

## The Financial Basis of Faith in Action

We support Paul's teaching given in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that we should give as we have decided in our own heart, and not under pressure. We do not, therefore, include any requests for donations in our literature. However, we do want to provide some information about how we operate financially.

All our work is done on a

voluntary basis. We are therefore able to use 100% of any gift according to the donors' chosen designation. Please would you indicate clearly if you want a donation to be used for a specific project.

We would be grateful if you could let us know if you would like to receive a Gift Aid Declaration Form. We use a small percentage of the money that we receive back from

gift-aided donations to cover the cost of producing news-sheets and leaflets, and for other administration costs which relate directly to projects. Please could you also tell us if you are not receiving a news-sheet, and would like to be added to our mailing list. These news-sheets give on-going feed-back about our projects.

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Faith in Action exists to support the ministry of local churches in Africa by:

- Developing personal links and church to church contacts
- Strengthening the work of local pastors
- Supplying Christian resources in local languages
- Sending relief consignments and funding development projects in villages
- Encouraging diversification of crops for food security
- Making small interest-free loans for family businesses
- Providing wells
- Supporting orphans



## Wells

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Millions of people in developing countries do not have easy access to clean drinking water.

Ladies in the Lower Shire carrying Water on their Heads



The provision of clean drinking water is one of the most essential requirements that we all share as human beings. However, although all of us in the UK may take this basic provision for granted, there are millions of people in other countries who do not have easy access to clean drinking water.

We understand that during years of drought, women in Malawi may have to walk for six hours to find water, and even then the source of water may be contaminated because people wash themselves and their

clothing in rivers, and animals also drink there as well.

Water is carried in large buckets on their heads, and is a job which is performed by women. Even during years with good rainfall, women can spend considerable time just collecting water, and the weight of this water can cause neck and spine injuries.

We are seeking to provide funds for drilling wells so that more people have access to a supply of clean drinking water locally. We now include a washing block in the

Water from rivers is often contaminated because people wash themselves and their clothing in it, and animals also drink from it.

Women washing their Clothing in a Rivers, and also collecting Water from it



construction of each well. Our wells are currently being drilled to a depth of 40 metres, so that these wells should not dry up, even in drought years.

We have learned that it is important to use the appropriate process for building these wells, and thus we ensure that local people are involved in every stage of drilling each well. This local involvement produces a recognition of ownership, and thus a responsibility to service and maintain each well.

Before any drilling work is started,

the development co-ordinator will meet with representatives of each village to discuss where they would like the well to be built. This site is then checked with Government workers. A committee is then formed to take responsibility to look after the well, and some of these committee members will be trained to service the pump. We use Afridev pumps because spare parts are available in rural village markets.

Local people will also be involved in the building of each well. First, they collect sand for mixing with the

Left: Well at Machilika Village.

Right: Well at Nsaliva Village with Afridev Pump and Washing Block



We use the manually operated Vonder rig so that local people can be involved in drilling each well .

A Vonder Rig



cement. And second, they will also operate the drilling rig under supervision. It is for this reason that we use a manually operated drilling rig, called a Vonder Rig. This simple technology is much preferred by us, not only because it is less expensive to purchase, run and maintain, but also because local people are involved in the manual operation of this rig.

A failure to involve local people at every stage of drilling wells will communicate that the wells belong to the donor, and that the donor

therefore has the responsibility to service and maintain them.

The authorities in Malawi are now requiring wells to have a wall built around them, in order to stop animals from contaminating the area.

The cost of drilling each well is (Malawi Kwacha) MK450,000, or £1,965. The extra cost for building the protective wall around it is MK59,000, or £258, making a total cost of MK509,000, or £2,223.

Current exchange rate: MK229 = £1

Left: Well at Bangula Village

Right: Well at Malemia Village with Brick Surround

