



Frequently Asked Questions

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Where can I get more information about The Overflow Project?

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- Follow @overflowproject on Twitter, twitter.com/OverflowProject.
- Contact us at info@overflowproject.org

What is The Overflow Project all about?

The Overflow Project is a non-profit organization changing the world through simple living and generous giving. We bring communities together for collective change to help end poverty by supporting clean water projects in the global South.

This year, we will continue to support the efforts of World Concern as they provide access to clean drinking water and hygiene training, specifically in Kenya.

The Overflow Project challenges us to step beyond simply writing a check to support a cause and instead, invites us to get involved through a 50-Day Challenge. Together we can invite family, friends, and communities to change the world.

Simplify: Simplifying our lives engages us in the process of creating change. Identify creative ideas to set aside something that isn't necessary, or even something that is. The goal is to save \$1 or more per day for 50 days by making a small change in the way you live. You can take the challenge as an individual or as part of a group.

Give: On Day 50, individuals, groups, and churches across the country give the money they saved. Communities in the United States overflow with support for families in need.

Change: Change starts with the way you live; and when you change, so can your community. All funds are donated toward a water project that will transform a community in East Africa with a clean water source, improved sanitation, and hygiene training. Lives across the world can be changed as a result of the choices we make to simplify.

How can I learn more about World Concern (our partner organization)?

“World Concern is a Christian global relief and development organization. With our supporters, our faith compels us to extend life-saving help and opportunity to people facing the most profound human challenges of extreme poverty.

At World Concern, the solutions we offer, the work we do--with your help--creates lasting, sustainable change....”

Find more information online at www.worldconcern.org.

What water projects am I supporting through my 50-Day Challenge donation?

In 2014, the 50-Day Challenge will raise money to support a rainwater catchment system for Olemegili Village in Narok County, Kenya. The village, at 8,500 feet, is one of the highest inhabited parts of Kenya, and past attempts to drill wells in this area have failed. The community has identified access to clean water as one of their primary concerns.

In addition to providing the main community rainwater catchment system, our support will help install household catchment systems in rural homes. To ensure lasting change, a hygiene club will be established at the primary school to educate children on the importance of good hygiene. The women of the village will also be trained in healthy hygiene habits.

How did The Overflow Project begin?

In 2009, a few individuals challenged the people of Bethany Community Church to simplify their lives and give generously from the money they saved toward a partnership with Living Water International. The 50-day effort, called Spilling Hope, eventually grew into an annual effort each spring. What were the results of three years of Spilling Hope and a partnership with Living Water International? Changed lives. Thirty-three borehole wells provided clean drinking water to more than 20,000 people in southwestern Uganda. Additional funds were donated toward church mobilization community development programs managed by World Relief in northern Rwanda.

Inspired by the church program in Seattle, a team of individuals formed to create The Overflow Project in 2012. This all began by taking a step of faith, envisioning more churches, groups and communities coming together to change the world. We promote tangible and interactive responses to global poverty and partner with organizations focused on sustainable solutions to the global water crisis.

How long does The Overflow Project last?

The Overflow Project challenges people to take the 50-Day Challenge, beginning each year on Easter and ending on Pentecost. However, there are opportunities to get involved throughout the year.

Where is the money going?

100% of 50-Day Challenge donated funds go to our partnership with World Concern.

How much money was raised in the past?

Last year we raised \$11,000 which World Concern used to develop clean water sources and hygiene training programs in the Somaliland region of Somalia.

What's the financial goal for this year?

For the 2014 50-Day Challenge, we are supporting the Olemegili community in Kenya through a partnership with World Concern. Our goal is to give \$25,000 toward installation of a community water catchment and rural household catchment systems, as well as, provision of materials for sanitation and hygiene training.

How can I simplify?

Find creative ways to reduce consumption and focus on your community over the things you have and choose to purchase. If you need ideas, check out our list of ideas for simplifying.

How can I donate?

At the end of the 50-Day Challenge, a donation page will be available online at overflowproject.org/give or by mailing a check to:

The Overflow Project

7624 Winona Ave N

Seattle, WA 98103

The Overflow Project is a section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

How can I help my community change?

It's our hope that the changes you make will impact your community. Challenge your friends, family and neighbors to take the 50-Day Challenge with you. To further engage your community, consider hosting a film night, a book club, a family event or a water walk. See our list of community event ideas for more suggestions.

More questions?

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