

Marion Medical Mission (MMM)

An African proverb states, "Water is life" ~ "Maji mbu umoyo", in the language of northern Malawi. Millions of rural villagers in Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania do not have access to a clean, safe source of life-giving water. They must use sources that are breeding grounds for cholera and other devastating diseases. MMM has partnered to develop the Shallow Well Program, a cost-effective response to this need. For only \$350, MMM can supply a village with sustainable, clean, safe, protected drinking water: significantly improving the health, happiness, and general welfare of the villagers.

The Shallow Well Program stresses self-help and sustained development of village communities. MMM provides only what the village cannot. Each well is close to the people it serves, using simple technology. Each village collaborates with MMM to plan and construct its well. MMM and its local church partners help the villagers to organize so that they can manage and maintain their well. This empowerment is an important and lasting legacy of the project.



The IPC Foundation first supported MMM last year, providing a three-year salary grant for Malawian Field Officer Clifford Mwanjikho. A three-year grant awarded this year will provide water for an estimated 250,000 people in Tanzania. Part of this grant will fund the salary and expenses for Tanzanian Field Officers Reverend Elisha Mwasakifwa and Reverend Peter Sheiza.

"One can see that Marion Medical Mission is an ecumenical, Christian, non-profit organization which responds to Christ's call to serve people. This act of serving communities through projects that directly go to the poor and needy ones has inspired me to join hands with the MMM team as one of the front-line fighters in this field."

Elisha Mwasakifwa, MMM
Field Officer, Tanzania

