

The home of Hope

Buy this bottled water, and you help save lives



You may have heard the story by now.

A few years ago, Ted Mettetal was standing in a grocery store aisle stocking up on water for a mission trip when a thought occurred to him: Was there a bottled water company dedicating its profits to helping people in developing countries get access to clean water?

Mettetal, a family doctor and longtime partner with Lakeland Medical Associates in Athens, did some investigating and discovered there was no such company. So in February of 2010, with the help of a dedicated group of people, he launched Hope Springs Water. Since then, five wells have been dug.

“If we’re able to make life better for just one person, I think we’ve done something good,” said Mettetal. “But we’ve impacted the lives of far more than that.”

Using 100 percent of its profits, Hope Springs Water partners with communities in developing countries to help provide sources of pure drinking water. Thanks to a monetary gift from the Trinity Valley Community College student senate, Hope Springs was able to fund three wells in Nicaragua in 2010. This past year, the company drilled a well in Uganda and contributed to the drilling of another in the mountains of Mexico.

A group of boys in the village of Bunyagira, Uganda, watch the borehole being drilled in their village. Until the well was completed in September of 2011, the only source of water was that which was captured in ditches from rain and runoff.



A message from Uganda

“About a year ago, I received an email from a young man who wrote, ‘I would like to know how to find Hope Springs Water,’” recalled Mettetal. “I told him what stores to go to. He emails back and says, ‘In my village in Uganda, we don’t have a grocery store. We need your help.’”

That village was Bunyagira, home to about 650 people on a mountainside in Eastern Central Uganda where diseases like cholera, typhoid and malaria were common and infant mortality high.

drive the people behind Hope Springs Water.

“Is it hard work? Absolutely,” said Mettetal. “Is it late nights and early mornings? Yes. Is it worth it? Absolutely, it is.”

What would you do to save a life?

According to Water.org, a child dies somewhere in the world every 20 seconds for lack of clean water. But when you buy Hope Springs Water, you are literally helping to save a life.

Store and Anderson Drug in Athens.

“People ask how they can help us,” said Mettetal. “One of the simplest and most important ways is to ask the manager of the grocery store you frequent to stock us if we’re not on the shelves. If enough people ask, they’ll take notice.”

You may also make a donation by mailing Hope Springs Water at PO Box 1567, Athens, TX 75751 or visiting hopespringswater.org, where a PayPal button is located on the home page.

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“It became clear God had put them in our path and was challenging us to help them,” said Mettetal.

Hope Springs went to work, and the well was completed this past September. The joy felt by the village was expressed in an email by the teacher at Bunyagira’s small school.

“We are so grateful for the clean water Hope Springs brought to our community,” wrote Grace Nakaye Ritah. “We get more than 20 people every day coming from the neighboring villages to draw water from [our] clean water source. ... Our children are now free from waterborne diseases Thank you for the hope you brought to Bunyagira.”

Those sorts of stories are what



A Ugandan boy collects water from the newly-dug well to take back to his home.

Hope Springs Water is available throughout the Brookshires grocery store chain, as well as Athens Thrift

bring hope to future generations,” said Mettetal. “I think God’s doing a great thing with this.”