

# Water Project Proposal

## Kipuke Training Center - Togo, West Africa

**BACKGROUND** - Esaho and Beatrice Kipuke established and now run a training center for young women in the northern Togo city of Kara, in West Africa. Most of the young women are from surrounding villages and have little or no prospect of improving their lives. The Kipuke Training Center curriculum is a 4 year "Family Economics" program that is certified by the Togolese Government and includes courses in nutrition, hygiene, cooking, sewing, French literacy, religion and music. The objective of the program is to establish a sense of self-worth and value for the young women so that they can be contributing members of society. The program has a strong Christian base and is intertwined with Bible study and prayer.



*Beatrice and Esaho Kipuke*



*Beatrice with the sewing class*

**THE PROBLEM** - The Center covers 7 acres and includes several buildings, including bathrooms, kitchen, and a nursery. There are about 40 young women who attend the school. However, the only source of water is a hand pump in a drilled well. All of the water used for the facility must be pumped and carried in buckets. Although the bathrooms were built with modern plumbing facilities, there is yet no running water. Running water will allow irrigation, during the long dry season, of the food crops grown at the facility.



*Girl pumping water at Facility well*



*Outdoor kitchen where lunch is cooked*

**THE SOLUTION** – After visiting the Kipuke Training Center and discussing their needs with Esaho and Beatrice, we decided to adopt the upgrade of their water system as a project for Agua de Vida Ministries. This project includes the following:

- Installation of an electric submersible pump (after removal of the hand pump)
- Installation of a backup generator system
- Construction of a 30 foot tower and purchase of a 1,000 gallon water tank
- Installation of about 1,000 feet of buried water pipes
- Construction of several sinks and clothes washing stations
- Installation of an irrigation system

The project will be divided in phases, each with its own cost estimate. The hope is that Churches and other groups will adopt a phase or phases and possibly to plan a mission trip to Togo to assist with the implementation of their phase. The phases are:

- Phase 1 – Installation of electric submersible pump and all necessary electrical connections  
Estimated Phase 1 cost - \$4,000
- Phase 2 – Construction of 30 foot tower and 1,000 gallon water tank, and construction of piping from the well to the tank.  
Estimated Phase 2 cost - \$6,000
- Phase 3 – Installation of buried water lines (about 1,000 feet) throughout the Center and installation of necessary sinks and clothes washing stations  
Estimated Phase 3 cost - \$5,000
- Phase 4 – Installation of generator backup power supply and all electrical hookups  
Estimated Phase 4 cost - \$5,000
- Phase 5 – Installation of a food crop irrigation system  
Estimated Phase 5 cost - \$3,500

We pray that your Church or group would be willing to participate with us in this worthy project. Esaho and Beatrice Kipuke are truly committed to the lives of these young women, and the improvement of the water system at the Training Facility would be a wonderful blessing.

We would love to come to do a presentation at your Church or group to show how the Kipuke Training Center is making a difference in the lives of the young women. Please contact us at:

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Donations can be made to:  
The Mission Society  
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Norcross, GA 30020

Please mark checks – Acct. 00743 “Togo Project”

Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. If your Church or group is not in a position to sponsor an entire Phase, your donation will be added to others to complete this worthy project.

Thank you – *Ed & Linda Baker*