

COVENANT KIDS Congo

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Pastor Anne Vining
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Dear Anne, Team World Vision runners, and the members and friends of First Covenant Church:

"Beforehand we had a lot of pain getting water, and now we have good water," says Mama Bernadette from Gemena, DR Congo. "It's beautiful."

When your church ran the Twin Cities Marathon and Minnesota Half Marathon with Team World Vision and Covenant Kids Congo, you helped bring safe, clean water to families in DR Congo. Now, Mama Bernadette no longer needs to walk miles in the blistering heat for dirty water that could make her children sick. Clean water is only a short walk away.

Your church's Team World Vision race is funding better water, sanitation, and hygiene in a remote area of DR Congo where clean water has been rare. Thank you so much for raising **\$9,806** total for clean water in Congo—and please extend our deepest thanks to everyone in your church who has worked, trained, fundraised, given, and prayed to make this a reality.

When Covenant Kids Congo powered by World Vision first began in 2012, only 11% of the population in Gemena had access to clean water. Since then, the CKC program has drilled two deep water wells and capped springs. More than 28,000 people have gained access to clean water, raising the rate of clean water access to about 16%. And yet, this is only the beginning! CKC is striving toward universal water, sanitation, and hygiene coverage for this city of 350,000 people within the next 15 years.

Thanks to your efforts, more people are gaining access to clean water each step of the way. Anne, as you saw on our visit to Congo, a newly constructed capped springs system has brought clean water to thousands more in the Bokonzo neighborhood. Meanwhile, about 17,000 people have received training in improved hygiene practices such as handwashing with soap and safe refuse disposal.

Thank you for walking alongside the children of Congo! Your passion inspires us, and it's a blessing to partner with you in this meaningful ministry with our brothers and sister in Congo.

Gratefully Yours,


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Anne, it is a joy to walk with you on this journey! Thank you so much to you and your church for your faithfulness

P.S. Want to join the CKC Global 6k for Water on May 19th? Register at TeamWorldVision.org/ckc6k.
Questions? Contact Cat at Catherine.Knarr@covchurch.org or (773) 442-6578.



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