

AQUA CLARA FOUNDATION

...IN PURSUIT OF H₂OPE

Q3 NEWSLETTER

What is this?

This newsletter will offer quarterly updates on ACF, its programs and its progress. Know others who may be interested? Pass it on!

How do I get Involved with these good works?

Each newsletter will offer opportunities to serve the world's need - ACF being sometimes the vehicle, sometimes the connector.



The 'In Pursuit of H₂OPE' Symposium

The June 27 Symposium was organized and hosted by AC personnel in cooperation with a variety of other participating organizations. In attendance were over 150 people interested in helping to provide clean drinking water for the 1.3 billion people worldwide who currently do without. The venue held 20 booths hosted by participating organizations. The wide array of booths were well organized, and served as a focal point for the sharing of information among organizations as well as between individuals interested in such endeavors. The intent was not only to inform, but more importantly to connect organizations and individuals with tools that may serve them in their particular mission. In this, the symposium was a resounding success!

Work is under way to make this an annual endeavor. To this end, *AC is looking for a few interested and motivated volunteers* to step forward in the planning and general organizing of the next event, which will have a different topic, but will yet remain an effective means of connecting organizations and individuals with the tools and relationships that can best be used in their mission.



Purifier Construction Training Sessions - Holland, MI

AC continues to host training sessions at its technology center in Holland, MI. As part of our mission to give this technology away 'as rapidly as possible, as intelligently as needed,' we offer regular training sessions that prepare individuals and organizations to 'transfer' AC technology to locals in their region of mission. Each training session includes classroom time as well as hands-on building experience. To date, well over 150 individuals have been trained and three partner programs have been launched (in Indonesia, Rwanda and Kenya), with many more in the works.

AC is looking for two teams of two individuals to share in the efforts involved in organizing and running these events.



Above is a photo of a June training session that included nearly 40 participants - many of whom will be serving in the field, supporting and implementing AC projects worldwide.

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AC Field Work

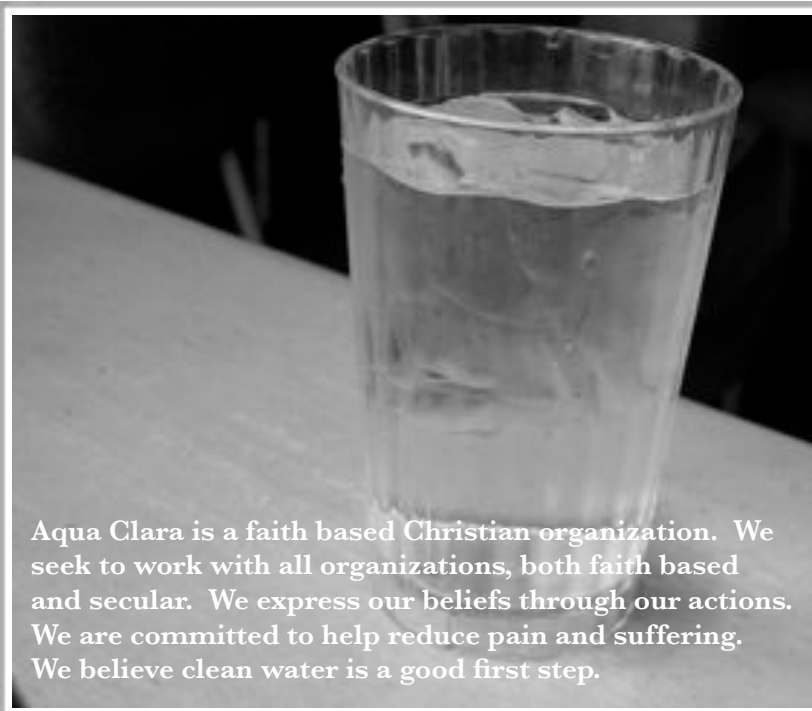
AC continues to expand, and is on pace to place well over 1,000 purifiers on the ground by the end of the year. Trips in 2008 have reached Peru, Nicaragua, Mexico, Kenya, Rwanda, Indonesia and Uganda. Test units are currently being constructed in the Philippines and soon sites will be launched in Guatemala.

Our program is driven by the goal of local ownership and total sustainability. Simply dropping units off is much simpler - but doesn't have near the community impact, nor does it empower locals. To this end, we're currently building our franchising program for worldwide applicability.

Though our work is very cost-effective, since sites are self-sustaining once launched and running, there is significant expense in launching any new site. Additionally, there is a minimal cost associated with ongoing site support, which we offer to all AC affiliated operations. Think of supporting our work financially - you can even target your donation to a specific region or program if you wish. Contact us with questions.

Get Involved with Aqua Clara!

- Be trained as a **volunteer event organizer!** AC needs two teams of two to organize and host two training events per year.
- Be trained as an **AC presenter?** Present and host information booths at churches and schools
- Have time or specific skills you'd like to put to use? **Volunteer** positions available.
- Interested in aiding with our media overhaul? We're particularly looking for those **skilled in film and/or website work.**
- We utilize existing relationships to get our program to locals in developing countries. Do you know any person or organization who may be interested? **Link us!**
- Launching a site is expensive - **support AC financially.** We are a 501(3)(c) nonprofit.



Aqua Clara is a faith based Christian organization. We seek to work with all organizations, both faith based and secular. We express our beliefs through our actions. We are committed to help reduce pain and suffering. We believe clean water is a good first step.