

## WEEK 6 FOUNDATION MINUTE – WATER WATER EVERYWHERE?

**Premise-** Here in Northern Illinois, we are truly spoiled! Our water source, Lake Michigan is a short walk away, and it contains 6 quadrillion gallons of water, providing a billion gallons daily to all who draw their fresh water supply from it. If we were to empty the Great Lakes onto the entire United States, it would create a lake that was 9.5 feet deep on average across the entire 48 contiguous states. To say the least, we take it for granted.

**Problem-**85% of the world's population live in the driest half of the planet, and 683 million people do not have access to clean water.

**Pain-**Lack of access to clean water causes poverty...not the other way around. Lack of clean water is a breeding ground for disease. Sick people are not productive people. Lack of clean water devastates agriculture which starves people. Starving people are not productive people.

**Plan-**The Rotary Foundation supports initiatives aimed at expanding access to clean water. We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary integrates water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

Support OUR Rotary Foundation to help build a world with access to clean water.