

# SECOND Wind

WORD FROM THE FOUNDER



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Photo by Micah Albert

I was once stranded on a small sailboat. The wind had died down and the scooping action my arms made in the water did little to change the situation. Then, the wind! Oh that glorious wind which rose up, filled the sail, and carried me forward on the adventure! God does that too. His amazing ways often provide just what is needed for the journey when we need it. For 20 years the people of ELI have served among the least of these in Africa. In many ways we are now seeing His favor that comes with a second wind.

Oh the joy to visit Grace! She is a former brewer who attended one week of ELI training almost two years ago and today is still standing with Christ, her church, and her family! This is good work we can celebrate and the verse we read above holds a powerful promise. We will reap a harvest if we do not give up!

Do times of weariness come when the wind seems to fade? Of course - BUT - the harvest we see, the testimonies we hear, the children that are saved, the families restored, and the souls that become citizens of heaven makes it worth every effort, dollar, and prayer we invest together with you. With God in the lead and your encouragement in our hearts we plan to see the harvest for the Kingdom grow even more in the months and years to come!

I pray that you are encouraged by the updates we've included here as well as the additional information and videos on the web site where you can dig deeper! This is a team effort and it is your gifts and prayers that help fill the sails of this ministry to bring empowerment to suffering lives. Together we will celebrate a harvest that is beyond what any of us could have ever imagined! So Lord, we say, "Let Your wind blow!"

Don Rogers  
Founder / International Director

Do not grow weary in doing good, for you will reap a harvest if you do not give up.

**Galatians 6:9**



# TRAINING IMPACT

*No More Will Die*

The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.  
**John 10:10**

**T**he policeman looked with amazement at the 45 Kenyan women in front of him. He and the village chief had come to attend the graduation of a week long ELI training where these women learned new skills and were surprised by the moment that began to unfold.

Lucy took courage and addressed the entire group. You see, it took courage because it was this same policeman, and his division, that for years had been investigating, chasing, fining, and arresting her and these other women for operating illegal brewing businesses in their homes. He was about to hear something very unique for the first time in his police career.

"Respected officer. We know now that we have brought darkness into our homes and community. We have injured families and some have even died because of the alcohol we have made. We have discovered many things through this week of training with the greatest being Christ and His forgiveness. We will not brew anymore. Let no more die because of us. We ask your forgiveness for what we have done."



Women asking forgiveness.

Photo by Cat Caya

At this point, all of the women raised both hands to show their solidarity with what she had shared. Both the policeman and the village chief were speechless. Finally the policeman stood, spoke, and gestured with open arms that he would not hold their past against them. The women cheered!



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In that sacred moment, the reconciliation the women had made with God had started the journey of entering into their other relationships as well. When they left the ELI Training Center, their minds were full of ideas and their hearts were clean and unified. They committed to share the new life they had found with others and agreed, "Let no more die because of us!".



# CHILDREN'S HOME UPDATE

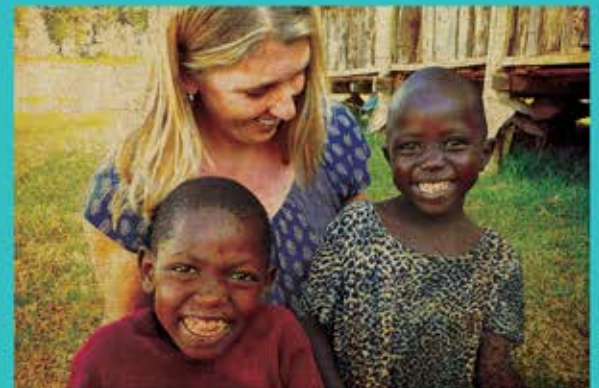
## *Pen Pals*

Leonard and Victor display their handiwork.

The display of mahogany, mvule, and acacia wood pens were like candy to my eyes; not just only because of their unique and colorful beauty, but because of the pride I felt knowing that two of our boys from the Ilula Children's Home had made them. Victor and Leonard beamed as I examined their work and enthusiastically shared about their future hopes now that they have graduated from High School and the Home. While they are currently learning this trade, they are also praying for the chance to attend Higher Education. Victor hopes of studying nursing and Leonard desires to become an electrician.

The quality of these pens, along with the reputation they had gained for being hard-working, respectful, and God-fearing men shows me that we have only just begun to see what God is going to do with these young people's lives.

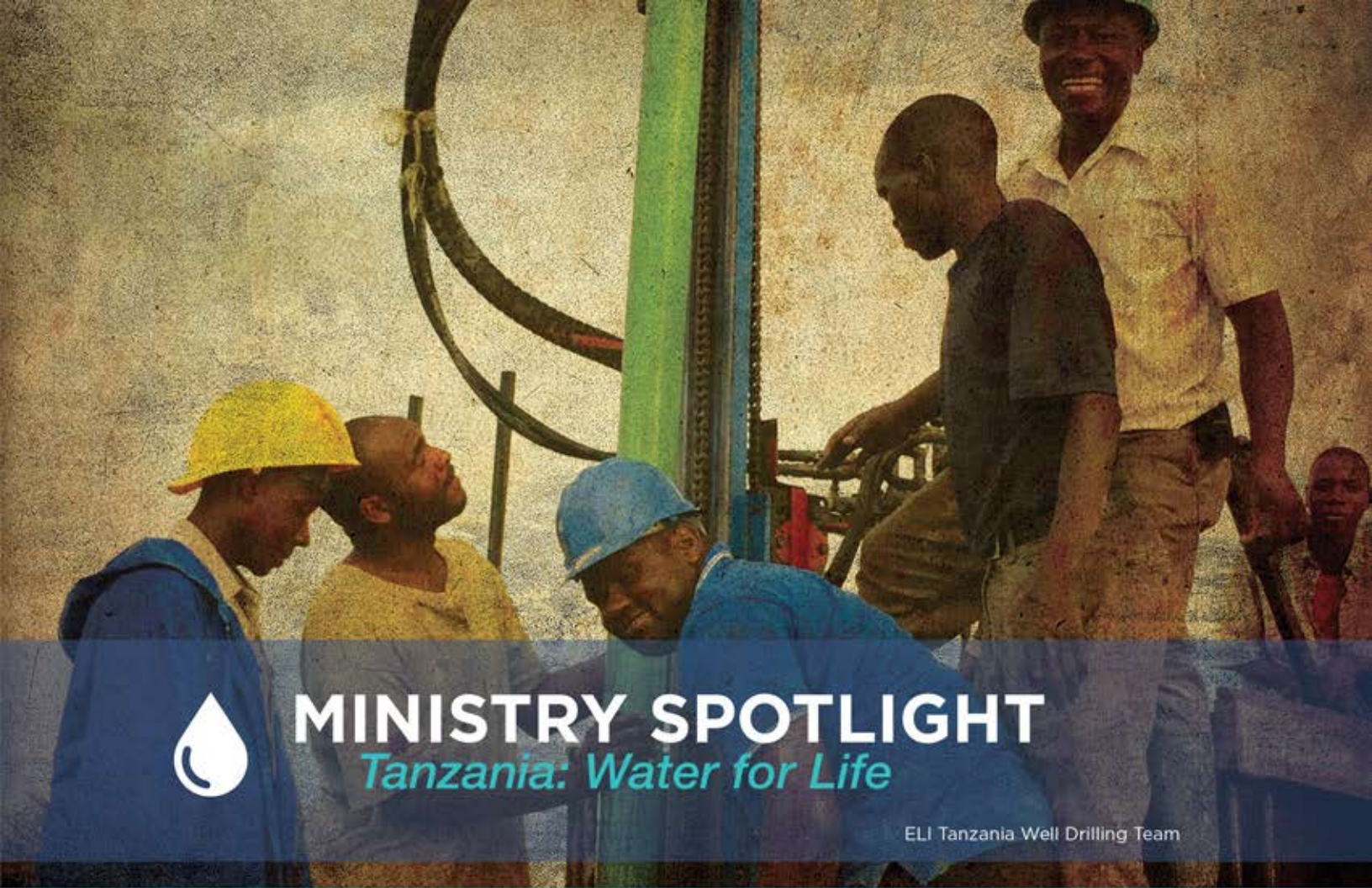
Through sponsorship, over 200 people (maybe you!) have given faithfully to help provide these children with a quality education, food, spiritual encouragement, and family that they can call home. Now that Victor and Leonard (and 23 other children) have graduated and moved out of the Home, we have been able to welcome in dozens of younger children. These boys and girls have brought new life (and new challenges) back into the Home. It is exciting to see the love and bond between each other and their new parents. Please join us in praying as we serve together to change the course of life for 229 orphans and counting, who now have a family and future.



### DIG DEEPER

See video of pens in production and learn how you can help a child in need at [EmpoweringLives.org/SecondWind](https://EmpoweringLives.org/SecondWind)

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# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

## *Tanzania: Water for Life*

ELI Tanzania Well Drilling Team

**M**wasamba village is one of the suffering communities that ELI Tanzania partnered with to establish a fresh water well. ELI Tanzania staff Andrew Belko shares his thoughts on the importance of the process:

Years of experience in the ministry has taught ELI Tanzania director, Yakobo, the basic and obvious truth that access to water is the biggest physical challenge facing his people. Earlier this year we completed our 3rd borehole at a village called Mwasamba which is still producing clean water effectively. During the past several months we have been investing time and energy working alongside the government at the region, district, village, and even sub-village levels. We are encouraging communities to take advantage of the drill rig ELI operates through a cost-share program where they pay for most of the hard costs of the well. It usually takes time for communities to organize themselves and their funds, but we have found they are able to contribute their share as long as we give them time. This process takes patience.

We are doing our best to develop an approach that empowers the communities rather than creating dependence. There are certainly many approaches within non-profit circles and it is a constant matter of debate to determine which one works best. What I've come to understand is that not every attempt



Successful well provides clean water.

to provide water to rural areas is necessarily beneficial in the long term. Think about this statistic: 1 out of every 3 wells drilled in Africa are not currently functioning. I have to stop and wonder... why? I believe providing water through borehole drilling is a great idea. However, great ideas must be coupled with a great approach in order to have a great impact and this impact requires significant local involvement... and patience.



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See video of the old contaminated water source and the new community well at [EmpoweringLives.org/SecondWind](http://EmpoweringLives.org/SecondWind)

To better understand the development practices that strongly influence ELI, Andrew Belko suggests reading the book "When Helping Hurts."

## Jacob is Home!

Over 200 brothers, sisters, family, and community members waited anxiously at the Children's Home gate for Jacob to finally come home! It took a miracle for him to find a donor match for the bone marrow transplant he needed and hundreds of friends coming together from around the world to secure the funds necessary for him and his ELI father Peter, to travel to India for the sensitive procedure and four months of recovery.

Miracles do happen! And Jacob is now a much healthier boy, gaining more strength with each passing day. "I feel more courageous because of the health I've been given," Jacob said. "I feel good, and I want to thank God for all that have helped... Let God bless all of them and their families and everything they do."

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See photos of Jacob's homecoming. Jacob is one of 229 orphans who now have a family and home. There are several children that need a sponsor at this time. Visit [EmpoweringLives.org/SecondWind](http://EmpoweringLives.org/SecondWind)



Photo by Cat Caya



## ELITE Innovations

What do 15 bulls, 19 sheep, 900 banana trees, 1 pond, and 6,000 eucalyptus trees have in common? They are all a vital part of the income-generating business ELI is operating at Kipkaren River, Kenya. Jim Caya, who serves with ELI, and other national staff are working diligently within ELITE Innovations to generate income that will help support the ongoing ministry and at the same time demonstrate innovations in farm practice. At the farm you will also discover corn intercropped with beans, vetiver grass to help control soil erosion, and an amazing pest and drought resistant bush (chaya) whose leaves contain twice the nutrition of spinach. In addition, the pesticide free, ELITE grain storage bag sales have now surpassed over 11,000 units which has helped farmers rescue almost one half million pounds of corn from being destroyed by insects. We believe that God is the author of all ideas and as His people, we strive to bring innovations that are appropriate to where the poor need them the most.



## Training Center Rejuvenation

On July 7th government officials, church representatives, and community members gathered at the Training Center in Ilula, Kenya to celebrate and dedicate the newly expanded dorm that is now called "Ukweli (Truth) Lodge".



During previous trainings some people agreed to sleep on the floor because of the limited room capacity but all of this has changed! Because of the prayers and partnership from Cornerstone Community Church and all of you, we were able to add four new rooms along with additional toilets and showers. Now even more people can be trained and empowered. Thank you for being a part of this important vision!



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## Important Update

# 20 SEASON OF CELEBRATION

**This Fall we celebrate 20 years of Empowering Lives**

Special gatherings, events, and communications are coming your way!



Enhancing Trust

### Wisdom and Guidance

ELI Kenya leadership are developing the next five year strategic plan.

### Healing

DR Congo Directors, Kalondji and Veronique, are both facing health challenges.

### Resources

Need additional sponsors for incoming children and increase to Scholarship Fund for the graduates to attend higher education.

### Inspiration

Our deep desire is to serve the needy and orphan at all times in unity with the inspiration of God's love, message, and guidance.

### Online

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### Blog

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### Social

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### Training Impact

When ELI staff made a follow up visit to Kaptorokwa village, where 45 women were trained, over 400 family, friends, and village leaders met them to say "Thank you!"

Read more about the Kaptorokwa village in the **Second Wind** story inside.

### Rehabilitation Success

After staying at the ELI Kenya rehabilitation home and then living out several months of sobriety, EIGHT MEN revisited the ELI campus with their families and friends to have a special Graduation Ceremony! A full house with hearts full of powerful testimonies of transformation!

### Donate by Mail or Online

Every gift helps bring empowerment to a life in need.

### Support Life Changing Training!

Help sponsor one person, one training, or join THE 180 campaign and give monthly.

### Sponsor a Child or Invest in the Scholarship Fund

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**THE 180**

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