



SERVANTS' HEARTS

Vasayo partners with Hearts and Hands for Humanity to bring clean water to families in Africa

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Every five minutes, a child in Africa dies from a water-related disease.

While the African people are working to improve their conditions, it takes service-oriented hearts from around the world to truly turn this fact into ancient history. Enter Vasayo.

When the Vasayo founders — Dallin and Karree Larsen, Daniel Picou and Dan Zhu — started talking about building a company together, the “group of servants” focused on long-term possibilities and planned to make a profound difference. To be exact, they set out to bless a million lives.

With that vision in their minds and hearts, the Vasayo team became aware of Hearts

and Hands for Humanity and immediately knew they had found an organization to help them achieve their goal of blessing millions.

Hearts and Hands for Humanity is a non-profit organization that drills wells in Africa to provide children and families with clean water. The organization strategically builds wells near schools so children can have clean water during the day and bring water home to their families after school.

Hearts and Hands for Humanity partnered with the mechanical engineering faculty and students at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah to invent a man-powered drill that can reach down 250 feet into the surface of the earth and access



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aquifers of clean water. This new approach to solving the water crisis in Africa resonates with the Vasayo family.

“Every day in Africa there are over 2,000 children under the age of 5 who die because of waterborne diseases,” Karree says. “That is why at Vasayo we have made it our mission to drill wells to provide the most basic of human needs: fresh water.”

In the first year of their partnership with Hearts and Hands for Humanity, Vasayo raised enough funds from founder and Brand Partner donations to build 20 wells. As of June 2019, they have built 60 wells in Tanzania and blessed the lives of 145,000 people in Africa. In October 2018, corporate office members and Brand Partners traveled to Tanzania where they helped drill more wells and met the people whose lives have been directly impacted by their donations and work.

“It has been an amazing thing to watch the generosity of our wonderful Brand Partners who have fully supported such a worthwhile cause,” Daniel says.

The drill created for Hearts and Hands for Humanity is human-powered, which is symbolic.

“Using our hearts and our hands, let’s go bless a million children together,” Karree says.



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Clean Water Can Lead to Education

African women and children often spend a good part of their days walking to get water. Because Hearts and Hands for Humanity drills clean water wells in convenient locations, women and children can spend more time in the classroom and less time hiking to water sources. This increase in education and confidence creates genuine change for communities, economies and families.

