



# *Fighting the Global Water Crisis to Save Lives*



***2.2 billion people around the world lack access to clean, safe water. And 4.2 billion don't have adequate sanitation facilities.***

When water is safe and free from contamination, it plays a key role in health, agriculture, the environment, and even job creation.<sup>1</sup> But unsafe water can be fatal. **Throughout the developing world, billions of people have no choice but to drink water that is contaminated** and suffer exposure to dangerous waterborne diseases like cholera and trachoma.<sup>2</sup> That's why the World Economic Forum lists the global water crisis among the top five global risks.<sup>3</sup>

**Globally,  
one person dies  
every 37 seconds  
from a water-  
related illness.**

**Collectively,  
women in Africa  
spend 200 million  
hours every day  
walking for water.<sup>4</sup>**

**Children suffer  
from 90% of  
diseases caused  
by unsafe water  
and sanitation.<sup>5</sup>**

**Yearly, children  
miss 443 million  
school days  
because of the  
global water crisis.<sup>5</sup>**



**But the water crisis is solvable, and Water Mission is saving lives through safe water and sanitation solutions.**

As a nonprofit Christian engineering organization, Water Mission designs, builds, and implements solutions that break through the global water crisis. Our comprehensive approach provides sustainable safe water treatment systems, sanitation solutions, and hygiene education to communities around the world. Our vision is that all people have access to safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love.

**Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission it's top, four-star rating 14 years in a row**, a distinction shared by less than one percent of charities rated by the organization. To learn more about our financial transparency and integrity, visit [watermission.org/financials](https://watermission.org/financials).



**When invested in water and sanitation, \$1 provides an economic return of up to \$34.<sup>6</sup>**

**Diarrheal illness can be reduced by up to 85% with improved water quality and quantity.<sup>5</sup>**

**Reducing the time spent collecting water can increase school attendance by up to 18%.<sup>7</sup>**

## *Safe water builds hope and opportunity*

**Water Mission provides safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster situations.**

We design customized solutions for each project, utilizing the latest innovations in water quality and distribution, solar power, community development, and remote monitoring. And in every community, we partner with the recipients throughout the process. A successful project results in more time for education, improved health, and increased productivity for the community.

Headquartered in North Charleston, S.C., Water Mission has worked in 57 countries and more than 400 staff members worldwide, with permanent country programs in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

**Water Mission numbers to date:**

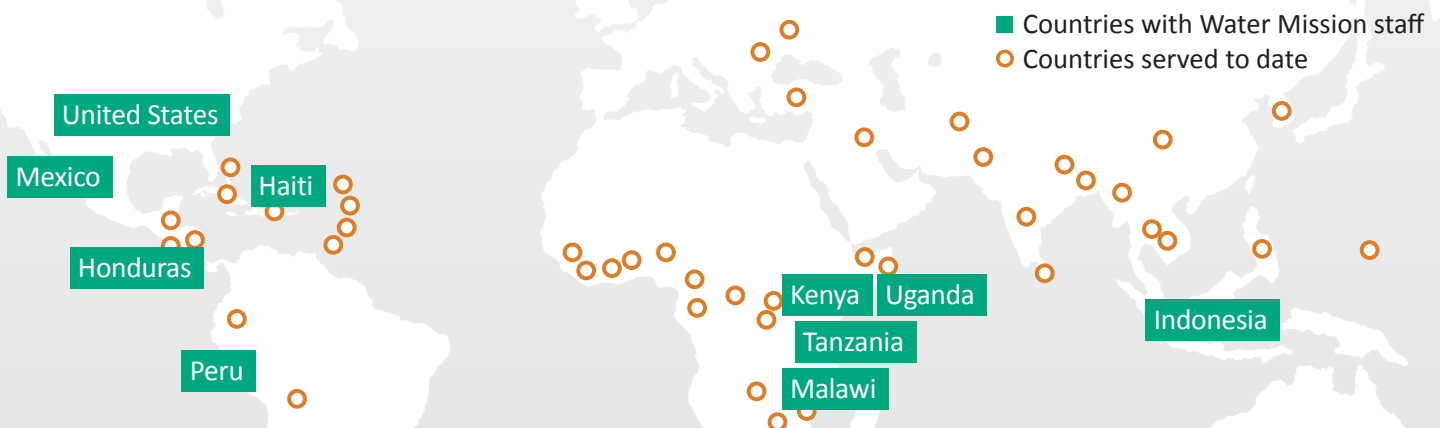
**OVER 5,700,000** *people provided access to safe water*

**OVER 240,000** *people provided sanitation solutions*

**NEARLY 1,000,000** *people provided hygiene solutions*



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