

## History of Living Waters for the World at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church

Living Waters for the World was conceived in the early 90's by Wil Howie, a minister who believed that the Synod of Living Waters, of which he is a member, could literally bring life-saving, "living" water to people throughout the world. Since its inception, LWW has partnered with mission teams to empower local community leaders to install and operate over 500 [clean-water systems](#) in major developing areas of the world and in 2005, it expanded its mission to address water quality issues in the Appalachian Region of the United States. On average, one new clean-water system is installed somewhere in the world each week.



In 2006 Linda Sonner arranged for Wil Howie, the Executive Director of Living Waters for the World to speak to our congregation about the desperate need many people in the world have for clean water.

The statistics are appalling and moving. Wil is a powerful speaker and thru him God moved many hearts at FVPC.

In 2007 the church formed a committee, wrote a grant for funding, and a sent a team for training at [Hopewell Camp](#) in Oxford, Mississippi. Cliff Tebeau (teaching), Cindy Peterson (Leadership), Sam Hill, and Linda Strong (installation) made up the team. Linda happened to train with Louis, the head of Habitat in Guatemala. LWW personnel and Habitat were looking for an opportunity to form a partnership in Guatemala. While at the training the FVPC, team was paired with a site in Guatemala in partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

First Trip Retalhuleu area: 27 Sept – 02 Oct, 2007  
Bart Roush, Cindy Peterson, Linda Strong.

Since October 2007 we have sent two teams each year to Guatemala to research new sites, install systems or to do follow up at sites where we have installations.