



Water Wins 2024 Newsletter



Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward all men.

Luke 2:14





Christmas Greetings from Water Wins

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate this Christmas season, we look forward to 2025—our 20th year serving the communities in the Eastern Kambari Area (EKA) of Nigeria. We are reminded of **God's steadfast faithfulness and provision throughout the years**, as our ministry has grown and flourished in remarkable ways, all through **His** providence.

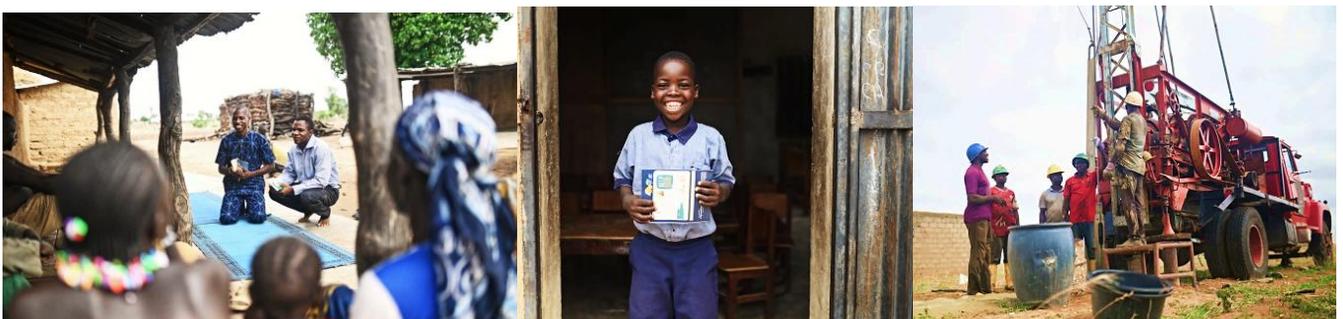
Today, over 60 Nigerians are faithfully serving in roles as well drillers, pastors, teachers, and more, bringing hope and transformation to countless communities. In this issue, we are excited to introduce you to Pastor Iliya Justice and his family, who are making a meaningful impact in the EKA.

We also want to share a few important updates and prayer requests:

- **Rotary Rig Research:** Emmanuel, our Technical Leader, is diligently researching the benefits of acquiring a smaller rotary rig, which could significantly enhance our mission's efficiency but increase technical complexity. Please join us in praying for wisdom and clarity as this plan is considered. We drilled 12 wells using our Percussion Rigs in 2024.
- **Agriculture:** Yunkur, our Agriculture Team Leader, retired in 2024. He played a pivotal role in initiating cooperatives, introducing fertilizer, and promoting tree planting. We are deeply grateful for his years of service and the lasting impact he made on farming practices within our EKA communities. We are excited to announce that Jeremiah Padua, who worked closely with Yunkur, has stepped into the role of Agriculture Team Leader.
- **Graduation:** What a blessing to celebrate 13 students graduating from the Water Wins Academy in 2024. **On our newsletter cover is a picture of the Graduation celebration.**
- **Safety and Peace in EKA:** We are very grateful that the security situation in EKA is much better than it was the last few years, however we still would create a safety risk for our team to visit EKA at this time. We continue to plan to meet our leaders in Abuja and Jos in 2025, as we did in March and September of 2024. Please continue to pray for safety and security for our team in the EKA.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we move forward with hope and gratitude. As the angels declared: **"Glory to God in the highest!"** May we all celebrate the birth of our Savior with joy and thanksgiving.

Blessings, The Water Wins Team





Here is his story...

Pastor Iliya grew up in Lufu. I was the oldest of nine children and raised by Christian parents in an area of Takum in Taraba State, Nigeria. I initially studied purchasing and supply.

Share with us about your Faith journey, how you came to be a Pastor: Though born into a Christian family, I did not have a personal experience of Yahweh's dealings until at age eighteenth. After which, I gave my life wholly to Him and was baptized on the 7th of November 2004. I was called into pastoral ministry in 2012 but finally made-up my mind the subsequent year to attend Seminary where I was trained and graduated in 2017.

Share with us about your family:

I am blessed with my faithful wife Rita. My wife's father was a Pastor with the Christian Reformed Church, Nigeria. Yahweh blessed us with a female child named Eucharria (I'm grateful) from the word Eucharist.

How did you become part of the Water Wins team:

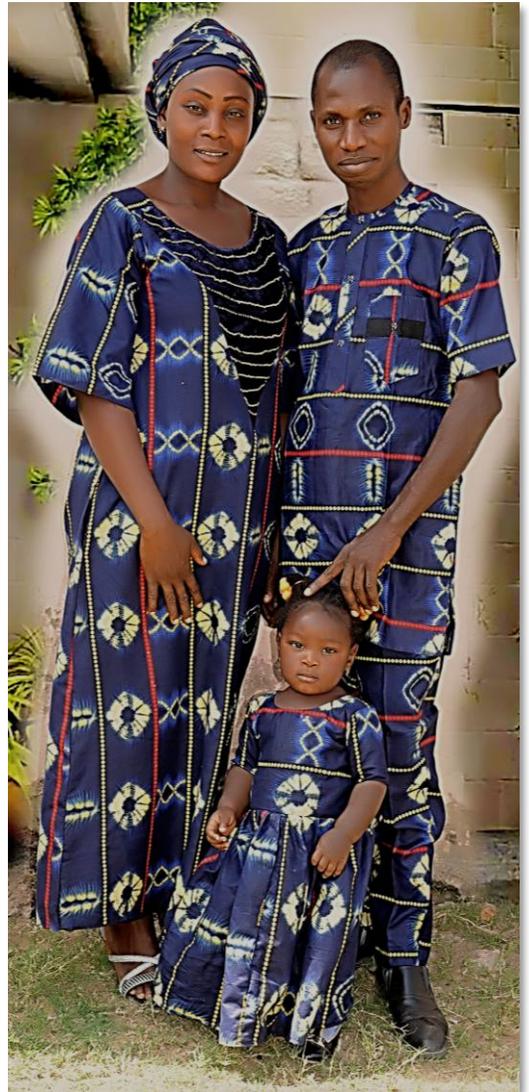
Through the Christian Reformed Church, Nigeria Secretariat, I was transferred to become a part of the Water Wins Team and lead the Evangelists that live in the EKA communities.

My responsibilities include shepherding Yahweh's flocks, visitation, organizing, seminars to enhance workers' capacity, teaching the Word, encouraging, counseling and ensuring the wellbeing of my Team

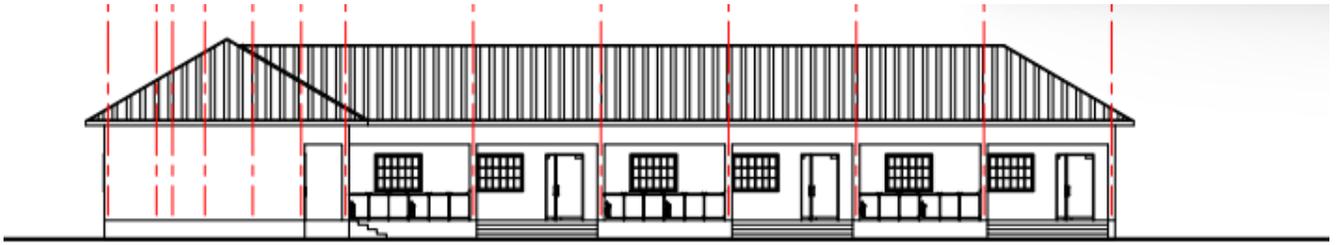
What are some of your focus areas with your Evangelism Team: In 2024, Water Wins experienced tremendous growth in Church Planting and established 8 new stations (church locations) with 129 new converts and 511 pupils in Bible Clubs. In 2025, we are focusing on Discipleship and Mentorship and to ensure that 300 souls are reach with the gospel, more Bible Clubs are formed, and new stations (church locations) are added.

What Strategic vision to you have for the Water Wins community: To see that the entire land is evangelized, and souls are won, Christ's lifestyle is lived out and the Kingdom expanded here on earth so that Yahweh is Glorify. To Yahweh's glory, the Church is marching on, there's tremendous change in their ways of living, more awareness is created, and lives are transformed, and Christ is honored.

I am grateful to Yahweh, Our Donors, BA brethren, and the Board for your unwavering support and prayers for us in the field. May the Lord of the Church reward and bless you immensely. Once more thank you!



Water Wins Academy Expansion in Mahula



Exciting Growth for Our School Community!

Left Side Elevation

Water Wins Academy is thrilled to announce the addition of a brand-new wing to our campus in Mahula! The expansion project is scheduled to be completed in **January of 2025**.

The expansion will include dedicated spaces for **Kindergarten 1-3** and **Primary 1-6** students. These classes are currently meeting in the church, mission house, and a barn. This building will provide the classrooms we need to appropriately serve our students and their educational growth.

This addition would not have been possible without the incredible support of our faithful donor community. Please look for more updates as construction progresses on Facebook (waterwins) and Instagram (water_wins). **Thank you for being a part of the Water Wins Academy growth.**



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