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Week 30 WFL: Last Day
Mission show #2

James: It is such a privilege to share these moments with you. I'm James Robison; Betty and I thank you for watching *LIFE Today*.

Betty, I want to have a little one-on-one for a minute with our viewers. Can I just, as though I was sitting there in the room with you, and in a sense I am, I need your undivided attention for a moment because I want to talk to you about you. I don't really know why you happen to be tuning us in, maybe you just paused for a moment.

Well, just hold on for more than a moment if you will because I want to say to you, those of you who are regular viewers of *LIFE Today*, and if this happens to be the first time you've watched, well just hear me out. Those of you who are regular viewers make it very clear that you appreciate *Wednesdays in the Word*, whether it is Beth Moore, Christine Caine, whoever, teaching the word, and so many women do watch the program during the daytime hours. Many men watch, of course too but a lot of ladies, women watch during the day. They just happen to be able to do that so you appreciate that teaching.

I find that many of you watch because you know that we're going to share someone's story, journey, or insight or the dynamic changes that have occurred in their life that produce so much hope and inspiration for you. So you really appreciate that and you seem to appreciate the fact that we have a very legitimate interest, Betty and I do. We have a legitimate interest in you the viewers. We have a very real concern for people who are struggling as you can see when we emphasize missions and you look in with us but you don't look away. You look in and you pray and you ask God what is your part. You're saying it. You may not say it out loud but I want to know my part in your heart God because when we find our part in the heart of God, we find our fit in the body and family of Christ. When you do that, I'm telling you, a miracle occurs. You begin to express not only the heart of God and the will of God but the love of God, and it produces eternal results. It makes an eternal kingdom impact.

So I want you to hear my thanks. Thanks that you've heard me even this far. Thank you that you come and you watch to be helped, to be inspired, to be encouraged to see what's going on in someone else's life. But if you follow us, you know that as surely as the eyes of God, and the heart of God is focused on you like a loving father, a perfect father wanting the best for you and

not only desiring it for you but knowing how to deliver, not only delivering you from evil but lead you into the freedom of Promised Land living.

So if God thinks that way and we love him then we're going to begin to think that way toward others. So what we're going to ask you to do right now, we're going to ask you to see through the eyes of God, the eyes of Jesus, and we're going to ask you to say, "God, what will you have me do?"

Betty, if our viewers, and so many of them seem to do it, ever capture the concept of fulfilling the will and purpose of God, that's when life becomes an overflow of joy unspeakable and glory and peace.

Betty: It is, James. If we can understand that a big part of that fulfillment that God wants to put in our lives is when we reach out to others. We reach out and we see that hurt and that pain and we see the disappointments in the lives of people and the emptiness. Well, our heart, the heart of God wants to say, guess what? There's hope and it is in Jesus Christ.

James: I want you to look at the scene that perhaps would be an answer to some of your requests when you say I wish we could go to the mission fields. And the missionaries say, "Please tell them not to come over here. We don't have time to take care of Americans or Canadians or Australians that have to be cared for. We're busy. Tell them to send the cost of the ticket overseas to help us do what we're doing because we're in place and we need your prayers and support."

But you've said, "I wish I could just see and maybe experience and feel what's going on." All right. Just take a real quick little journey. Let's remember this. We're journeying with a purpose. We have been left here not only by divine assignment with a great commission but on a divinely designed mission for the glory and purpose of God to the benefit of people.

When you bless others, when you can really see something happen you say -- Betty, I say it and I'm glad to say it, we pray over every St. Jude appeal. We look at those little children struggling with cancer and we want them to find a cure, we want them well. And you do too. Well, we got the cure -- I mean we've got the perfect cure. You see what happens is our missionaries mingle with the people and what they feel in their heart. See if you don't identify with them. Watch closely.

Tammy: I have the privilege on occasion of being a part of the *LIFE Outreach* mission team. It is always a reminder of the awesome responsibility that we have of learning about and documenting the lives of precious people who have really great needs. And without fail, we

discover struggling families, particularly mothers, and their children as they unfold their stories about the lack of basic necessities, waterborne illnesses, hopelessness, and oftentimes even death.

Open captions:

>> It makes me sad to think of my kids. So I try not to think of them.

>> I'm worried that my last daughter will die like my son did.

Tammy: These stories capture not only the heart of thousands of the friends of *LIFE* but each one of our hearts as we go about our work. We've sat with mothers who have lost their children. We've sat next to grave sites and wept with these families that feel so incredibly hopeless. The suffering is so great and it is so deep. I've seen their very source of water that is actually the source that's killing them, and their children, and their families. During these fact finding missions our teams are able to offer comfort to the mothers and their children through prayer and expressions of love.

But the only way hope can be renewed in these mothers' hearts and in the lives of their precious children is if we have the resources to put our words of love into actions by providing them with clean, fresh drinking water that they so desperately need.

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In the studio

James: What goes on in your heart as you watch our wonderful workers do the things we've done for so many years in so many places? What goes on?

Betty: It is just amazing! And God calls us all to different aspects of his kingdom and what he wants us to do, and the peace that the missionaries have when they're ministering over there and when they're fulfilling the needs of the children and all the people that are hurting so bad and dying. They're holding them and they're reaching out to them. Well, that's because we've all reached out to help the missionaries do what God has called them to do.

But James, I saw that mother and the thing that made me so sad is she said, "I try not to think about my children that I've lost because the pain is so unbearable. I try not to think about them."

I understand that because we lost our daughter but we had 40 beautiful years with her and we have some beautiful memories. She doesn't have any beautiful memories of her babies that she lost. They were so young. She didn't have an opportunity to see them grow up and to nurture

them and to enjoy them as a parent does when their children are growing. That's what broke my heart, James. I thought, we have to do something about that. And we can!

James: We can. We've got the perfect cure. It's like I said when I referenced the little St. Jude children. If we can get that perfect cure we would and we've got it. And in this instance it's actually, its clean water. The thing about it is for these areas, these villages and communities, it's so doable -- the water is so accessible. And we can actually in many instances drill in a matter of days. There have been some occasions where there was such good water maybe 200 feet, 300 feet down, and it was a good stream of water -- it was a great source, and there was no need to go any deeper. And a miracle occurs in short order, and we picked 500 sites for miracles.

And the miracle is that we've got the equipment that viewers paid for, the drilling rigs, we've got the workers ready to go with them. We need all the resources to move them about, diesel fuel overseas is not inexpensive and all the drilling pipe. Everything keeps going up. And some of you wonder, how do you all keep it so level? You'd be amazed at all the effort it takes on the part of the missionaries and everybody else to keep it stable because sometimes we go into kind of shock effect.

What if we had to tell the people suddenly that the wells are now \$6,000? We're thinking, dear God! Well, we remember when we had to move from \$3600 to \$4800, it was just like Lord, please! And you are amazing. You talk about amazing grace. It is not just the grace of God, you spill it out. We're asking you to do it right now. We're asking every one of you watching to please go to the online, wherever it is, whether it is an iPad or a laptop or a desktop, go to LifeToday.org, get your bankcard and say, "I'm going to help drill water today."

If you can drill a well I believe you'll do it, they're \$4800. You give a large portion of that well, \$1200 or \$2400, others will join you. But \$48, ten people water for the rest of their life, and \$144, 30 people water the rest of their life.

So there is a level -- there is a level at which every one of us can help. Would you right now go to the phone? Would you take your bankcard, use it like a check? If you write a check, make it to *LIFE*. Let me just show you what we're going to send you to say thank you because I think you're moving already to the site, you're getting your card.

We're going to send you a devotional guide, 365 days of the year, so you've got all the different seasons of the year. Here's what we want to do. We want to help you get in the word and get the word in you. The "Names of Jesus" pens that are absolutely beautiful, we want to send them to you, and the Thomas Kinkade painting "Forest Chapel" -- it is beautiful. It is a very large picture and it will be so beautiful. It is a canvas; it will be beautiful displayed in your home. It

is a conversation piece. People say, "Oh, that's beautiful. Where did you get it?" "I gave water." Tell others -- tell them what you enjoy doing. We're asking you right now to make the gift God put on your heart. Thank you so much for doing it!

Begin video clip

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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And request this beautifully framed canvas print of "The Forest Chapel" by Thomas Kinkade.

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End of clip

In the studio

James: We marvel at the love of God that's really expressed so freely through the viewers of *LIFE Today*. Thank you! Even as you're thinking about the gift or you're in the process of making it, I want you to look at something that is difficult to look at but I want you to look because you really do hold the perfect cure. You really do! Watch closely and you'll see what I mean.

On the mission field

>> This is my water. This is the only water I have. Everyone in the village uses it. Even the animals use this water. I know it is bad water. It is scary but what else can I do?

I have to give that water to all of my children. One day about three months ago my two-year-old girl started vomiting. [Crying]

She was sick all day and she died that night. I am afraid for my other children now. They always complain about their stomachs.

We are separated forever. [Weeping] I can't stop thinking about her. It is so painful.

Tammy: I understand pain well and I understand loss well. I know what that feels like to just feel like you're dying inside because there is nothing you can do to change what's happened in your life. I think that's why I'm here at this moment.

I feel like this is why God has called me here even at this moment to ask you if it would be you -- if you would be the one to help her. It would make a huge difference in the lives of this precious woman and her children, other families in this village and villages all around the world. We can come in here and drill them a well that will give them Water for Life. It will change everything in a moment's time. Please don't hesitate. Don't wait any longer. We need your help.

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In the studio

James: I hope that you're able to handle the weeping. Here's the thing I want you to understand about just having your heart devastated by loss. People don't need a sermon. They really need a shoulder. Some of the greatest healing I have experienced for pain in our own life is somebody's look. They just looked at me and you knew they cared.

Betty: There is something about the loss of a loved one that you absolutely feel like your heart has broken in two and if God doesn't fix it, you can't make it. But you know the beautiful thing is God does fix us. He does heal our hearts. This woman is crying out for a healed heart.

But also, that no more death will come to her precious children that she loves so much. They are her whole life. We need to do something about it. We can. This is something that we can do something about by drilling the water wells. I hope your heart has been broken for this precious woman that loves her children so much.

James: She is just a representative of so many. I don't really need to add anything to what Betty said. God, you move people's hearts and move their hands, not only in harmony with their heart or even the heart of that woman and others who suffer but let their hands move in harmony with your heart and do your will. We will never apologize for asking you to help heal a broken heart, become a shoulder.

The missionaries and relief workers are there. They are just like you saw there. She couldn't contain herself, the mother, and Tammy's trying to let you know how we can be a vehicle, a way, a means of stopping the continual cycle of death. But then she's holding not just a weeping person, she is literally holding a broken heart.

I think, Betty, we move beyond holding the heart to healing the heart by showing them the possibilities for the future, that they are going to be able to give children in their area, not just their family but in their area, they're going to be able to have clean water. Isn't that a simple thing? Why would Jesus say, "If you just give a cup of water in my name -- if you just give a cup of water" -- how insignificant and yet significant -- "you won't lose your reward." Boy, I'm telling you the people that do this, and in our own lives, the blessings of God are indescribable.

And I have never given to get. I give to give -- I give to bless. But God just says I can see your heart and I'm going to enable you to do what I put in your heart. It may be small or meager but it is big in the kingdom. It's a forever gift.

So please go online, LifeToday.org. Would you? Or dial that number and take your bankcard, make the very best gift you can. Please! If you can possibly give a well, do so, or part of a well, or \$48 -- whatever you can do. Thank you for making that gift. Thank you for healing broken hearts and giving people a chance.

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On the mission field

Ralph: Today is a great day of celebration at *LIFE Outreach*. The water is coming up. The kids are cheering. We were just able to drill in this village today. For about three days they've been drilling; they finally struck water. I'd say within somewhere about half an hour that water will be just as clear as it can be coming out of somebody's faucet back home.

Announcer: This water well will transform the lives of these children and their families forever. Yet thousands of miles away these children are not so fortunate.

Announcer: This child is one of the nearly 800 million people who lack access to clean drinking water. And if that doesn't change he can become one of the children who die every year from having to drink unclean water.

But there is hope for this child and others like him around the world. For such a devastating problem, a clean water well offers a profoundly simple solution -- and a promise for a better, brighter future.

Ralph: So please go to your phones, go to the web site, whatever is the most convenient and give that generous gift today because it is through the generosity of people's giving that lives here can be changed forever. You will provide clean drinking water that they so desperately need. God bless!

End of clip

In the studio

James: Betty and I, from the depth of our heart want to say thank you. I hope you will get the "Names of Jesus" pens. There are two of them that come, and beautifully packaged, the devotional book, the Thomas Kinkade "Forest Chapel" canvas. I just really –

By the way, sometimes and I've told you this, even when we're making an appeal, there could be a crisis in the world, or what we're talking about now, 80% of the calls, this rarely varies will still be today, somebody say, "Pray for me!" And it may be someone who lost a loved one and they need a shoulder; they just need someone to care.

If you get a busy, you say, "Well, I'll wait a few minutes and I'm calling. I'm not going to fail to get through. I'm going to help. I'm going to give a cup of water or a well or whatever I can do." Be determined. And just pray that God will meet the challenges that we have through love.

I wish I could give you a hug. I really do. Maybe you'd need to lay your head on my shoulder a minute and say, "Just hold me a second." I would want to. But what you've done today, by giving water, you've given more than a shoulder. You've just given a holy hug, holding on to people with the love of God inspiring and moving to share like that and we want to thank you for it.

Father, thank you for blessing everyone who chose to bless. Thank you for what you do in people's hearts that is so beautiful to see. Thank you for the viewers of *LIFE Today* and

everyone who helped, and bless the people we're reaching out to, to give them Water for Life so they can come to know the water of life, to know you; in Jesus' name.

It's such a joy to be able to share this time with you. Thank you for letting us share not only our heart but the hearts of missionaries and people that need help -- and I think share the heart of God. Thanks for identifying. May God bless you richly.