

# A Drop <sup>in the</sup> Bucket



a spring of hope

To: A Spring of Hope

As Beretta School, we would like to take this opportunity to thank A Spring of Hope for everything they've done for us.

Through A Spring of Hope we have a borehole which gives us clean water, they built us a clinic and a library whereby learners and the community benefit a lot. Books and vitamin tablets are also supplied to the clinic and library. They also supply Orphans and Vulnerable learners with clothes and food.

The school started a vegetable garden through the assistance of A Spring of Hope. The garden is now successful and many people's lives changed dramatically, that is, Orphans and Vulnerable kids, those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, learners, educators and the community at large.

We entered several competitions concerning the garden and won garden tools, tanks, nursery, seedlings, herbs and some cash. The schools managed to develop and encourage other neighboring schools to start their own gardens.

The school has developed so much through the help of A Spring of Hope. We really extend our gratitude to the group for what they've done for us. May the Almighty richly bless them and their entire families.

Thank you very much.

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# Hi! My name is Nyiko!



I am nine years old and I live  
in Acornhoek, South Africa.

Math and science are  
my favorite subjects!



I love to learn, but I miss  
many school days because  
I get sick a lot.



**My school does not have any clean water. At times we don't have enough water for our plants in the school garden.**



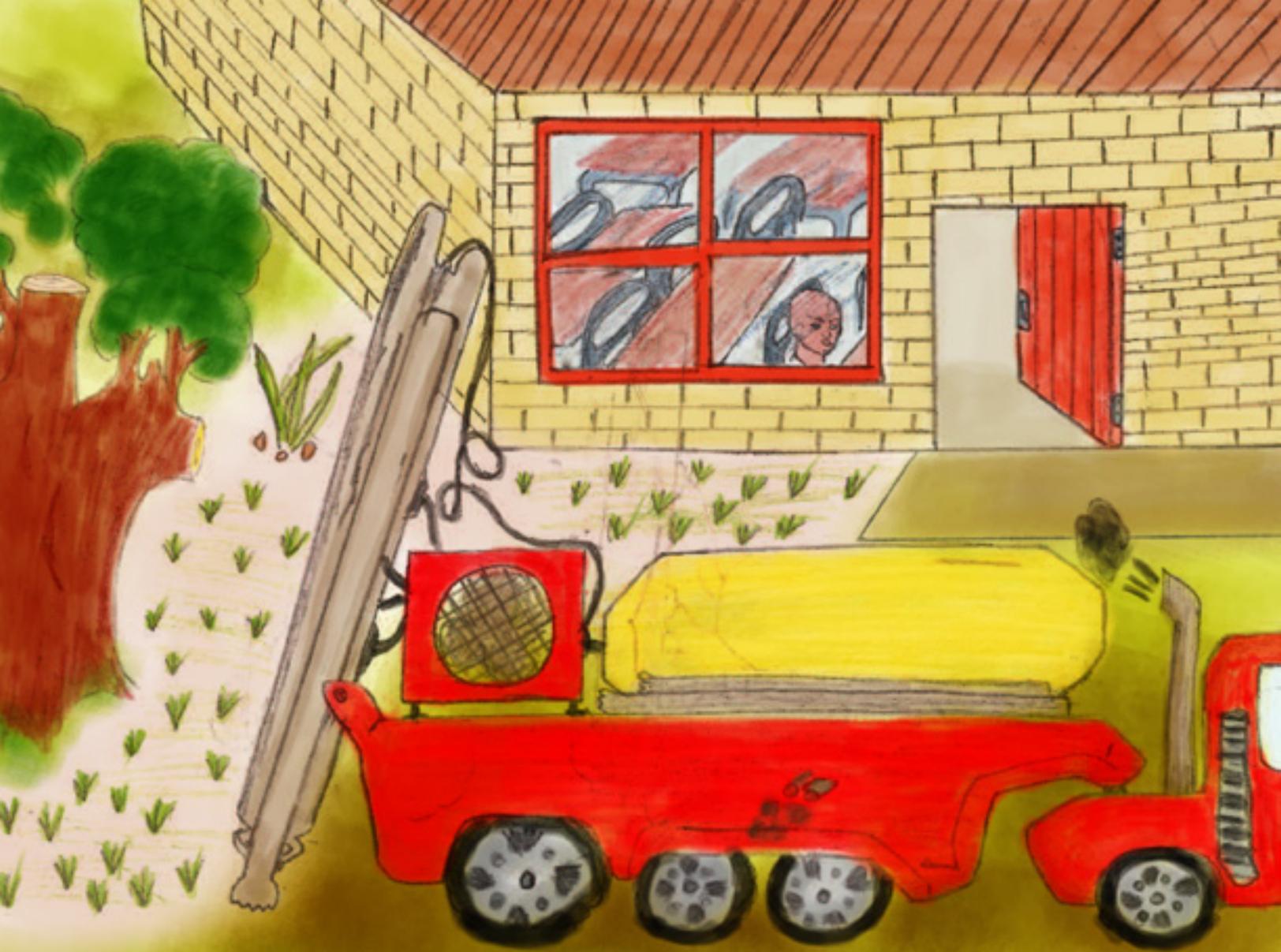
To get clean water, me and my friends have to walk a long way. When we get to the pump, we put the clean water in a big jug.



Then we carry it back home.  
The jug is sooo heavy!  
It makes my arm hurt!



Without clean water my classmates and I are thirsty and hungry all the time. We really need clean water.



One day while I was sitting in class, I looked out of the window and saw a big red truck.



The truck driver put a long pipe in the ground. The pipe was moving! It was digging. It kept digging and digging! I didn't know where it was going.



After a long time, water came gushing out from the ground!



My class and I ran outside to see the water! It was amazing!



We shouted and danced in the water because we were so happy!



The water was clean and  
tasted so good! Now I have  
clean water at school!



Each week, I help my teacher  
water plants in the school garden!  
It is so much fun!



**I am so happy to have clean  
water! Having clean water is  
my spring of hope!**

# Water Facts

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One child dies **every 21 seconds** from water-borne diseases.

More than 3.4 million people **die each year** from water-related issues.

2.5 billion people **lack access** to clean water.

Women and children **have to fetch** water for the family.

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Millions of children just like you do not have access to clean water. Many of these children do not attend school because they are sick. ***Without water life does not exist.***

More than 100 years ago places like New York, London and Paris were centers of disease due to lack of clean water. It was the changes that were made in water and sanitation that lead to improvements. In 2007, the British Medical Journal found that clean water and sanitation was the most important medical advancement since 1840.

We also must conserve the water we do have because as the population grows water shortage will become an even greater problem.

Remember to shut off the taps when brushing your teeth, do not buy bottled water, have your parents install filtration devices on your home water, and use and collect rain water for gardens.

We can all do our part to protect this natural resource. We can help others by donating our change to help build wells and rain catching devices at schools in need.

A Spring of Hope appreciates your kind heart and dedication to helping other children affected by the world water crisis.



# Thank You!



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