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Calvary well & gravity fed water system

I love working with Pastor Mark's community as they very rarely ask for anything, but if they need something they try a bit of **"self-help"** to get things moving. There was no source of water at the school, the nearest well is about a quarter of a mile away. They decided to improve the facilities for both the school and church so the community held a **"whip round"** to kick start the project and with the money raised they were able to sink a well. The next phase was to build a tower to house a 5,000 litre tank and with a submersible pump water would be pumped up to the tank and a number of taps would be strategically situated around the compound giving a readily available source of fresh, clean water. This will be a major step forward for the entire community. Having received the detailed costings and thanks to a significant donation I received, plus a Rotary 1090 District Grant, work began. We have also included the installation of 2 flushing toilets which will be another first for the community. These are still to be completed but the funding has been provided.

Pastor Mark told me via e-mail a few days ago: Everybody is SO excited -for the first time in the church/schools 20 year history we have running water. Members who live close to the school are now coming to fetch water - what a great joy.

"May God bless Mr. Alan" is the song and prayer of the church and school. Our entire community sends its great appreciation to you and all your supporters.

Over 120 pupils, 250 church members and over 1,000 community members will benefit from the introduction of the new water system. This demonstrates that for a relatively small amount of money (£2,200) we **HAVE "Made A Real Difference"** by giving the community **a Hand Up NOT a Hand Out**

I received the following comment on Twitter from a lady in Sierra Leone: "Well done @AlansAfrica - u go know say u ar true Salone man way den sing for you" Translated it means: "You know you are a true Sierra Leonean man when the people sing for you"

A busy time at the tap just inside the school compound
This new water system has improved the quality of life for nearly **1,500** people in this local community



The smiles on the faces of the girl carrying the water and the mother in the background just sum up the feelings of the local community



When I do talks I'm often asked "why I do what I do"? Seeing photos like these and knowing that my projects are **"Making A Better World"** for some people is my main driving force - long may it continue.

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