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## Update: Shakhrinov Orphanage Water Project

*A local Church ministry of Calvary Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN Pastor Steve Roberson*



*Left-Water line trench; Right-The small hill covers a 100 ton underground water storage tank next to the 60 foot water tower.*



*Above-Chuck Rose poses with children at Shakhrinov Orphanage*



### **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

We want to update you about the **Shakhrinov Orphanage Water Project**. This project is 99% complete! Because of your offerings and prayers, God has abundantly blessed this project to provide 300 Tajik orphans with a reliable source of safe water.

It is hard to find words for a report like this. There is so much to say. Let me just pass along our deepest gratitude for the sacrificial offering you have made allowing me to be your ambassador for Christ to the people of Tajikistan and to be a part of such a worthy and needed project. It saddens me that you are unable to see the faces of these children or hear the **Thanks** as expressed by the staff members and children at this orphanage.

We arrived at the beginning of March and began digging the trench to bury 3000 meters of 6 inch water pipe. After one day of digging the city government sent local water specialists to assist us by offering an alternative water source different from the one located at a nearby river. The Lord was working as the alternative source was much closer and reduced the amount of digging down from 3000 meters to 1000 meters. But while the amount of digging was reduced, the task of preparing an old 100 ton underground storage tank and figuring out how to pump the water up into the 60 foot water tower was much harder than originally estimated. The 100 ton underground concrete storage tank and 60 foot tower had been built in the 1980's during the Soviet Union's war with Afghanistan. Afghan children orphaned during that 10 year war were sent to Shakhrinov and the Soviets built the tank and tower to supply water for the facilities. The system fell into disrepair in the early 90's and sat rusting for the past 25 years. After two weeks of hard work **the water began to flow once again. As of today, the orphans have hot and cold running water, a newly remodeled male and female shower house, and a fresh water (hot and cold) supply in the kitchen. In short, mission accomplished! Amen!**



*Above –We cleaned a ton of garbage out of the Soviet built water storage tank. Orphans earned a paycheck helping sift and wash sand for masonry work in the orphanage shower and laundry facilities.*

The 100 ton underground water storage tank had been filled with 25 years of garbage. Working diligently side-by-side with the orphans and staff, we were able to clean and sanitize the tank and dig a 6000 foot trench (three feet deep) for the water line. The shorter distance from the water



Left-Breakfast meal consisting of flour mixed with milk and oil with hot tea. Right-The orphans were the bulk of our work force. These boys are 14 and older but they look much younger! They were great to work with!!



source made it possible to use a smaller diameter pipe and reduced the estimated cost of the project. The reduced cost of the trench and water line allowed us to complete more extensive repairs to the kitchen and shower facilities as well as complete some small construction projects for the laundry and storage facilities.

Today we give thanks to God! I am so thankful to be your missionary to these people and to be able to experience the children's joy of having hot showers **for the first time in their life**. The kitchen and laundry staff are also very grateful. Today-**because of how God has worked through you**-the staff has hot water and sinks in which to wash dishes; hot and cold water for laundry, and the peace of mind that comes with having a reliable source of fresh water.



Showers before...



Showers being remodeled...



The water flows!!

Throughout the project we have been free to tell the orphans and staff about our faith in Jesus Christ. Over and over we told the children that God has a special place in His heart for orphans and that the Lord sent us to help them. This has had a profound impact on everyone...**but we have only just begun to share the Good News!** If we can, we plan to continue our witness at the Shakhrinov Orphanage. Even more important is how our labor at Shakhrinov has opened the door for us to work in any other orphanage throughout the country.

We give our most humble thanks to all of you who sacrificed prayers and offerings to make this worthwhile project possible. Today there are 300 orphans who are learning about the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Shakhrinov, Tajikistan. Our work here has only just begun!

**This project is helping share the Gospel in this Muslim country called Tajikistan.**

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Chuck Rose



Kitchen...



Left to right-Until now kitchen workers washed and cooked using these pots; Chuck Rose testifies to orphans; Far right-Orphans used these plastic bottles filled with water for daily hygiene in their dorms.... Until now, they had no running water.



Dorms...