



DISCOVERING THE SOURCE OF LIVING WATER

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An Amazing Fact: *Flowing 4,160 miles, the longest river in the world is the Nile. Its waters originate with Lake Victoria in Uganda, moving northward until they terminate in Egypt at the Mediterranean Sea. On average, the river moves at an astounding 680,000 gallons per second; that's over 10 million cups of thirst-quenching water every second!*

[Warning! This letter could make you thirsty.]

Dear friend,

Did you know that the Nile flows through two thousand miles of scorching desert—yet everything around the river is green? One of my favorite Bible verses says, *“Everything will live wherever the river goes”* (Ezekiel 47:9).



And through your gifts to Amazing Facts, you send a river of Living Water to millions thirsting for truth every month. I recently stood with Karen at the headwaters of the Nile in the heart of Africa. We were conducting evangelistic meetings in Uganda—an outreach you made possible—and we saw thousands drinking in the Bible truth!

You and I know that Jesus is the “fountain of living waters” (Jeremiah 2:13), but untold millions have never received Him. But through God’s grace, you’re making the lifesaving truths of Scripture available to the thirsty world—to people like Victor ...

Drinking Polluted Waters

Victor’s young parents first tried to abort him—then when he was just two years old, they abandoned him. He never experienced the genuine love of a mother or father, and his early life was heartrending.

As a young adult, Victor studied different religions hoping to find purpose and belonging. He studied with Mormons, Evangelicals, Catholics, and even Muslims. Then one day, he ran across the works of Anton LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan. He even read the so-called *Satanic Bible*.

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Victor was convinced that this contained the keys to power and happiness in this life; he even started a club dedicated to LaVey's teachings.

It breaks my heart that so many like Victor are looking for satisfaction in the vilest of places. We know that they will never find peace drinking from the poisonous fountains of this world.

Discovering the Source

Did you know that for millennia, the source of the Nile was a mystery? The Greeks, Romans, and even the Egyptians had no idea! It wasn't until 1858 that British explorer John Speke, after a grueling expedition, discovered Lake Victoria as the source of the river.

It reminds me of the story of Jesus and the woman at the well. Like Victor, she too was vainly seeking for happiness in all the wrong places. She debated with Jesus about religion, but in His compassion, He said, *"If you knew ... who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water"* (John 4:10).



You and I know that Jesus is the Living Water, but the vast majority around are still guzzling down deadly water. They don't know where to find the Source of life, which is why you and I must point the way. We can lead them to Christ, the Spring of Eternal Life! *"He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb"* (Revelation 22:1).

Even as this dark planet suffers a spiritual water crisis, through your faithfulness, God sent Amazing Facts on a powerful mission of hope to show thousands where to find true peace and joy, including Victor!

Miracles in Africa

Friend, I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God was leading when one of our other meetings was postponed and, at the same time, church leaders in Uganda pleaded with me to do outreach in the capital city of Kampala.

The Lord worked so many miracles on such short notice! One of the most dramatic was how He stopped the rain. Because of the large crowds, we held the meetings outdoors. And—can you believe it?—it rained virtually every day *except* during the meetings. Amen!



Another blessing came through our AFCOE Africa program. Our recent graduates in Kenya traveled to Kampala to help prepare the way for our series, doing door-to-door visits, distributing literature, and holding their own evangelistic and health meetings.

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Jesus said, “I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself” (John 12:32). When we lifted up Christ in Uganda, nearly 7,000 seekers came to drink from the Living Water each night!

Karen and I witnessed 335 people giving their hearts to Jesus in baptism. And as our AFCOE team continues with follow-up work, we expect many hundreds more.

Thank you for making this all possible through your gifts. You have changed lives even across the ocean. But now let me finish my story about Victor ...



Victory for Victor

One day, a friend handed Victor a pamphlet advertising health seminars given by our AFCOE Africa students. He decided to sit in on the class, but only as a favor to his friend. He wasn't interested in anything more. Or so he thought!

You see, the more meetings Victor attended, the more the Holy Spirit captivated his heart. He felt the devil's toxic enticements losing their power over him. He kept coming to drink in Bible truth—and decided to fully surrender his life to Christ!



When I met Victor in Kampala, I could see the peace of Jesus in his eyes. He is now preparing to work fulltime for God! I also met Francis, a former Pentecostal preacher who accepted the three angels' messages through Amazing Facts and now desires to teach God's truths. He even volunteered for the meetings!

And because we advertised on TV, many members of parliament and military leaders attended. All this was possible only because of your gifts to AFCOE and international ministry. Thank

you for helping us take the Living Water to Africa! I hope the Lord opens your eyes to see the very real, very eternal difference you've made.

Offering Living Water

It's not over, friend. You have helped Amazing Facts broadcast in the past in Uganda, but a transition from analog to digital took us off the air. Countless people begged me, “Amazing Facts needs to be on TV in Uganda!” By God's grace, a government official attended our meetings and agreed! She is now working to obtain the permits needed to reach into 5.1 million homes in Uganda each month with the three angels' messages.

But this international and media ministry can't succeed without His people, you, being involved. Jesus said, “He who believes in Me ... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38). That's why we're here—to offer the thirsting a cup of Living Water.

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It's simple: The harvest is ripe, and we can help many more souls make decisions for Christ if we had more to work with. So I'm asking you today to offer a cup of lifesaving Water to those craving for the assurance that only Christ can bring. One of the most effective ways to do this is through broadcasting Amazing Facts' truth-filled programs globally. This month, you can help meet our \$125,000 international budget to keep our outreach going strong through the Internet and airwaves. We don't want to cut back now—please help us reach this goal so, together, we can reach more people like Victor, Francis, and thousands of other parched people with this thirst-quenching truth.

We have an urgent mission in these last days. Will you consider sending a gift of \$50, \$25, \$100, or more to bring the Living Water to precious thirsty souls? Eyes and ears will receive the same bold last-day message that changed so many hearts in Uganda.

As my thank-you for your gift this month, I will send you a message I recently gave to my congregation—it's called "Keys to Victory in the Battle with Temptation." If you've ever needed encouragement about growing in your walk with God, you (and those you share it with) will be deeply blessed! And be sure to write down your prayer requests on the back of the enclosed reply card when you send your gift. We want to pray for you as you pray for Amazing Facts.

Imagine the joy of leading even more people like Victor and Francis to Jesus! *"They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore ... for the Lamb ... will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters"* (Revelation 7:16, 17).

Offering the water of life,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Batchelor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Doug Batchelor
President, Amazing Facts

P.S. Millions like Victor are perishing as they search for the Source of Life, Jesus Christ. You can join me today in bringing them to the only artesian Spring of spiritual truth that can quench the longings of their hearts. Thank you for sharing God's everlasting gospel through Amazing Facts. The radiant faces you will meet in heaven someday will be worth it all!



Reaching the World With God's End-Time Message