



WATER MISSION FACT SHEET

We build safe water solutions that break through the global water crisis.

The global water crisis is real and it is devastating. **842,000 people die every year — that's 2,300 people every day — due to diarrhea caused by inadequate drinking water, sanitation, and hand hygiene.**

Water Mission is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions. Since 2001, we have provided access to safe water for more than four million people. Motivated by our faith, Water Mission serves everyone regardless of age, race, gender, or religion.

HOW WE WORK

We take a comprehensive approach to combating the crisis with safe, sustainable, water and sanitation solutions. We design customized solutions for each community we serve, and we partner with the recipients throughout the process. A successful project results in more time for education, improved health, and increased productivity for the community.

WHEN WE WORK

We provide solutions for those who live in communities around the world that lack safe water and sanitation and those who are suffering as a result of a disaster or emergency situation.

Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission their top four-star rating 12 years in a row, a distinction shared by less than one percent of charities rated by the organization.

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water builds® hope

- OVER **4,000,000**
people provided with safe water
- OVER **2,500**
safe water and sanitation projects built
- OVER **550**
projects currently underway
- OVER **150,000**
people provided with sanitation



WHERE WE WORK

We provide safe water and sanitation solutions in more than 55 countries. Headquartered in North Charleston, S.C., Water Mission has over 350 staff members working around the world in permanent country programs located in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

1998: George and Molly Greene respond to Hurricane Mitch in Honduras. The Living Water Treatment System is born.

2001: The Greens found Water Missions International. Three countries are served.

2004: A large-scale disaster response follows the Southeast Asia Tsunami.

2005: Our first disaster response in the U.S. follows Hurricane Katrina.

2006-11: Project Safe Water Colon, in partnership with the Pentair Foundation, provides safe water and sanitation to over 200K in Honduras

2010: Our largest disaster response to date follows the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti.

2015: Water Missions International becomes Water Mission. **The number of people served reaches 3 million.**

2017: World's largest solar pumping project begins in western Tanzania in partnership with the Poul Due Jensen Foundation (Grundfos) and UNHCR.

OUR HISTORY

In 1998, Hurricane Mitch hit Honduras and ended up being the worst disaster in the recorded history of the country. At the time, George and Molly Greene owned an environmental engineering company in Charleston, S.C. When they heard about the devastation in Honduras, they felt compelled to help. They received a request for water treatment systems, and being unable to find a suitable existing solution, George and his team of engineers went to work.

When the Greens arrived in Honduras to install the water systems, they were shocked by what they found. In one location, the river that flowed through the village was deep brown and toxic. The villagers referred to it as the “River of Death” and refused to drink from it. As the water treatment systems became operational, the locals were still terrified to drink water from the river. So, Molly and George placed their own lips to the hose and drank the newly purified water. The villagers, then, swarmed forward to drink.

Following this experience in Honduras, George and Molly committed themselves full-time to combating the global water crisis. In 2001, the Greens founded Water Mission.

“Safe water, which we take for granted, is one of the most basic of all human needs. To experience first-hand the transformation that it brings to an individual and a community is the most rewarding way to spend the rest of my life,” says Molly.



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