

SAMARITAN'S PURSE UK

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AN APPEAL FOR WATER, FROM THE NEWEST COUNTRY ON EARTH.

Samaritan's Purse, the international disaster relief organisation headed by Franklin Graham, is urging supporters across the UK to 'Turn on The Tap' this month, in support of the world's newest country South Sudan.

Still, sparkling or dirty? If you had a choice of what you'd like to drink it's pretty certain you wouldn't pick that last option. However, for many in South Sudan this just isn't reality. Years of war have seen hundreds of thousands displaced across Unity State in the north of the country and water resources are running dry. Due to over demand a third of the wells that do exist have broken down and 7 out of 10 people no longer have access to clean water.

Angelina is one of the many thousands forced to leave her home and to live in the Mawut camp, along with 4,000 others and no access to clean water. Facing overcrowding and having ten children to look after she now has to walk 6 hours, in intense heat, to collect dirty water. Angelina is already exposed to starvation and illness, the journey leaves her open to attacks and beatings.

Sudan is fast approaching its rainy season and as the flood waters wash excrement into surface water supplies, it will become increasingly more important that these people have access to clean water. Samaritan's Purse is one of the only organisations with the ability to drill wells in the area and they are stepping up their campaigning to do so.

The latest Turn on The Tap appeal is called 'The Choice is Clear' and is looking to raise £525,000. This will give the ability to drill and rehabilitate 70 wells, providing safe and clean water to 35,000 people.

Partnering with UCB radio, Samaritan's Purse will be holding an appeal day on 10th June. UCB radio will feature interviews with team members in South Sudan, updates on the work done and inspirational stories about lives changed. You will be able to listen to the appeal day online, via DAB, and using the UCB Player app on your smartphone.

If you would like to know more about the Turn on The Tap campaign, or would like to make a donation, then visit www.turnonthetap.org.uk

Editors notes:

Samaritan's Purse UK is part of Samaritan's Purse international, a disaster relief organisation headed up by Franklin Graham. Samaritan's Purse is currently providing water, hygiene and sanitation training to communities in 14 countries worldwide.

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