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[In the studio]

James: Well, I welcome you to *LIFE Today*. Betty and I, I'm James Robison, we're absolutely thrilled we have this opportunity to share with you because I feel like in the next few moments a miracle will occur that is beyond anything anybody ever imagined could happen to them.

Let me just try to give you a picture of reality and what I feel. Think about this a moment. I don't know how many of you have ever been thirsty, I'm not talking about just couldn't get to water that you knew maybe was five or 10 minutes away or in the house in the fridge or the tap, whatever, but when you just were really thirsty. Now think about this. Do you think Jesus ever made a request that was selfish? You remember Jesus said, "I didn't come to be ministered unto but to minister." He said, "I didn't come here to be served. I came to serve." He said, "Greatest..." Betty, the greatest in the kingdom, the kingdom of heaven right here right now, he said are servants, that's the greatest.

Now think about this. If Jesus was not asking for something, and yet at one of the most important moments in history, Jesus, the son of God, the only begotten son of God, Jesus, the word, Jesus with the creator in creation, Jesus, Lord of lords and King of kings, more than a conqueror, Jesus in a moment of indescribable anguish said, "I'm thirsty. I'm thirsty. I'm thirsty. I thirst." Do you think for one moment the Son of God would have said, "I'm thirsty if he wasn't?"

Betty, you know what sinful humanity did with that request? Do you know what sinful human beings, motivated by the weight of our sin, do you know what they did? On those sacred lips, parched, they put vinegar and gall. They gave him the last thing he wanted. If you'd been there you think you would have lifted up somehow clean water on a sponge? Do you think you would have wanted to crawl up there on the cross and give him a drink? I think you would have.

Well, Betty, the fact is and don't miss this, we can do just that. What did Jesus say? If we gave a cup of water, if we do it to the least of these we've done it to who? To him. So every person watching us right now can give Jesus what he asks for by giving children and their families water around the world. Have you ever experienced any greater joy than giving water to the least of these knowing you're also doing it for Jesus?

Betty: No greater joy. We've had many of our friends and people that have shared that giving with us, James and given that cup of water that they need and they ask for that they express themselves. What great joy to be able to do that for people that are so thirsty and without it they die.

James: You know there is another group that is overwhelmed with joy. You want to know who it is? It is the missionaries that are able to show these thirsty people, look what love gave you. Look what love gave you. From all over the world, look what love gave you. Love noticed. Love showed up. Love gave you not only a cup of water, love gave you a well of water. You join me and Betty because we've been all over the world to see it, we know what we're talking about, I want you to look and hear Jesus in these people who tell you their story and share with you their heartache that you can bring healing to those broken hearts and you can change the future now and forever for those families and all those in their community. You watch and see if you don't want to give Jesus a drink of fresh clean water.

On the mission field

[Crying]

Jeanne: Give him hope. Give him hope in his heart, Lord. Restore his hope.

Announcer: These families may live on opposite sides of the world but they share a common pain, the pain of losing a child because they had no other choice but to drink from contaminated water sources.

Open Captions: The first child I lost was my son that died on my back when I was taking him to the clinic. And my second child died here because I could not get her to the clinic. Their symptoms were so bad their skin was peeling and their hair was falling out.

Announcer: As long as mothers like Fedez have no other choice but to collect water from contaminated sources, this common pain, this death cycle will continue.

Open Captions: My other children are scared about the dirty water, but they have no other choice. They pray they will have clean water soon and not die like their brother and sister did.

Announcer: But there is a solution that *LIFE Outreach* has provided to nearly 6,000 villages where there is no longer death but life. It is pure, clean drinking water flowing from a well that love has drilled. This is what we want to do for Fedez, her children, and mothers like her around the world.

[End of clip]

[In the studio]

James: I think your heart, even though you've looked at indescribable sorrow, I think somehow your heart should leap with joy to know that because someone like you was sensitive enough, Betty not to say, "Well, I'm not going to watch that." But you zeroed in and you noticed and you saw a need and with compassion and love you reached out and you touched that area of need. It was like Jesus touching the leper. It was like Jesus raising the dead. It was like Jesus transforming lives by his presence and his message but also with his hands and his actions.

When you reach out in love and like we just showed those villages, the incredible places that we've been able to go, Betty, and change things, where you get to see the miracle, that you see millions -- I mean you've got thousands of villages but you've got millions of people who suddenly had a clean water source. They had the miracle their heart longed for. They had the miracle that really and truly Jesus asked for, water to quench the thirst that was very real. And when they go to get their thirst quenched it might as well be vinegar and gall.

Jesus was going to die with a heart that broke. We're told that when they thrust the spear in his side that it was actually a form of autopsy on Jesus and it revealed that his heart had actually exploded, ruptured -- his heart burst. You say, "Jesus, he didn't die when they put the spear in?"

No, he was already dead. He died of a broken heart. The one that said, "I thirst" died of a broken heart as he took the sins of the world, mine, Betty, yours, forever, the finished work. And this Jesus says, "I'm thirsty. He says, "If you do it to them, you do it to me."

You see those people rejoicing where they've got it and you've been watching and you didn't just say, "I'm checking out." You tuned in and if you'll tune in to the heart of God, and like Jesus said you'll give a cup of water, how about a well of water? Then you'll be blessing others and you'll be blessed.

Betty, I think every viewer today is going to say, "I'm going to give water to the poor. I really believe that.

Betty: Absolutely! I agree with James. I know you're going to join with us, be a part of offering hope to mothers like the one you just watched. Yes, these stories are hard to watch sometimes. They're hard for me to watch because I'm a mother and I've lost a child. So I am more heartbroken for that mother. I feel the heartache of that mother. She not only lost one, she's

lost two children and she's got other children that she's so afraid for. And she is asking, she is saying, "Please help my children that are still alive. I don't want to see them die as the other two have."

So please join with us. I believe you will and let's express that hope through the water wells. Let's spring forth with that hope through the water wells.

James: I just believe as you watch another setting, here's what I'd like you to know, we're going to drill because the missionaries have shown us the areas. We know there's water. Oftentimes, a borehole that people dig they find water fairly shallow but of course, it gets immediately contaminated because there is no way to keep trash out of it and it becomes diseased. But we know there is water there. Sometimes there is like river sources or sources they went to and those areas are contaminated, we know the water is there. We need to drill a well, we need to case it, and we need to give them a manual pump because they do not have reliable electricity to make everything work in that manner, so it's got to be manual, that children can work with.

So we're going to give with your help -- now think about it. You can give a cup of water. I think it is really important to realize that this is so amazing; the wells are \$4800 each, that's an amazingly inexpensive way to get water. But \$48 gives ten people water the rest of their life. Here's what I want you to start thinking about. Today I'm going to be the miracle they long for. I'm going to be part of that. I'm going to be what the missionaries pray for. I'm going to let those missionaries see that their heartfelt love and concern and compassion is going to find fulfillment. They're going to be able to help the people they have so much love for because love reaches them through you.

I want you to look in on this scene and I just want you to let God speak to you. What do you want me to do? Ask God. Watch.

[On the mission field]

Translator: I feel so bad I can't know how to explain or the pain I'm feeling.

Jeanne: What has made you so sad?

Translator: I've lost two kids.

Open Captions: There are always many deaths caused by this cholera. Every day we bury kids

who have died because of this virus. My two children died the same death. The first was my ten-year old boy. Then I lost my daughter, Francine. She was six years old.

Jeanne: I can't imagine losing two children and then to watch a village every day have to bury children because they get so sick on this water.

You can't tell but she is pregnant with her third child. We want this one to have a chance to live. It's a very simple thing we can do that will bring clean water to this village. Clean water to this mama. Clean water to this baby. So this baby lives. And the whole village is going to explode with gratitude, with life.

[End of clip]

[In the studio]

James: Wow! Now Jeanne was touching a precious woman with a broken heart. There will come a day in heaven when God wipes away all our tears. By the way, he comforts us with our tears here, just like you referenced when you lose a family member, a loved one, especially a child, it is indescribable. But there she is offering comfort. So she did that, she manifested the kingdom of heaven right there because in heaven no more tears, he wipes them away.

Here's what I'm asking you to do right now. I want you to just meditate for a moment and just say, "Lord, how could I help them? What could I do? Show me a way to do it if it is more than I ever thought. But I want to be the answer to their prayer, their heart cry, and their need. And Jesus, I want to give you a drink of fresh water that you were denied and I'm going to give it to you today by giving it to precious little children and their families. I'm going to give you a cup of water, Jesus."

I hope you'll say that to him. Right now you see a website there. You see a phone number. I'm asking you to get up right now and go get a bankcard and use it like a check. Go get it. Come back, go online, or dial that number. If you needed prayer anytime, 24 hours a day, you call that number and you're going to find someone that cares. You oftentimes find somebody that has gone through some of the same heartache you're going through and they will be as good a friend as you'll have to pray with you.

So I want you to go online or dial that number and I want you to be the miracle. I want you to give Jesus water by giving the least of these water, the forgotten, overlooked, the brokenhearted mothers that are praying who have had children who died and have more that could die, have parents that died, friends who died.

Would you right now take that card and if you can drill a well, you may want to write a check. If you do, you want to give a well, it is \$4800. You may give it as a couple, a company, an individual, sometimes churches, Bible study groups. But whatever you can do, if you write a check, call the number and tell us what you're mailing because we have to know. We've got 400 designated areas to drill a well. If you could give part of a well, \$1200 or \$2400 and pray three join you or another joins you and we've got a well. But keep in mind, most of the support and I pray to God you haven't turned away comes from those who will give ten people water the rest of their life by making a gift of \$48. Can you do that? \$144 will give 30 people water the rest of their life. Some people can give a whole well. Would you go online right now or dial that number and make the gift God put on your heart. Please do it.

We have some gifts to send you and I'm real excited about it. Betty, I think this is one of the most beautiful books I've ever seen. The way it's laid out, it's a gift book. It's so easy to read. And it really is what true prosperity looks like. It is so far beyond money and the monetary but it doesn't limit that. There is no limit on what God offers if we understand what true prosperity is. And then we have the storybook Bible for children. I tell you what, what a blessing! The beautiful painting by Thomas Kinkadee, the "Bridge of Faith." Betty, I'm believing every person watching is going to help us.

Betty: I truly think that right now you're ready, you're eager to help join with us and let's give the water to the people that need it. These precious children, let's offer them a chance at life.

James: Thank you so much. Thank you so much for your response going online or dialing the number. God bless you!

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Announcer: Today a mother living in extreme poverty will do the unthinkable: give her children dirty, diseased-filled water that she knows could kill them. With no other choice, what's a mother to do?

With your help, clean water is on the way. Mission: Water for Life provides a new beginning for thousands of children and their families; a bright future with better health.

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Please call, write or make your gift online!

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[On the mission field]

Announcer: Deep within the continent of Africa, on the western border of Burundi flows the Ruzizi River. For those who live in the village of Musaga it has been their only source of water for generations. Women like Casalita, a grandmother of four and Beatrice, a young mother of two, the river has not been a source of life but instead a river of death.

Open Captions: The water that we get here is unclean and it is doing bad things to our families. I have lost two children because of the water. I am very worried about my other two children. They're always vomiting, have diarrhea and worms come from their mouths.

Announcer: Beatrice is not alone in her heartache. Casalita, living on her own, has no choice but to walk miles each day to collect more of the same river water that took the life of her husband and her granddaughter.

Open Captions: My granddaughter got very sick from the water. Her belly got inflated and her legs too. She was four years old. I took her to the clinic but she kept vomiting and having diarrhea. She died in bad condition.

Announcer: Losing a child or grandchild to unclean water is such a tragedy especially when

one realizes there is a way to stop this cycle of death through Mission: Water for LIFE. But it is not only the young who suffer.

Open Captions: Losing my parents to unclean water has caused me to such sorrow. They told me they were proud of me, that I was a good mom.

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[In the studio]

James: Oh boy! Betty, you lost a beautiful daughter but you're a great mother and they're asking us for some water.

Betty: They are. I'm thinking of that young mom. She is brokenhearted over losing children but she is also brokenhearted over losing her parents because her parents were her steadfast support. They were telling her probably in the moments her children were dying, "You're a good mom. You haven't done anything wrong." And she hasn't. She just can't give them the water they need, the clean water. It is all diseased.

They have to have some kind of water and it is breaking the hearts of these mothers that they feel like they're giving their children -- they're putting death into their bodies because they have to drink that diseased water. Let's give them some clean water.

James: So many times, Betty came home from Robin's side in Tulsa, we live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and she said, "I want to make her well so bad." She said, "There wasn't anything I could do." And she said, "James, I don't think you could bear to look at what's happening to our daughter." She wanted to make it well. She's well now. She is sitting with the Lord.

Listen to me. You can make that mother's hope and so many like her. Let's give them a well. Let's give people water. Go online, or on the phone and say, "I'm going to be an answer to prayer. I'm going to give water and I'm going to give Jesus water because I'm not going to overlook the least of these." Thank you.

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[In the studio]

James: I hope you can forgive the inability not to remember when this mother felt so helpless. No question you wouldn't have helped her. I know you would have. Help these mothers. Make the gift God puts on your heart.

We're going to share with you the inspiration, *The Riches of Christ*. This is what God has shown me in a lifetime of walking in his blessings by being a blessing, a real servant caring about others.

Just thank you from me and Betty and in behalf of all the missionaries and all the families, mothers and children. Thank you so much for giving Jesus a drink of water. God bless you.