

CHILDREN IN CRISIS MINISTRIES

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# WATER

## THAT QUENCHES THIRST

**DID YOU KNOW** that a significant 69% of fresh water on Earth is locked in glaciers? It takes a staggering 6,800 gallons to grow a day's food for a family of four. Tragically, 780 million people lack access to an improved water source. In a single day, women worldwide spend 200 million hours collecting water for their families. In some countries, less than half the population has access to water<sup>1</sup>.

Every week, a young girl named Barbara accompanied her grandfather, Luis<sup>2</sup>, on horseback to gather water from a muddy pool. Barbara is being ministered to by ACTION workers. Life in Northeastern Brazil is not for the faint-hearted. Much of Brazil's vast northeast is, in effect, turning into a desert, a process called desertification worsening across the planet. The region had its longest drought from 2012 through 2017; this year will be no different.

ACTION came to Luis's rescue. The local church had drilled three wells, but all went south and were dry. A well was drilled on donated land. Eureka! Water gushed to the joy of the local communities. It is providing a solution to the water crisis.

ACTION Brazil prays for not only physical water but also a revival in this drought-prone place. What is a revival? Revival is the restoration of spiritual vigor. It refers to reawakening the path of God's love from stagnancy.



Jesus said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (John 7:37-38) The living water is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives life. Just as water refreshes and revitalizes a thirsty person, the spirit gives life to the believer, enabling God to produce fruit. Barbara is a true example of having physical and spiritual water, showing her community that Jesus is active in her life.

There are many Barbaras in ACTION's world that need discipleship. Would you be willing to come and give them living water? ACTION has a place for you. For more information: [info@actionintl.org](mailto:info@actionintl.org).

<sup>1</sup> Source: Seametrics ([www.seametrics.com/blog/water-facts/](http://www.seametrics.com/blog/water-facts/)).

<sup>2</sup> Names were changed.

# IMPORTANCE OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**DO YOU RECALL THE** sheer joy of Vacation Bible school (VBS)? For me, VBS was a time of pure delight. It was a time of singing uplifting songs, engaging Bible lessons, crafting with popsicle sticks, participating in lively play, and savoring lime Kool-Aid and sugar cookies. The fun and excitement of VBS are unparalleled, making it an experience that children eagerly look forward to.

VBS is the ideal ministry vehicle for introducing children to Jesus, and it's so much fun! From the music to the crafts to the teaching, the VBS programs present how accurate the Bible is and how God's Word applies to them. The roll-out of the welcome mat is for all to hear the Good News.

VBS is a unique event that creates memories that help lock Bible truths in a child's heart and mind for a lifetime. Birthday parties and other special events have themes that use creativity to evoke excitement. Games, food, decorations, and fun are all in a total package. VBS does the same thing. When we connect with kids through this ministry, the biblical truths that permeate all aspects of VBS also connect with their hearts and minds.

All VBSs are not always held in summer and in a church

building. In the ACTION world, they are held yearly at special times such as Easter and Christmas. Some are held on a beach, a park, or a farm—my wife, Mariela, and I have held one in a pumice factory. Go where the children are is ACTION's roar.

Please pray for ACTION workers who minister through VBSs in the world. For more information: [info@actionintl.org](mailto:info@actionintl.org).



*After ministering for many years in Colombia, Phil and Mariela Legal now minister to needy people on the U.S./ Mexico border*

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