

WEEK 38 FOUNDATION MINUTE – TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL

Last March, parents around the world suddenly realized that they needed to think harder about HOW they taught their children how to wash their hands. WHO KNEW that you needed to keep washing long enough to sing the ABC song while washing hands carefully with soap and water? Cleanliness suddenly became trendy, and people became much more careful about where their hands had been. All because of Covid-19.

Those fortunate to live in countries where water is plentiful, clean, and available at the turn of a tap find it easy to heed the warnings about washing hands and other disease preventive measures. But what about the rest of the world, where water is not readily available, is unclean, and sometimes contains impurities and pathogens? People around the world have been dealing with unclean water for centuries – often at the expense of their health and life.

Rotary's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene programs, WASH for short, try to alleviate the problems of dirty water, unavailable water, lack of sanitation facilities and lack of education about why having clean water is essential for good health. Think how difficult it must be for the parents in these places to teach their children good hygiene and habits without clean water. Rotarians can and do make a difference.