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"Ms. Wong put two glasses of water on the table.

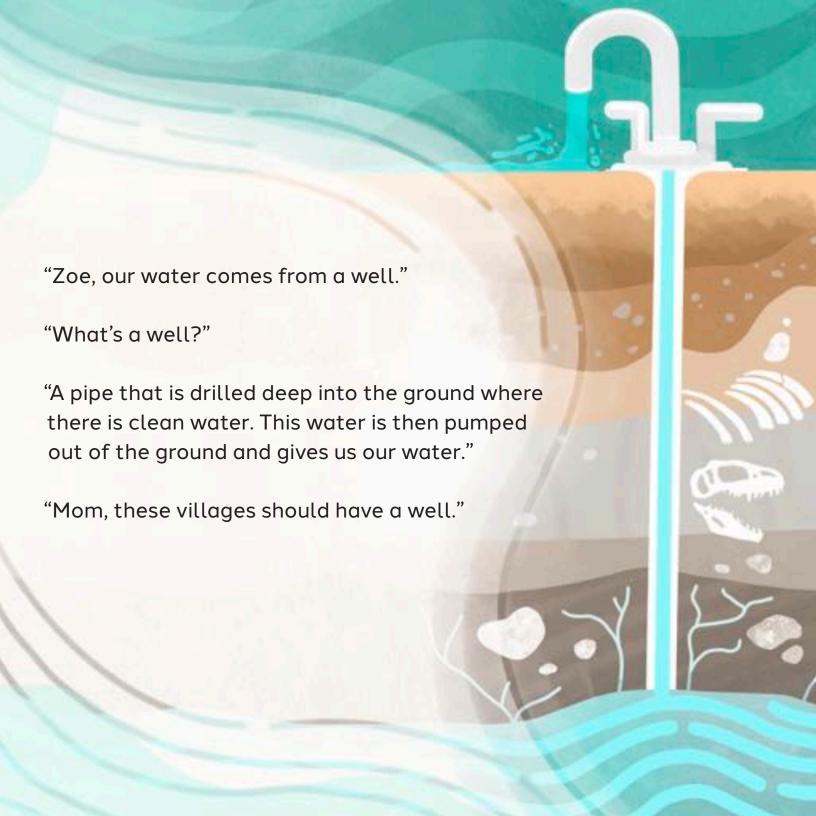
One had clean water and the other had brown water in it. She asked us to pick the one we wanted to drink. Everyone picked the glass with clean water.

But the people in the village don't have a choice.

It makes the people sick and sometimes they even die. Mom, this makes me sad."



"Where does our water come from?"



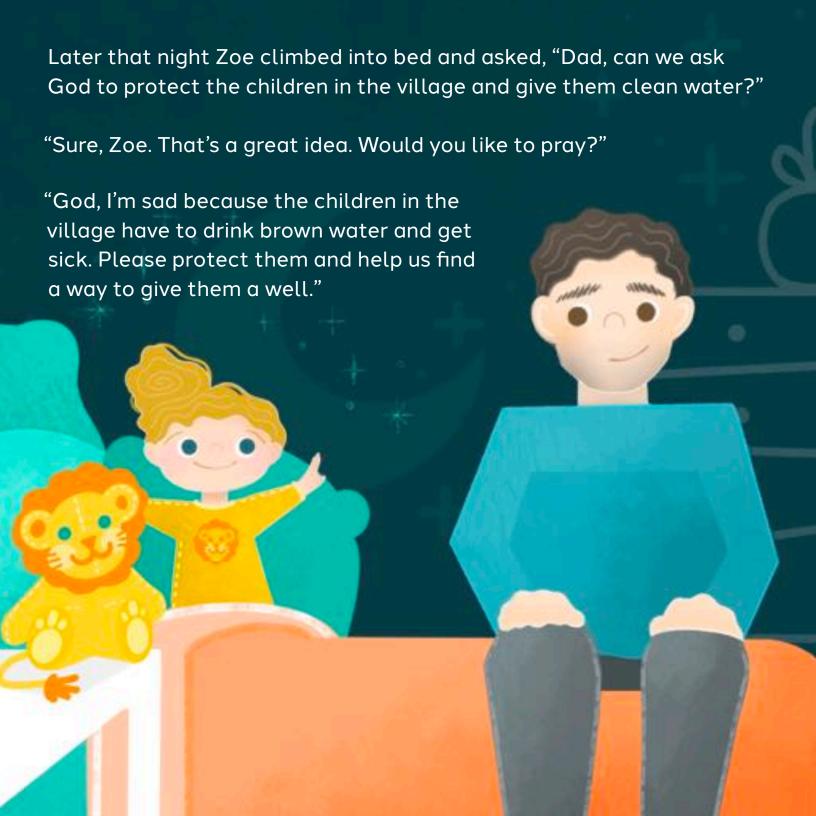
Mom gave Zoe a hug and said, "Sweet girl, this makes me sad too."



"Uncle Domonic told me about a group of people that gave a well to a village. Maybe we can do the same. Would you like to do that?"

"Oh yes, Mom! How can we help? I am just a little kid."

"I will talk to Uncle Domonic to find out what they did."



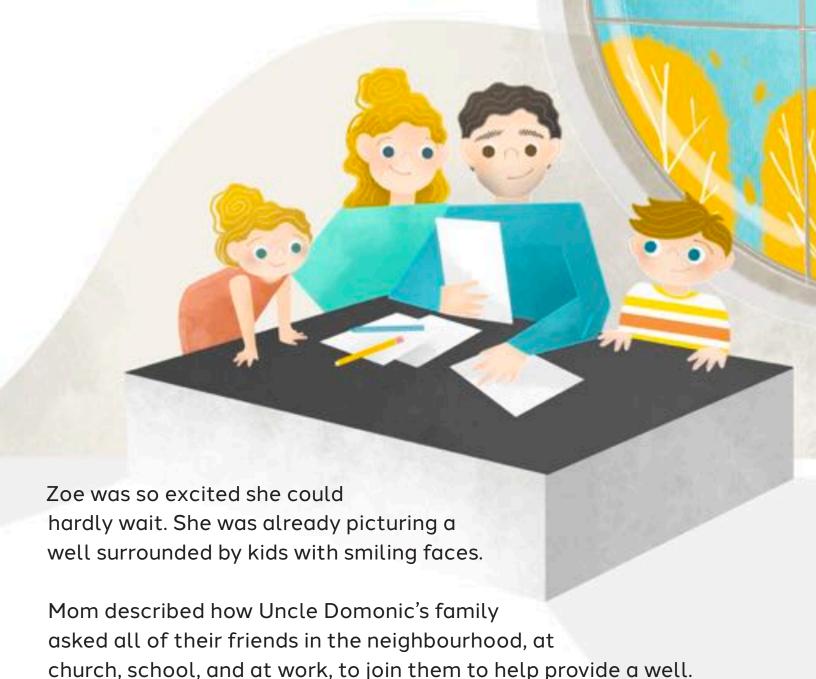


"He also told me the cost. Remember you said how easy your math assignment was? Well, here's a math question. If a well for the whole village costs \$8,500 and you divide it by 1,000 people in the village, what would it cost to give each person clean water?"

Zoe wrote the numbers down and thought about it. "Mom, that's \$8.50!"

"That's right, Zoe. For \$8.50 you can give a child access to clean water. That's about how much we pay for your lunch at a restaurant, right?"





They all agreed that this would be a great family project.



The next day, Zoe's Dad phoned some friends from their church. Mrs. Hatfield, Zoe's favorite Kids Club teacher, was so thrilled by the project she asked if she could talk to Zoe. Dad handed the phone to Zoe.

"Zoe, you dear girl, did you know that God says He will bless people who are kind to the poor?

You have a giving heart. I'm going to help you.
I will give so that ten people have clean
water. I'm also going to talk to my friends."

"Oh, Mrs. Hatfield, thank you!"

Zoe ran to the rest of her family and told them the good news.





Coby, Zoe's brother, came into the room with a very serious look on his face. In his hands was a small box. He used it to keep the money he was saving for a new video game. Everyone watched as he opened the box and poured out the money onto the table.

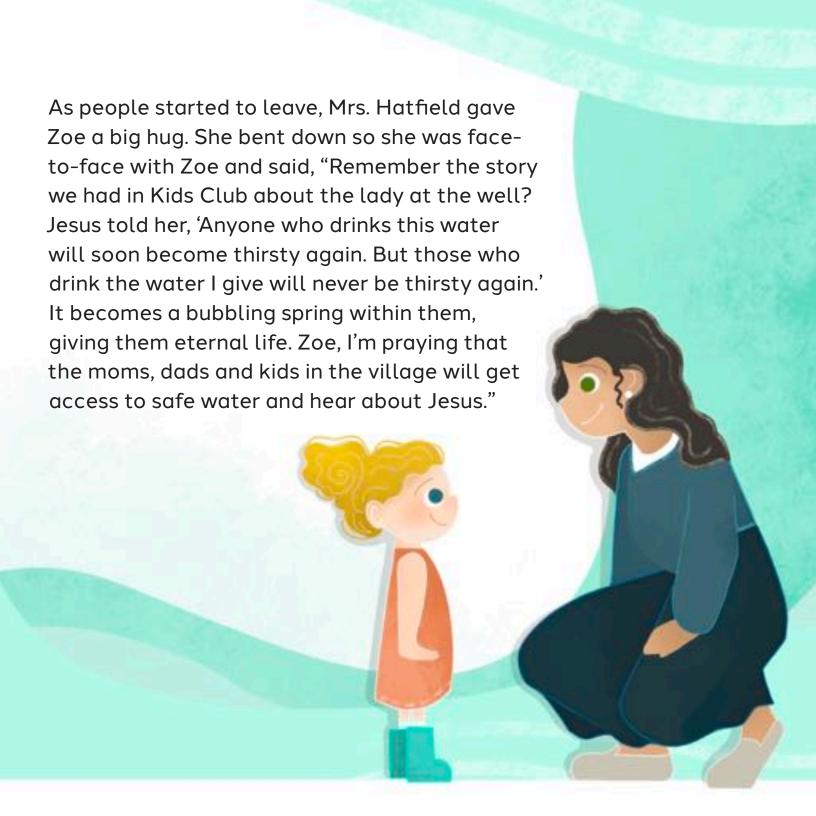
Coby smiled and said, "Knowing that kids will have clean water is more fun than a new video game. I can live without a new video game but kids can't live without safe water."

Dad gave Coby a big hug.

As they counted the money, their voices got louder and louder with excitement. They had enough money for a well! "Mom and Dad, can we have a party for all the people who helped?" asked Zoe.

"Great idea, Zoe!"







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About the Author

Mike Woodard is passionate about this cause. He wrote this book as he was preparing to do a second "Cycling 4 Water" ride across Canada. During the first ride in 2014, Mike and the other cyclists raised funds for 33 wells. The hope is that this second ride will push the number of wells to 65 or more! This book is dedicated to Mike's grandchildren Zoe, Coby and Domonic. One of the wells going to a village will be...Zoe's Well.



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