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Week 4
WFL Mission Show #1

Betty: Welcome to *LIFE Today*! I'm Betty and this is James. You're going to be so excited on what we have to show you today on today's program.

James: I promise you that you will be. You know why I can say that? Because listen to me. You are going to see right at the beginning the answer to every issue we face -- every challenge, every problem.

Hey! Nationally, I'm talking about for America, I'm talking about for Canada, for Australia, for the United Kingdom, South America -- it doesn't matter! What you're about to see is the answer. It is the solution to all the challenges we face. Do you know what it boils down to? If you were to take a single phrase that really can be utilized to appropriately and effectively address every human issue and dilemma, it is love -- love that never fails.

By the way, God is love. And you can't separate true love from God, who is not only the author of it but he is the source for it. This is the love -- Betty, this is the love that never fails. Do you know what the Bible says? The same Bible that says God is love, and he loves you so much that he gave the very best he has, the most precious he has, his own, only begotten, the only one ever like that, Jesus, because he so loved you, to offer you life. That's love -- the free expression of it.

And then do you know what else he said? He said, "And a little child shall lead them."

Do you know that oftentimes, you can see, Betty, the greatest manifestation of innocence and purity and beauty and yes, love in a child. You know what this is? Hold up your little...

Betty: I love this multicolored one.

James: You say, "What in the world are you holding up?" I could have never come up with it. But a child called it a doodle bug. Well, I want you to see what little children did with these.

And you want to know why? You may be saying, "Okay James, come on tell me." Do you know why they made these little things? Why don't we let them tell you what they were doing. And it is this love, this focus and this effort on every issue we face. When this happens, we're going to find the answer and it is all rooted in love. Watch these little children.

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>> Got the kids in here, said this is what we're going to do. We're making doodle bugs. This is what they look like. This is the reason why. Because there is children out there that don't have fresh clean drinking water. If you made two doodle bugs you will have saved one person. So if you sacrifice your lunchtime and make two doodle bugs, you'll save one person.

>> Yeah, and you can make them different colors! That's the funnest thing. It's not all the same. See these ones... this one is all like pink, yellow, and green. And I don't even know how much colors this one is!

>> It made me happy that it's not just us involved in this project, other people in our school want to help people in need of fresh water.

>> I made this Broncos doodle bug; pretty well done. And I made this one pretty fast!

>> Knowing that I helped people and that it's fun for me to do. At recess I usually don't do anything, just walk around and talk to people. I thought why not use my time for a good meaning?

>> Every five minutes a kid dies and I thought, saving a kid's life was a lot better than playing on the swing.

>> We're making doodle bugs for Water for Life. It makes me feel happy because I'm actually saving people's lives. They have nasty dirty water like mud water that can make you very sick to where you can go to a hospital.

>> I learned that we're sacrificing; and nice and kind and generous, all that kind of stuff. And the second I heard about this, I wanted to do it right off the bat. I just didn't want it to go every Friday I wanted it to be every day. People need clean water and it's not good to not have clean water!

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In the studio

James: What do you think about that little doll?

Betty: Wow!

James: All right. You may think you just saw a bunch of cute kids in an elementary school. What you saw was a clear manifestation of the love of God. A little child saying, you know what? People need clean water. These little children are helping to raise money to drill a water well. They're drilling a water well that was initiated by the love of God through missionaries who saw firsthand the need, knew that water was accessible, because sometimes they drilled bore holes or there was a flowing stream but it was contaminated but they knew you could access water if we could just bring the drilling rigs in that people like you paid for, because viewers of *LIFE Today* pay for all the drilling rigs that we're able to utilize to drill 500 wells a year. And really and truly, we try to set a goal like that every year. Betty, those children were saying, "We're just little kids but people ought to have clean water."

Betty: I don't think you and I could add to it, really, James. They said it so plainly. There is children that need help. There's children that need clean water. Their water is dirty. How much better could you say it, James? It's dirty water that can make them sick. And these children, it was put on their hearts that there was a need out there and they jumped on it with eagerness, with hearts of love, and ready to do it. They weren't

going to be convinced otherwise, James. I think that they just saw a need and they said, "Let's go after it!"

James: Here's the thing. They were a beautiful manifestation of what God says about loving a cheerful giver and what Jesus said about it is more blessed to give than receive. I promise you, those children holding up these little creations that they came up with, they were having more fun giving than if somebody brought them something. The very thought that I made... just like the little kid said, "I made one that looks like the Broncos." Well, that means he is a Bronco fan. Probably likes Peyton Manning. What's wrong with that? Isn't that cool? It doesn't matter who you like.

A little kid, "This is what I like and I made one of these and I know somebody that's going to like it." He wasn't thinking this is for me. He said, "This is for others."

Now think about this. Why are you watching this? It is so much more than entertainment. They wanted you to think these were cute but they knew they weren't going to serve some particular purpose in your life. They knew it was going to serve a purpose in a life of somebody God loves, a mother loves, a family loves, a sibling loves. Someone that without love, are you listening -- without love that person will suffer and die.

And Betty referenced a moment ago, you referenced dirty water. See, it is far more than dirty water. It is in most instances terribly contaminated water. It is disease-ridden water. But they cannot live without water -- not long at all. With the water they're drinking, the quality of life immediately diminishes and for many of them disease sets in. It's a slow and very horrible painful death. Unlike Ebola, we have a perfect cure. I said we have a perfect cure. It is an expression of love that gives life and saves lives.

I want you to listen to the heart, concern, heartache of mothers and I want you to ask God to show you and do in you for his glory and to bless others what he did in those little children's hearts in Colorado. And when this begins to happen, the healing streams of love are going to flow all over the planet and a little child, little children shall lead them. Please listen. Please watch.

On the mission field

Announcer: Is there anything more miraculous, more precious than God's gift of children? -- Remarkable and sometimes confusing little versions of ourselves. Yet so incredibly unique. We plan, sacrifice, stress, and pray over our decisions -- over their decisions, all that we want for them and the legacy we hope to leave. There is a breath of immortality in those generations that follow us. But that all assumes those generations don't end with us.

In Cambodia, what we encountered floored us. Mother after mother, who because of something as basic as water, had lost child after child. Contaminated water filled with disease, their only source.

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>> I lost two children.

Announcer: In the villages we visited, it became harder to find mothers who had not lost a child to contaminated water than it was to find one who had.

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>> I lost four children.

>> I lost five children.

Announcer: Our children are supposed to outlive us. These mothers have lost more children than the average American has even brought into this world.

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>> I lost one child.

>> I lost three children.

>> I lost one child.

>> I lost five children.

>> I lost five children.

Announcer: Of all the things we, as parents, might struggle to provide for our children, it's unlikely that clean water is ever one of them. Why should it be any different for these mothers?

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In the studio

James: Lord Jesus, I don't want it to be. And we are the answer together. I don't believe for one moment those mothers, as much as we think it would be nice, expect a tap in several rooms in the house. I don't think they expect one outside. They're certainly not going to be watering the lawn. They can use river water and we train them to do that to water crops, even if it is just a small plot that they carry water to. But they shouldn't be carrying that water for their children and for themselves.

And then suffering the loss of a child; when we can, as these little children so clearly illustrated, and they gave such a wonderful gift toward a well. You know they didn't quite get a whole well. I'm sorry little doodle bug. Maybe you could be the one to say, "You know what? I'm going to drill a well for those kids. I am! I'm going to put it in the mail or I'm going to call and put it on my card. You tell those kids up there in Colorado, I gave a well because they inspired me."

How about if we could call them -- think about this -- what if we called them and said, "Ten people drilled a well for you today. They drilled a whole well." Or "Somebody else took a shot at making up the difference and gave \$1200 thinking that's all you lacked or \$2400." Wouldn't that be wonderful? Wouldn't that be a beautiful response to these little children to say, "We couldn't give a whole well but we inspired all these wells."

Betty: And that's so important! You may say, "I can't give a whole well but I can give

some of it to add to inspiring a whole well to be dug so that these people can have fresh clean water." These mothers hurt just like we would hurt if we couldn't give our child what they need. They're desperate! They have no source to go to. Let's provide that source for them, the clean drinking water for their precious children that they love like we love our own children.

James: And they don't lack the desire or the recognition of the need. What they lack is what Betty referenced; they lack the source and we can provide the source. The telephone number there on the screen is in the truest sense of the word, it is a lifeline. It is a love line where you can reach out and release the love of God freely. I want you to do it.

I'm praying that you'll move right now to get a bankcard and say, "I'm going to use this just like a check" because that's how we use them -- how we should use them. Or you could go to LifeToday.org, I'm going to go get my iPad or my laptop or go online, however you do it, LifeToday.org, and I'm going to make the gift.

Now I want you to listen to me please. I think it is important you hear this. We're targeting 500 areas in many countries. Missionaries have seen the need. See we're not just going to give them water, we're going to tell them about the water of life, the love of God for them; and the love that prompted not only the missionaries to care but you to care and for you to provide the well and to send the people in with the drilling units your love paid for.

What we need to drill a well is still an average of \$4800. I can't tell you how long it is going to be that but praise God we've been able to keep it at that level with all the fluctuating costs; it still averages \$4800. If you can give \$4800, drill a well. If you can give \$2400 and pray another person joins you or say, "Maybe that's completing out what these kids wanted to do. I can give \$2400." Or "I can give \$1200." Whatever you can do!

We have a special gift for those of you who give at that level. It is a Thomas Kinkade, beautiful painting; it is a canvas. It is already framed. You can see it; it is in our studio. It hangs... it is gorgeous! It's called "Forest Chapel." You know where the real chapel,

the temple of God is? Those children -- and you and me, we're the temple of God. But we can see the beauty of God's creation and think about when you plant his chapel there and put his people in it, the whole picture just comes alive with beauty and worship.

So I'm asking you right now, if you can drill a well, do it -- a portion of a well do it! We also, for any gift you make -- and think about this a moment -- \$48, this is how it breaks down -- \$48 will give ten people water the rest of their life. -- A single gift! Do you realize \$144 will give 30 people water the rest of their life?

We're going to send you the book, the devotional book; it is a 40-day devotional book. It's taken from Betty's story, her life -- her journey. On the cover here you see a painting that our granddaughter, that is now at Baylor university painted of our daughter Robin dancing in the presence of God because that's where she is. Sure, it is tough for us to say that.

Think for how many mothers over and over they say, "My child is gone." Many of them know their child is in heaven. For many of them, there are several children. And as much as we wanted the answer and solution for Robin, she has it now forever. But we have the perfect cure and solution now for these children. You can give it. Would you please dial that number?

Take that bankcard and use it. You make a gift. We're going to send you not only this book but also, Betty's life story. I'm grateful to say I'm in it; this girl changed my life. I want you to hear her story and read it. We're sending this to say thank you so much. The gifts that we offer are gifts of gratitude. And the beautiful coffee cups!

Do you realize that our viewers said, "The coffee cups that you gave years ago are so special." I know how special they are! We just kept giving until we could put them everywhere we would ever go because we love it! And it reminds us every day to pray for people that need water. Go to the phone, go online, take that card, make the greatest gift you've ever made. By the way, if you want to write a check, make it to *LIFE* because that's precisely what you're giving. But call us and tell us you're putting it in the mail. Thank you for doing it.

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Announcer: Every day millions of children are forced to make a dreadful choice: drink filthy, polluted water filled with deadly disease or die from thirst. No child should ever be faced with this decision.

The good news is there is a solution! *Mission Water for Life* is one of the most exciting and viable demonstrations of God's love in the world today. Suffering can end because clean water changes everything.

With your gift today we can establish and drill 500 water wells for remote villages in over 12 different nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for 5 people. A gift of \$48 will help provide for 10 people; \$72 will impact 15 people. And \$144 will help provide fresh, clean, disease-free water for 30 people for a lifetime!

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Finally, please consider a gift of \$1,200 to help provide water for 250 people or a gift of \$4,800 to help sponsor a complete well. And request this beautifully framed canvas print of "The Forest Chapel" by the Painter of Light TM, Thomas Kinkade.

Please call, write, or make your gift online today!

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On the mission field

Announcer: Family. It's what we work for. The reason to press on. In times of heartache, family can make all the difference in the world. For someone like Fluer, the pain of losing her mother at ten years old was unimaginable. But tragedy struck again. After drinking contaminated water her father became sick.

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>> My father died from his sickness. We were poor and could not afford a doctor... so he died easily. Just like that.

Announcer: Today Fluer focuses her attention on her younger sister Patricia, the only family member she has left.

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>> I have sorrow that she might die, since she is always sick. But my other concern is that I might die instead. Because then who will take care of my little sister? So we pray every day. You can see we drink from the same water that the goats drink. But there is no other choice. We need something to drink. Sometimes we become sick because of this water.

Announcer: Although we arrived too late to help their father, it is not too late for Fluer and Patricia. With your help, we can make sure they'll never have to drink this water again.

Open captions: Water is simple, but it's something we see and drink every day. Clean water would change our life if it were here.

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In the studio

James: There is one thing that's even greater than clean water in changing everything and that's the love of God expressed. That's what this program started with -- the love of God in beautiful little elementary school children in Colorado. I want you to understand that the very fact, Betty, that anybody watching us now, you either joined in and it just kind of caught your attention or if you've stayed with us now for 20 minutes, can I tell you what's going on? -- Something bigger than even the need for water and mothers' concern has caught your attention. Do you know what it is? You are beginning to see things from God's point of view.

And here's what's going on. You're either saying, "I've already called and helped and I just want to watch because I'm so grateful I could" or you're thinking, I really want to help but I'm praying about it. Or you're praying.

And I know this. This is what I know is going on right now. If you don't know how you could help -- I know this is happening or you wouldn't be watching -- you're praying somebody will help. I want you to keep praying that. As you're praying it, just say, "God, can I do something?"

Those little children, when they made just a little doodle bug, they called it, it is so simple but it was what they could do. Jesus fed the 5,000 because a boy had two fish and five loaves and they didn't jerk it away from that boy to feed what was over 20,000 because there was 5,000 men. That boy gave those fish and gave those loaves never dreaming that it would not only feed the 20,000 plus but they would take up 12 baskets.

You see, when you release what you have, no gift is too small because there is no end to what God can do with it. So you say, "Here's what I have." And you may say, "For me, James, it is just a prayer." Don't say "just a prayer." It may be the biggest thing. It may be prayer that got those little kids making doodle bugs so they can give water.

Father, I pray everyone who can help will gladly help -- joyfully help -- cheerfully help! And I know they'll be blessed. In so many ways they'll gather more than 12 baskets because you care about all of us. I wonder how much that little boy that gave what he had took home. More than he gave, I'm sure! -- And the joy of giving; in Jesus' name.

Would you dial the number? Would you take your bankcard and make the largest gift you can? If you can possibly give a well, experience the joy. By the way, there are people who can give several wells. I marvel at small businesses, couples, and sometimes churches, prayer groups or individuals will say, "I can give several wells. Here's \$20,000 or \$25,000." Wouldn't that make these little kids happy?

You might want to say, "I'm giving these wells because those little children inspired me." Please go to the phone or go online. Make the largest gift you can. And know we're going to send you some gifts that will bless you in every way possible. Thank you for your prayers and your help.

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In the studio

James: Once again, not only thank you, but Kingford, Colorado kids, love you! I'm looking forward to seeing how many people said, "We gave a well because the love of God in those kids moved us."

Thank you so much for your prayers! Aren't you glad you watched? Aren't you glad you released the river of God's love toward a dry and thirsty land and desperately thirsty people? God bless you!