

# Fresh Water and Living Water! 'Streams in the Desert' Isaiah 35 v 6

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**Streams in the Desert** water project is an initiative to provide rural villages with bore wells, particularly where there is an acute shortage of fresh water.

In **India** so far eight villages have been provided with not only a bore well but also, in tandem, the planting of a church community.

Previously many women had to travel considerable distances to collect drinking water. This project has given International Aid Trust India not only the opportunity to provide clean fresh water, but also to share the Living Waters of the Gospel with villagers so quenching their bodily and spiritual thirsts.

The latest 2 bore wells have been laid, the first in Mannaekelli Village, Bidar Taluk & District, Karnataka State. The costing for the boring and development of each well is 70,000 – 86,500 rupees – £820 – £1000. The depth of water flow and the installation of a submersible pump may add to the cost. In the longer term it is hoped that funding will be available to provide a further 25 wells. It is the policy and vision of International Aid Trust India that wherever a well is installed that a church is also planted. Likewise when a new church is planted a well is installed.



International Aid Trust **Sierra Leone** is also seeking to bring access to safe drinking water to villages without a reliable source of water. 3 water wells have been provided for these desperate communities, who had previously had to get unclean water from swamps or risk their lives getting water from fast flowing rivers. As in India, churches have been planted and are meeting in the villages where the wells have been dug.



The impacts of the water well project were enormous. The reduction of waterborne illnesses was immediate for the families of these villages. Having seen all these positive impacts of the Water Well Project in the lives of these impoverished village communities, International Aid Trust Sierra Leone dearly wishes to do more by expanding the scope of the project to reach more communities and families in Lungi, but with wells costing approximately £3000 we are constrained financially to carry out these projects.

**Could you contribute towards the costs of a well in India or Sierra Leone, and help a community access clean, safe water for the first time?**

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