muh-SAN-jay) and it is located in the northern part of the Butaleja District in Bunyole West County. The people from this community must travel 3.5 kilometers each way to reach the small, weak pond where they try desperately to get enough water to fill their jerricans.

As you can see from the photos, this pond becomes completely dry with not one drop of water unless there is constant rainfall. When this happens the alternative source is a swamp that is 7 kilometers away and contains water that is just as contaminated as the original source. It is an arduous and time-consuming activity to try and fetch water. Children who must do this are frequently late to school, missing valuable instruction time, and they are often exhausted from the effort needed to travel long distances.

When Pastor Hillary Malo, Hope4Kids water project manager, talked to them about the gift of fresh water there was little hope in the hearts of the villagers. The people reacted "as if they were just listening to a common song which they have been hearing from the government and all has been in vain." But with your incomparable gift of a borehole, the lives in the village of Masange will begin to change for the better immediately. Imagine their unbridled joy when they can access pure abundant mineral water right in their own village. And this gift of fresh,

life-sustaining water for these villagers and their beloved children will lead to health, safety and long life.

The number of people impacted by your generosity will be very great. Five-thousand nine-hundred (5,900) children and 3,600 adults will have access to clean, safe water readily available to them year-round. Many people from the surrounding villages of Lwamboga, Nejungu, Suni and Namahoho as well as children from Mulagi, Suni and Lwamboga schools will also benefit from this borehole and the plentiful, unpolluted drinking water it will provide.

Thank you for bringing this unsurpassed gift of healthy, wholesome water to the village of Masange and its' surrounding community. The people of this society, particularly the children, will be blessed with enriched lives and hope for generations to come. Pastor Hillary Malo sums up the hope of villagers everywhere as he prays, "Let the favor and blessings of Almighty God be upon you for making a difference in the Kingdom of God."

Blessings to you and your ministry!
Angie

Jay Link wrote a book *Spiritual Thoughts on Material Things* and he writes this:

I can think of no better way to define what stewardship really is than with this phrase – keeping the heart of God at the heart of living.