

# ...IN PURSUIT OF H<sub>2</sub>OPE

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### The Symposium

*In all, was a stunning success for a first event - many participants were rave in their reviews, and many new connections have carried over into work that may bless the world.*

### Get Involved

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**IT WAS ALL ABOUT WATER. THE** room was filled with over 150 people especially 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!

There has been significant talk about another symposium - perhaps making these an annual endeavor. While the specific topics presented on will differ, the focus will remain (as it should) on the creation of an environment where connections happen. That is, it will remain a 'meeting place' for so many like-minded individuals and

organizations. We imagine that next time, through word of mouth alone, our nets will be cast all the wider!

*It is hoped that many individuals will come forward to formulate and organize next year's prospective symposium. Their task would be to build upon this years foundation - and their work would be fully supported by this year's organizers. Contact ACF if interested.*



**How many?**  
*At our height we had over 150 people present... with well over 200 attending throughout the day.*



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## Tools for Serving

Many at the symposium appreciated the time spent going booth from booth, learning from others. New tools and approaches can only improve the effectiveness of our service in the world. The symposium worked effectively as a link between interested individuals and service organizations - as well as between those organizations themselves.

## Another thanks...

*To all of the program's supporters - those that contributed to the success of this first symposium. What a shared success! If you know of an organization that may want to participate next time, contact them, and us!*



## The Next Symposium...

The event served as a catalyst for what may be an annual event. Talks have begun. Be a part of the planning, be a part of the team that will build on this foundation. The grand goal? The subjects will always vary, but the foundational principle will be to provide a forum whereby a variety of like-minded individuals and organizations can know and be known, empowering all to make the most of their time in service to others.

### Get Involved - Volunteer with Aqua Clara!

Aqua Clara regularly hosts training sessions in Holland MI - sessions that prepare individuals and groups for work launching water purification programs in the field.

- Be trained as an event organizer! ACF needs two teams of two to organize and host two training events per year.
- Be trained as an ACF presenter - present and host information booths at churches and schools when they request.
- Have any other skills you'd like to put to use? Contact us.

### Get Involved - Support the Symposium!

We planned on about 100 attendees - and over 200 ended up coming! While this means success for sure, it also means substantially increased costs for meals. Would any participants care to share that burden?

- Be in touch to contribute towards the food costs.
- Offer to cover a portion of the next symposium's hosting and food costs.