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Many of us appreciate good water regularly supplied by municipalities in the developed world. Water's essential nature is quickly realized, when repairs take place or natural disasters occur. Such events interrupt normal life and cause many a trip to inconveniently dry faucets.

For those in PNG who do not live in towns, they often live in a village located near a water source of some kind: either river, stream, lake, or swamp. The water quality these of sources varies. Some people have built small water catchments for their own families using a 55 gal. drum and a few sheets of roofing iron.

Villagers educated about the health-related issues of water purity become more diligent or cautious in choosing their water. After drinking impure water, some have had personal experience in becoming ill or have lost a family member. Now, more travelers take water bottles with them, rather than drink from the Sepik river.

Some thoughts about water were prompted after briefly leafing through a magazine on a waiting room table. It had many pictures of expensive luxuries and in its pages

mentioned their details and prices. Apparently, possession of these things could make a person happy and or feel prosperous. Thousands for a scarf, 11 thousand for a woman's jacket, and a set of six crystal glasses from England for a mere \$50,000. Many might agree that water from the same source would taste identical whether from a glass worth thousands or from another purchased for a dollar. The cost of just a single fancy tumbler, ever so fragile, would be sufficient to build a rain water catchment system with tanks for a village of a hundred people in Papua New Guinea. And a set of six?

Through the decades of PIM's service in PNG many water tanks have been installed in needy villages. Often the constructed building for rain water collection gets used as a classroom or church. These systems have aged and replacement tanks are needed.

John 4:13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 7:37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' "

Working to help with people's physical needs is important and not to be overlooked. However, of even greater worth is seeing the water that gives life working in people's lives. The mission efforts in the teaching, training, and with Christian literature distribution helps fill the greatest of all needs.

Thank you for your interest in blessing God's people in Papua New Guinea.

Yours in Christ, Douglas Heidema

