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Week Six: WFL

WFL Mission Special #2

James: I'm James Robison. My wife Betty and I welcome you to this very special program. I wish with all my heart that I could do everything possible to ease pain, especially the pain of a broken heart.

Betty and I have experienced a pain that many people say is as great as you can experience, and that is the loss of a child. Betty and I lost our youngest child, our daughter, our Robin. She was at the time the mother of three teenagers and we lost her right around Christmas so the holiday time always reminds us in a very deep way of that loss and that precious child, and mother and wife and wonderful example.

I don't think there is a person watching us right now that wouldn't say, "James, we wish we could alleviate the pain. We wish we could have given your daughter something that would have given her perfect health." You know what? I believe you. And I believe you would. I don't believe there is a person watching us right now that wouldn't say if we could hand people the cure for whatever is breaking their heart or destroying their life or their health or the health of a loved one, we would do it.

I want you to see something very real. This is perhaps one of the most real things in the world that's tragically too often overlooked. And what our viewers are going to see, Betty is perhaps the greatest killer -- and there is a perfect cure. I'm really not exaggerating. If you'll give us a few minutes we're going to show you how you can be the greatest healer of pain in many people's lives, families, and their communities -- and it's a perfect cure. Here's the situation and you really are the cure.

On the mission field

Announcer: 100 hours. On average, that is how long the human body can survive without water. In the face of death by dehydration, water like this is the only choice for many. Recently, while in East Africa, we spoke with Fatina, a mother personally impacted by this crisis.

Open Captions:

>> One year ago, my child had a problem of diarrhea. So I tried to help him. When we went to the clinic, they said it was because we drink unclean water. While we were there, my child died.

Announcer: Unclean water is a common hardship throughout the world. And when something is common it is easy to get used to. But should losing a child ever be something we get used to?

Contaminated water has already taken Fatina's son. In Cambodia, Sumnang lost his daughter to a waterborne illness. Flores and Anita from Madagascar lost both their mother and three-year-old sister after they drank from a contaminated canal. At the time we visited these sisters, they were still drinking from that same water source themselves.

For years you've helped *LIFE Outreach* provide clean water in thousands of areas across the globe. Right now mothers like Fatina also need clean water in their villages before tragedy strikes again.

Open Captions:

>> I am afraid that one day my remaining children will die because of the lack of safe water.

End of clip

In the studio

James: Let me just say this to you. Because of someone like you, we've been able to go into 6,000 -- 6,000 of those communities and villages and give life. Most of the areas that we're dealing with you can say they're about 1,000 people, average, in a village. Because of the love of God, we actually drilled one well that provides water for 250,000 people. Now obviously that

was quite a project. But the fact is, it became a miracle and it was a miracle of love.

What we have found that's very realistic and doable, Betty, we have missionaries working all over the third world and they're working with very poor people but they're very precious people -- more precious than we can describe and they really love their children. Their children is the greatest source of joy they've got. When we give them water in those little villages, it is an oasis of hope. And Betty, it works every time.

Betty: It really does. There's nothing like the loss of a child. I know, James knows, but as a mother, I know you don't ever get over it. With God's help you walk through the pain and God lifts that heaviness off of you but you never forget. I can look at a picture today of our daughter and I remember. I remember her being full of life. I think these mothers that are losing baby after baby over in these countries where they don't have the clean water, simple solution -- clean water! We can do that. I know their hearts break because they lose, many times, more than one child and their heart just gets broken over and over again.

We can stop that cycle. We can be the answer to their needs for their children in giving them fresh clean water. I hope you'll join us in doing that.

James: We want to give you that opportunity even now. You see there is a phone number there. You can dial that number and it becomes a life line. It is always a prayer line. You want someone to pray for you? We'll pray for you. But it is a life line.

I'm asking you right now to reach out and touch someone with love. Go get a bankcard, plan to use it like a check and just simply say, "I want to give Water for LIFE." The wells average \$4800 in those villages. You might be able to give a well. Many people tell us it's something they try to do at least once a year, drill a well. That's a wonderful goal. You may be able to give part of a well, \$1200, \$2400; pray three people join you or another person joins you and we've got a well. Most of the support comes with gifts of \$48 or \$144 as an example. With that gift, you're giving ten people water the rest of their life, if you break out the average, or 30 people.

Would you today reach out and touch someone with love? Thank you for doing it. Listen to this incredible story of heartache that you can help cure. Three grandchildren lost, a son lost, and we have the perfect cure. Let's be that cure.

On the mission field

>> Marie, I know it is very difficult to talk about these things. I know you're heartbroken and I'm sorry I can't do anything today to change that. But we want to share your story back with people who want to help. Can you tell me about that?

Open Captions:

>> This year I have lost many family members. Three of my grandchildren, as well as my son have died.

They had skin ulcers and bloated bellies. I'm certain they got sick from drinking our water. I'm feeling very sad. I'm feeling very sad. It's very painful.

I think about giving children a bath and putting them to bed each night. I feel like dying so I could be with them.

As my son was dying he asked me to care for the other children. I have two grandchildren that are still alive. We have no choice but to drink this bad water, the same water that killed my family.

>> Our goal is to bring clean water to this village so that your two grandchildren that are still with you will survive.

Open Captions:

>> Thank you.

End of clip

In the studio

James: I don't exaggerate when I tell you I wish I could just put arms around that precious grandmother and hold her because we do know how she feels. Our beautiful daughter has those three children that are married. She didn't get to be there at the weddings. She has a little granddaughter. She would have had so much fun.

Betty, you and I, and I don't want people to ever have to go through the kind of heartache we went through to understand how people hurt. I don't want you to hurt like that. But I don't want those mothers and grandmothers to hurt like that. I want to help them. The thing is, Betty, we actually can.

Betty: Absolutely. We can help them with this problem. It is the water. Do you understand? If they have clean water their children can live. But yet at the same time, while they're waiting on someone to rescue them, to bring life and hope to them, they still have to drink the diseased water. They have nothing else to offer those precious little children and grandchildren. But we do, we have a lot to offer. We offer hope and we offer life through giving and drilling the water wells. So please join with us. Let's be part of that hope for these precious, precious people.

James: I believe with all my heart you want to be. You may think that my heart is broken because of our daughter. Well, certainly it is. But it's broken for people like that precious woman and all the people we've seen all over the world that just need love.

And the greatest joy, even greater than all the beauty that we've seen with our children and 11 grandchildren, and now four great grandchildren, even more than all the joy we see with our family, is watching entire communities change because God's love was poured out on them through a channel of blessing like you. Six thousand communities -- six thousand areas where hope came in the form of clean water. We gave them a well of water.

Jesus said, "You give a cup of water in my name you won't lose your reward." I want you to know, I don't need any more reward than just watching the joy of those mothers and grandparents and families to see their children play and be healthy and not be sick because they get the one thing they've got to have and it kills them.

Would you right now please go and get a bankcard or go get a check and make a check out to *LIFE* and give toward Water for LIFE? I'm praying God will let us inspire giving clean water to every person on the planet! I want to see that happen but we can do it one village at a time, one area at a time, one community, one city, one place -- one well at a time.

Would you right now make the gift God puts on your heart? Remember \$48 will give ten people water the rest of their life. Where could you put \$48 better? You want to give 30 people Water for LIFE? \$144 will do that. Can you give a well? Could you drill a well in a village and give all of them life? They're \$4800; that's the average cost.

Please right now go online or dial that number, take that bankcard. By the way, if you want to write a check and mail it in, call us and tell us you're mailing it. We need to know. We're going to let those missionaries in those villages know water is on the way because of love. Thank you for being a miracle. Thanks for making that call.

Begin video clip

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 way for parents to save the lives of their children, to offer them a bright future free from the fear of death. With your gift today, you can help drill and establish the first 200 water wells of the year. Your gift of

\$24 will help provide clean water for five children, a gift of \$48 will help provide for 10, \$72 will provide for 15, and \$144 will help provide life-giving water for 30 people for a lifetime.

With your gift, we'll send you the *Praying Grace* 55-day devotional. This new devotional will help you renew your mind to the realities of God's grace and help you pray powerful grace-based prayers for each day.

With your gift of \$100 or more, request the "Praying Grace" tumbler. This reusable 16-ounce container is constructed with insulated stainless steel, perfect for hot or cold beverages.

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End of clip

On the Mission Field

James: Let me show you a water source that these kids are drinking from. It's literally with no exaggeration contaminated water. They let this bucket down and they get the water but it is not sealed and controlled and capped.

Betty: They're making do with what they have but it is not good enough. It's not going to help them to be healthy. They've got this dirty, filthy contaminated water to work with. They have to drink it to even survive a day. I know that there couldn't be a greater joy from the parents of these children, James than to be able to watch their children grow up. Well, they won't be able to do that if they don't have some fresh water because after a while, the disease is going to kill them.

James: And we're the answer to that problem, all of us working together, each person doing

what they can because we know the need is very real. We want you to see it up close and personal. But the thing we really want you to hear and know, you're really the answer. You're the way to provide hope and help to people who deserve it. And drilling freshwater wells, that's love indeed. Help us do it. Dial that telephone number and make the very best gift you can. Please do it and do it now. Please make the gift or you can go to LifeToday.org and make that gift online.

On the mission field

Announcer: Here at *LIFE Outreach*, we constantly encounter heartbreaking need around the world. But there are times when we meet someone experiencing a depth of pain which stops us in our tracks. That's exactly what happened when we entered the home of Ington, a mother who couldn't hold back her grief as she showed us the photo of her daughter who was recently taken by contaminated water.

Open Captions:

>> My baby, my baby, I miss you so much. I want you back. I hurt so much. I wish you could come back to me.

Announcer: The heart-wrenching cries of this mother overwhelmed us. Eventually, she explained their tragic situation.

Open Captions:

>> I had to give my baby water from the river. It's all we have. When it made her sick, she got a high fever and cried so much. I'd do anything to have her back. I get so scared every time my son now gets sick. I'm afraid our water will kill him too, and then I will have no children. Clean water would change everything and bring so much joy.

Announcer: Clean water, that's all it would take for this community to not only survive but begin to thrive. Thanks to you, we were able to provide exactly that.

[Cheers and laughing]

Open Captions:

>> Thank you so much. I can hardly express what this means to us. I'm so overwhelmed.

End of clip

In the studio

James: Oh boy! Your smile says it all, honey. I wish -- I wish you could hear me talking to you right now because it says so much. I started the program talking about losing a daughter, and Betty, it's just been a cycle of people seeing that and yet, that smile says that's what we can do. The people watching us can be the miracle that changes everything.

Betty: There are some situations where you do all you know to do but nothing helps. There is no solution, there is no cure for some diseases. But this is one that we have a cure for and it is drilling the water wells. We can stop this cycle of death that these mothers go through, this heartache that they go through over and over again because they still have to offer that diseased water to their babies. Please help us stop this cycle.

James: If you'd walked into our lives and you would have said, "Here's the cure." You might say, "Well, it's just one." But boy, it would be big to us. You see, you are the answer to the heartache and the heart cry and the prayers. That precious smile you saw, she'd had incredible, indescribable loss but now she sees hope. It won't bring back her loss but it will stop the loss of her others.

Would you do that? Would you be that miracle right now? Reach out and touch someone with love. Go and get your bankcard. You use it for hopefully, essentials and things that you just enjoy but always use your bankcard like a check. But go get it right now and use it like a check. And dial that number, or you can go online, and just make the gift God puts on your heart: \$48 changes everything for ten people, I mean for the rest of their lives. Put a smile on their face, be the miracle they long for -- \$144, 30 people.

Could you give a well? \$4800. I believe if you can, you will. And I believe you will rejoice doing it. Whatever you can do, please do it right now. Thank you so much.

By the way, if you should get a busy, you be determined, I'm getting through. I'm going to be the lifeline. I'm going to be the answer to prayer. I'm going to be someone's miracle. Thank you so much for making the gift God puts on your heart. We have some gifts to bless you but you've given the greatest gift, you've given the gift of life. Thank you!

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On the mission field

Tammy: I'm sitting here on the edge of the water in Burundi, Africa with this little boy. When I look at his belly, it is not because he's just had a great big meal; it's actually because he's been drinking this water. Do you know that statistics say that they are at most risk between the ages of one to five? So this little guy, right now, I can tell you is not doing well. I fear that if he continues to drink this water, he probably won't make it.

I don't even know if I would call this water. It is filthy. It is so dirty. It is filled with contamination and I know he is in the condition he is in because he's been drinking this water. If we could come in here and drill a well, where he could drink off of that water instead of this filthy, dirty water, I've seen it work before. I know that it works. I know that it turns around quickly for these children.

I would rather be a solution than a problem in this world. So I know a solution. I've seen it; I know that it works. I've been all around the world with *LIFE Outreach*. I know that Water for LIFE can change not just one life but so many lives around the world. Let's do something right now for Burundi, Africa. Let's do it together. Let's change this little guy's life. Let's turn it around for him. We have a chance to do that! Go online, make a phone call, and give whatever you can give -- the best gift that you can give!

End of clip

In the studio

James: I don't think that thank you seems adequate for what your love and your gift will mean to so many people. I mean it sets entire villages to rejoicing, literally. Little children just playing in clean water. Wow!

Thanks for being a miracle. Thanks for being an answer to prayer. I've said many times, and

really Isaiah 58 clearly indicates this, you become an answer to someone's prayer, you get your prayers answered speedily. Read Isaiah 58. Thank you for loving someone. Thanks for being their miracle. Thank you!