



**WATER FOR  
LIFE INITIATIVE**

## Benin LIFE Team Project

The United Nations has stated that on a global basis “every 20 seconds, a child dies as a result of water related disease.” This fact is painfully evident in the country of Benin. Water sources are scarce and what is drawn from the sloughs and swamps is most often dirty and filled with disease.

As a result, Global Aid Network (GAIN) saw this need and began drilling water wells in 2004, actively providing clean water to people in the region. Today, GAIN has drilled over 250 productive wells in Benin and 1 in 32 people in Benin drink

clean water from a deep capped well drilled by GAIN.

Just one water well provides an average of 1,000 people with access to fresh, disease-free water for drinking, bathing and cooking – in most cases for up to 25 years.

By drilling deep-capped water wells right in the heart of the villages, GAIN is helping to break the cycle of disease and death that devastates much of the developing world. In fact, according to a few sources, almost one-tenth of the global disease burden could be prevented

by improving water supply, sanitation, hygiene and management of resources.

As GAIN prepares to drill and drills a new well in a community, doors are opened to serve the needs of the community in many ways. Construction projects, such as building a church or pouring a concrete pad for the new well can be undertaken. Villagers are able to have their illnesses and ailments caused by bad water treated through medical clinics. And, communities can learn important skills about eliminating the spread of disease through health education such as hygiene and sanitation training and maternal and breastfeeding. There are multiple ways that GAIN is able to impact a community, and more people must be involved.

GAIN is able to meet these needs by coming alongside local villages, bringing skilled and compassionate LIFE teams to provide free medical clinics, health education sessions and construction projects.

**Many villagers desire an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and regain their health and dignity. Do you have the skills that could help do that for these individuals?**  
**Join us...**

#### TRIP DETAILS

**Date:** March 9-18, 2012

**Location:** Benin, Africa

**Team:** multi-purpose trip

**Cost:** \$4,300 (includes airfare, accommodations, transport in-country, translators in-country, meals, project materials and travel insurance (vaccinations are not included))

**Application deadline:** January 15, 2012

**Purpose:** construction, medical and dental clinics, and sanitation and hygiene training



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