

## Clean Water for 1 Million

Last month, the Global Aid Network (GAIN, the humanitarian aid division of Power to Change) celebrated an amazing milestone. They have been drilling water wells in Africa and Asia for 10 years, and drilled their 1000th well! Since each well provides water for about a thousand people, that means a million villagers now drink from GAIN wells.



The pictures above are from the village of Peperkou, Benin. On the left, you can see the dirty water source that the villagers were relying on. The women would walk for hours to fill their buckets there, spending precious time away from their families. However, the water they brought back carried diseases which would make their families sick, impacting their ability to go to school or work.

GAIN was able to go into the village of Peperkou and drill them a deep-capped water well. Now, they have access to clean, disease free water, right in their village! When a GAIN well drilling team goes into a village like this, they spend a week working on the well and getting to know the villagers. They give sanitation and hygiene training, run medical and dental clinics, and form a bore-hole committee of locals who are trained to maintain the well long-term. They also partner with the Jesus Film project to show the Jesus Film in the local language. So far, 381,000 people have attended these Jesus Film showings, and 63,000 lives have been spiritually transformed! Where there is a local church, these new believers are plugged in to what God is already doing. Where there isn't a local church, GAIN partners with a church planting organization, and so far 365 churches have been planted!



I personally got to play a small role in helping the GAIN celebration event (for their 1 million wells) go smoothly. Two days before the event was to happen, I received a panicked email from the GAIN programmer. He had accidentally deleted all the data in the GAIN water well database program! I was able to step in and restore the data to the state it was in just before it was accidentally deleted, quickly enough so the GAIN staff could use it to continue last minute preparations for the event. I love the opportunity I have to use my skills in this and other ways to support our amazing GAIN staff as they demonstrate God's love to hurting and needy people around the world.

To find out more about the Water for Life Initiative, go to [p2c.sh/wfli](http://p2c.sh/wfli). You can



A GAIN water well drilling rig

watch videos about the work, read stories, sign up for the email newsletter, or donate towards a water well.

## Prayer Requests

- For the *next* 1000 wells, which GAIN hopes to drill in the next 5 years—that God would provide the funds and the workers, and that many villages would be transformed physically and spiritually.
- For our family as we hunt for a new house (see next page).
- For Jason helping manage and coach a few programming interns over the next few months

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# Family Update

The last few months have given us some great opportunities to learn to trust our Father in heaven more. One example has been in relation to Shannon's work. Since Fiona is now 1 year old (amazing how time flies!), Shannon's maternity leave is up and she returned to work as a nurse at Vancouver General Hospital. However, the job she returned to isn't ideal for a couple reasons. First, the part-time position she got just before she went on maternity leave requires her to work more hours than we would like. Second, the commute to the hospital is about 45-60 minutes each way. She had tried to get a job at a closer hospital a few times, but was never able to get through the complex hiring process.

However, a friend of ours who is also a nurse knows the manager of the emergency department at our local hospital in Langley, and gave the manager a call about Shannon. Before we knew it, Shannon had an interview and then a job offer to work there! She won't start till later this summer, and we still have a few questions about the transition, but the new job is a big answer to prayer.

Another opportunity for us to grow in trusting God has been our house. We've talked for a number of years about moving from our townhouse to a house with a basement suite we could rent out, that would work for our family for the next 7-10 years. When we found out that Shannon's mom, who lives in a basement suite, was needing to move out of her place, we decided that now is the time! Someone from our church coached us on selling our house "by

owner", and although it was a fair bit of work and a big learning experience, we were blessed with God's peace through the process, and found a



*This home has served us well for the last 5 years!*

good buyer after only 1 month! We need to be out of our home by July 4th, so are eagerly looking for a house to buy. Prices are high and competition is fierce for properties in our area right now, so we've had a number of let-downs and stressful decisions to make. But, we are trying to continue to put our trust in the one who has provided for us all along!



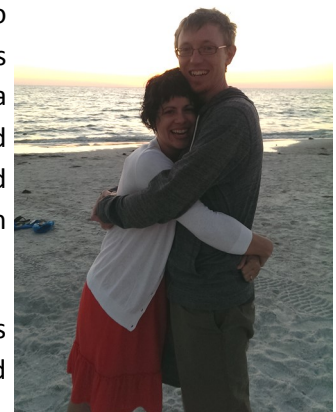
In late March, Jason's dad arranged for us, along with Jason's 6 siblings, their spouses, and the 10 grandkids to all meet together in Florida. The kids had a blast hanging out with their cousins, aunts and uncles, and grandparents. One highlight was visiting an alligator attraction, and actually getting to hold a small alligator (with his mouth taped shut, of course!). Shannon and I

really enjoyed ourselves too,

although it isn't really "restful" to travel with 3 small children. That was especially true as Fiona had just started walking, and so someone always had to be on "Fiona-duty" as she loved to wander off and find things to put in

her mouth!

May the God who proves Himself faithful over and over, be your strength.



*Jason, Shannon, Silas, Toby, and Fiona*