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A Drink of Cold Water for Troubled Darfur

If you have ever flown over the expanse which is Darfur, the western region of Sudan that is geographically larger than the nation of France, then you would have been immediately impressed by Darfur's barren landscape. Fertile areas are few and far between in this region.

It is also obvious at first glance that the acquisition of water is a major problem in this vastness. Add to the equation civil conflict and perpetual unrest, and a formula for disaster is the result.

Welcome to Darfur – an area where more than 3.6 million people have been affected by the ongoing conflict with Sudan's Khartoum government. Darfur is a region relatively bypassed by the rest of the world and in desperate need of both peace and humanitarian assistance. It's difficult for an organization like GBA to empower people to help themselves when an estimated 1.9 million of Darfur's citizens live in IDP (internally displaced people) camps. With no access to any kind of infrastructure necessary for most forms of commerce, IDP residents live by hand-to-mouth dependence upon western aid agencies working in these camps and the surrounding countryside.

Together with GBA's regional partner, International Aid Services (IAS), our goal is to provide immediate life-saving relief as we work toward the day when we are able to build capacity into the lives of those so desperately hurting.

And access to water is a key component to survival in Darfur. GBA, thanks to its donors, has been able to invest over \$20,000 into the Deribat, East Jebel Mara region of Darfur. This past year IAS has been able to drill over twenty-eight wells in East Jebel Mara thanks to partnering organizations like the UNDP, CBN, and GBA.



Excitement as Darfur's parched earth meets water



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*Life-sustaining assistance
when empowerment is not an option.*

By providing wells and other vital assistance to this area, day-to-day living has been immeasurably changed for many in Deribat. Having a clean source for water in the middle of their small village is nothing short of a miracle for the residents of the village of Howoshei – the site of one of the newest GBA-sponsored wells.

As GBA looks to expand its micro-lending programs this next year into new regions of Southern Sudan, Darfur is not forgotten. We believe the day will come, just as it did for the southern part of this nation, when Darfur's residents are able to live in peace and seek happiness through freedom and the pursuit of financial self-reliance.



**Water brings new hope to Darfur villagers
in anxious times**

By investing in Darfur now, we are saving lives. But not only that, we are demonstrating our solidarity with those suffering, and positioning ourselves to bring the capacity-building resources of Enterprise Relief to Darfur one day in the future.

Thank you for your assistance this month in GBA's mission to bring Enterprise Relief to the hurting of this world. Your support is not only quenching the thirst of those in a parched land, but it is enabling parents to feed their children and send them to school through their own source of sustainable income. This fall, your partnership with our work is needed more than ever, and we are so grateful for your involvement in our efforts.

Sincerely -

**Douglas Mann,
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