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Mission special #1

James: It is such a joy to be able to share this time with you. I'm James Robison; and Betty and I thank you. We thank God but we also thank you for giving us an opportunity to share what we believe is actually his heart.

I just want to say as we go into this New Year and look forward to the blessings of God, I feel like we've seen some prayers answered. I think the stage is set and I've been saying this now for a long time, for the next great spiritual awakening. And that really is our hope.

Many people say, "Well, we perhaps got a leader now that can correct some things." Well, that is absolutely true. Most Americans, including Evangelicals and Catholics, those who claim a relationship with Christ, they seem to say we really need to correct some things, which the Bible calls "repentance," a change of heart, a change of mind, a change of direction. And all America, even those who didn't profess to be Christians or necessarily even have a lot of respect for the church, they said, "We need to correct things" because it's been mishandled, (leadership).

So the stage is set for us to go in a great direction and we need divine providence; that's what our founders called the wisdom that comes from God. We need it, you need it, our families need it. Betty, one of the things that our viewers have made very clear to us, and I think if we communicate this to the entire nation we're going to see some miraculous things happen in areas of need like the urban community, in areas where people are legitimately challenged and overlooked and maybe facing extreme poverty or issues, and you don't just throw money at the situation, you get involved.

Betty, one of the things that our viewers have observed, when we see a need and we see love on the scene, we see compassion in place, and then we, in love, enable those filled with love, who are in the midst of the suffering to have the resources and ability to meet the need, we see miracles happen all over the world.

Betty: Absolutely! I feel like the people that watch our show, *LIFE Today* and those that support the ministry just look forward to when we'll come back to you and say, "Okay. Here's

what you can do again. Here's what we're going to do to help people to make a difference in their lives."

James: And the reason you're excited about it is because it works. All of us are moved by need. There is not a person watching me that would see a hungry puppy, a hungry dog and not say, "I want to help them." I'm telling you, there is something in all of us that says, "Oh, I want to help that."

But it happens so often in the nations where we have a tax base and we have a federal overseer and they say they're going to take care of these things; we have a tendency sometimes to dismiss ourselves from the situation. And then things are not given proper oversight, you don't see the changes of the individuals because there is not the love connection.

So what we do with *LIFE Outreach* and through *LIFE Today*, we -- now think about what I'm saying -- we, meaning those of us who are praying, those of us who know the people full of love that were planted by God in the midst of pain and suffering, filled with compassion and love, they say, "We can put God's arms around these people and we can meet the obvious needs with love." And when you love God and you love your neighbor you're going to reach out just like that Samaritan that was the good neighbor that assisted the person in the ditch that had been beaten and left and robbed while a religious leader, a couple of them, prominent people just walked on by.

But not the Samaritan, which Franklin Graham calls his outreach *Samaritan's Purse*. *LIFE Outreach* was one of the first ministries to give them a large gift when they started up and we were partners with them for many years, one of the strongest supporters they have -- *Samaritan's Purse*. That is the one who is a neighbor. That Samaritan got involved. We believe there are many Samaritans watching us who are going to get involved.

Now listen to me. We're going to show you a need but we're going to show you the good news. We're going to show you the miracle that you become. I want you to watch and see if your heart doesn't move to say, "I want to be the answer. I want to be the solution." Watch!

Begin video clip

Open captions:

Just how thirsty am I.

Is there any place else I can go?

My only drinking water is defiled by animal waste.

I've seen what lives in that water.

I've watched as others have fallen ill from the things I can't see.

My throat is parched and I'm dried up like dust.

God, what I would do for some clean water to drink for me and my children.

Just how thirsty am I? I guess I have no choice.

Please God, I thirst.

End of clip

In the studio

James: Wow! I'm looking at that expression and I just felt led to pick up Sheila Walsh's book, *Five Minutes with Jesus: A Fresh Infusion of Joy*. I went over and I saw a chapter that talked about the power of God's love, a life of love. And then the *Five Minutes in the Word* Bible study.

Sheila, what we're looking at right here are individuals that in order for them to live and be healthy, they've got to have a clean water source. And because viewers like you over the years said, "We want to help make that possible by drilling a well," or contributing to drilling it. The wells cost \$4800. Now we're told that in the very near future that's likely to rise because of just increasing costs. It's been miraculous, Betty that we've been able to keep it as low as it's been, and there is a lot of work and sacrifice and things that happened that enabled us to do it like that. But right now that's what it costs.

I don't know whether you could give a well but a lot of people make that one of their commitments every year, we're going to drill a well. There are some who are in businesses that will drill a well a month. It's amazing. I just say, "Dear God!" It's because God touches their heart. But most people can't do that.

But here's the thing I want you to understand: \$48, now think how this breaks down, gives 10 people water the rest of their life. And most of the gifts for the wells come at that level.

Well, you say, "Why would you hold up a book about *A Fresh Infusion of Joy: Five Minutes with Jesus?*" Because as surely as we're giving water there, on *LIFE Today* we want to give

you water every day. Sheila Walsh is anointed of God; she is a gift from God to us in a day and age when I believe we're all going to press toward awakening -- the next great awakening. We've got to see that. The presence of the Lord and time with Jesus in his Word is what is spiritual food and spiritual water and we can drink deeply together.

Betty, we have a gift that we're sharing this year that was really born -- this is the most beautiful bronze we've ever offered. I asked for them to find the way to put the actual color of the bald eagle because God says we're to rise as eagles. So what we're saying to every Christian right now, we know the challenges in the last days, and these are certainly last days. Paul considered them last days when he was writing those words. We're definitely living nearer the return of Christ than in other years, and we need to be determined eagles. This is a "Determined Eagle"; determined to soar on the turbulence of the times and the challenges of the day.

Now Betty, we're going to send this to people who want to soar. An eagle is designed for speed that he can't generate. His body is designed by God to be carried by a power source he can't generate, just like us as Christians. Jesus, the greatest man who ever lived said, "Betty, I need to leave you. I must leave you to send another just like me to live in you, Betty."

I've got to tell you, for 54 years, from the time you became a Christian and as you walk, I have seen Jesus in you. Many of you have said that. You've said, "James, okay, you're a pretty good talker but we see glory on that girl." I hope occasionally you get a glimpse of it in me.

Here's the point. We were created to be carried, controlled and moved by a power source we can't generate; that is the release in a free flow of the love and compassion of God, the boldness and courage to stand up, and the willingness and desire to share like that Good Samaritan. We want to send you these gifts to say thank you but more than that, we want to put something in your life that becomes a source of inspiration, spiritual water and you're going to be giving water.

So what I want to ask you to do right now is just ask God, what do you want me to do to give someone else life? James and Betty, and *LIFE Today*, they want so share life with me -- you -- what can I do to share life?

I'll tell you what you can do. You can give Water for Life. Put it in the hands of missionaries who are going to tell everyone you've touched with love about the Water of Life. And once people have seen the power of that person's love in us, they're ready to listen.

So I want you to look in and see a situation that only love can effectively address that the Spirit of God that Jesus said, "I put in you," expressing the life and love of God can meet the need -- miraculously! See if you don't want to be part of that miracle. I'm confident that you will. And

I pray you not only don't look away, I pray even as you look you're listening to the voice and heart of God. And if ever in your life you've done exactly what the one in you that Jesus sent tells you to do, you're about to do it and you're going to be part of a miracle. Watch!

On the mission field

Ralph: We're here today in the heart of Africa and we walked upon this water source. Personally, it almost makes me nauseous just watching them collect it and drink it. But this is their life. Yumbu!

Open captions:

>> This lady here has lost two of her kids.

Ralph: What's her name?

Open captions:

>> Emeline.

Ralph: She's lost two children from the bad water.

Open Captions:

>> My first child who died was Valente, who say 5 years old. The other was Osta, who was 2. If I think of them I can't eat. I'll just spend the day sleeping.

Announcer: Tragedy -- it's a word we use for an unbelievable loss, like the deaths of Emeline's two children. But Emeline's tragedy goes beyond loss of life. It's her helplessness to change what precipitated it: Contaminated drinking water.

Open Captions:

>> There is no day we don't bury a child because of bad water.

Announcer: God has blessed our efforts to provide over 5,000 water wells around the world but we shouldn't make the mistake thinking our work is done. As it stands today, in this village, Emeline can either give her remaining children the same filthy water that killed their siblings -- or even worse, withhold water altogether and that's a decision that no parent should have to make.

End of clip

In the studio

James: Emeline, we want to be the miracle. We don't want you to lose another child.

Father, I pray you give her a comfort only you can give but let us be the miracle she needs.
Please Lord.

This precious woman represents many, Betty. Two of her children gone in that very area you can know hundreds of children have died or are dying. And we have, I'm telling you, with a cup of water, we have the perfect cure.

Betty: James, as I was watching Emeline I thought as a mother when you have a child, a small child, you've given birth to a child, you naturally look toward the future. You want the best for that child. You want that child to grow up healthy. When I hear about this mother that's lost two children already and doesn't see much hope for the third one, I think, Lord, she can't see that hope for her child because she can't see past the diseased water and how it took her first two children. I think that's so sad. A mother should be able to celebrate the life of her child, the birth of her child and not have to worry, are they going to die because of the water -- the disease that's in the water?

We can make that difference. We can offer hope to her and many other mothers like her and to their precious children that they want so see a future for. We can do that by drilling the water wells. Won't you join with us? Let's make a difference in the lives for these mothers and their children.

James: I'm praying that God will move every single person who is listening right now to reach out and give a cup of water. The wells cost \$4800; if you could give a well, please do. Just go online, go right there to the web site, take your bankcard and say, "Here's what I'm doing." If you can't give an entire well, could you perhaps give \$1200 and pray three join you? I believe they will. Or \$2400 and say, "Lord, let someone else join me in this"? We have a well!

But most of the wells are drilled by people who give like \$48; they give 10 people water the rest of their life; \$144 will give 30 people water. There's a level at which you can help. We're going to have to have the help of all of you. We've drilled 5,000 wells.

Right now we have found with our missionaries direction some crisis situations and we have to begin immediately drilling 188 new wells. We need a miracle surge of support right now. So would you go to the web site that you see there on the screen or would you call the number that's always there if your heart's broken or you need prayer? Would you call that number and say today, I want to be an answer to prayer, I'm giving a well or part of a well or the \$48 to give

10 people water. Please take your bankcard, use it like a check. If you want to write a check, make it to LIFE. But call us and tell us what you're sending.

Father, I pray everyone watching right now will be moved by the spirit you put within them to express your love and be your hands; in Jesus' name.

Please go to the web site. Please make the gift of love God put on your heart or dial the number and say, here's what I'm giving. Use your bankcard like a check. Thanks!

Begin video clip

Announcer: Every day children living in extreme poverty 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.

Our teams have recently located remote villages in southern Africa where children are dying from contaminated, disease ridden water. The situation is desperate. They need clean disease-free water immediately.

With your gift today you can help drill 188 water wells in remote villages across seven African nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for five people. A gift of \$48 will help provide for ten. \$72 will provide for 15 people. And \$144 will help provide fresh disease-free water for 30 people for a lifetime!

With your gift we'll send you Sheila Walsh's devotional, 5 Minutes with Jesus, a fresh infusion of joy to help you find perspective in the midst of daily life and experience a deeper connection with God.

With your gift of \$100 or more you'll also receive our No Greater Name canvas, a beautiful artistic expression of our savior's name and a daily reminder of his presence in your life.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1200 to help provide water for 250 people or a gift of \$4800 to help sponsor a complete well. And you may request our beautiful new hand-painted "Determined Eagle" bronze sculpture.

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End of clip

On the mission field

Sheila: Does the water ever make the children sick?

[Man translates to woman]

Woman: [Answers affirmatively]

Man: Yes.

Sheila: Would you ask her if any of the children in this village have died from drinking the water?

[Man translates to woman]

Sheila: So she is going to take us and we'll get to see with our own eyes the kind of water that is her only choice to give her children.

Oh, my gosh! This is what she comes to. I mean this water is filthy.

I notice the mom, she kind of tried to clear it as if somehow that would get rid of the germs or would get rid of the disease. But you can see this water is absolutely filthy!
Look at what she is pouring in here. This is all they have.

I asked them, "Do you drink this?"

And she said, "Yeah. We just wait 'til the mud settles and then we drink it."

So that's why so many children in these villages are dying because there is so much disease in this water. And that's why *Water for Life* literally means that. When we put up a well in a village we give life to the whole village for their whole life.

And the need is urgent and the need is now. Will you please stand with us? Will you help us to give life to children who otherwise are drinking this and dying?

End of clip

In the studio

James: Wow! Sheila, we love you! Thank you, Lord for Sheila's passion, compassion, her love for you and love for others, her willingness to go and represent your heart in Jesus' name.

I know that you're aware of what this beautiful, beautiful piece that you can hang anywhere, "No greater name than the name of Jesus." It will look beautiful somewhere in your home just to remind you of that reality. Sheila's book, *A Fresh Infusion of Joy*.

And then what I believe is the most beautiful bronze that we've ever shared. The Lord put this on my heart that he wanted to raise up in these days that holy remnant that would be like determined eagles; determined to soar on the turbulence of the times and the challenges of the day as overcomers. We're sending this beautiful bronze to those of you who will make a very special gift right now, perhaps a well, \$4800. Or you'll give at least \$1200 toward a well and pray three others join you. I really believe they will. I think you're going to treasure this. I think every time people see it and I know it will be in a prominent place in your home or your office, and people are going to look at it and they're going to ask you what it means to be a determined eagle.

You tell them, "I'm going to live with my life yielded to the fullness of the spirit Jesus came to put in me. I want to be carried by the spirit, controlled by the spirit, compelled by the spirit, filled to overflowing with the spirit and determined to soar and to be carried by a power I can't generate but I can yield to."

And do you know, Betty, if a person is determined to do that they will soar. And you will be carried by the spirit and the love of God even when you face incredible challenges, which we will face until Jesus comes, but we can be overcomers in his name. We can reach out to our neighbors, love God and love our neighbor, and give them a drink of water. Jesus said, "You do it." He said, "You just give a cup of water you won't lose your reward."

What about a well of water? What about hundreds and even thousands of people? 188 wells, will you drill one? Would you give toward that and join with others? Go to the web site you see there. Take your bankcard and use it like a check. If you want to write a check, make it to LIFE but call us and tell us you're mailing it. If you want to dial the number there, give us the information on the card, make the gift God puts on your heart. We have some gifts to bless you in your spiritual life and your growth. You're sharing the love of God, the life of God, we want to do the same for you.

Thank you for helping us share Water for Life. The missionaries will share freely and clearly in love the Water of Life. Thank you for helping!

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In the studio

James: Well, you've just given a fresh infusion of life. Sheila Walsh wants you to have *A Fresh Infusion of Joy: Five Minutes with Jesus*. This is just phenomenal! -- Such a simple devotional book. Don't forget we'll all find out what she is talking about.

And then the Word of God, "The Light of the Spirit," not only power but light and direction and we can be the light of the world with Christ in us. We can share that light and that love.

I promise you, you're going to treasure this incredible bronze. I'm praying that you'll not only rise with wings as an eagle, carried by the turbulence and the challenges, with the speed that

eagles can't generate with the jet streams, they can ride the streams; we can be carried by the spirit. This is going to be a great conversation piece. We're asking you for a gift of \$1200 or more toward the \$4800. I'm praying, if you can give a well you'll take joy in doing it.

Well, Betty, you and I both say thanks. You sure are pretty! Did you know that? I love you! We love you! And you are loving others. You are helping us put the arms of Jesus around precious children and their families. Thank you for doing it!