

A Precious Resource

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Water is a key part of our lives. It seems as though it can be found almost everywhere that people are. We use it for drinking, washing and so many other things.

People in most parts of the United States are very lucky. They can access pure, safe water whenever they need it. They can also use a lot of it without pre-measuring how much they use.

Unfortunately, it is the direct opposite in other parts of the world. Take, for example, Africa. Because people in many parts of Africa still do not have new technologies, it is hard for them to access pure and safe water. As a result, thousands die each year because of drinking contaminated water.

In Uganda, a country in east Africa, many people die because they do not have clean water. Unless they are well off, they must fetch their water from wells. Children use big cans to carry the water home. But many times the cans are dirty on the inside, which exposes people to diseases. Worst of all, the water in the wells the kids use is often filthy. The kids then take the water back home and the family drinks it. Now the whole family is at risk of diseases like cholera.



Many parts of the world are struggling to have supplies of safe drinking water. These include Asia, India and Africa. Here in the United States we are very fortunate. Because this is true, we should not waste any of the clean water we have.