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## **Celebrating Easter**

**Easter greetings from SIFAT!** We are more thankful to God than ever for the resurrection of Jesus Christ this year, because we have lost a wonderful member of the SIFAT family. David, the husband of our international training director Kathy Corson Bryson, left us to be with the Lord on March 10. Words cannot fully express our loss, but the comfort we have is in the assurance that we are the Resurrection People! We are thankful that God allows us to work with Him in reaching out across our broken world to bring that resurrection hope to countless others. At SIFAT, we are like the fingers of one hand — each doing separate things, but all working together — our staff, our volunteers, our graduates in different countries, and all the prayer and financial supporters — doing His Kingdom work.



Celebration: A SIFAT graduate's project brings clean drinking water to a remote village in Nigeria. In this picture, the official opening ceremony dedicates the water system

Our people are taking the message of the Risen Christ and His Salvation into remote and hurting communities of our world. Some are following with community development training for the life more abundant that God wants for everyone. In Nigeria, SIFAT graduates are teaching how to prevent cholera and other diseases. In Uganda, we are caring for orphans, and another graduate is growing coffee seedlings for poor farmers to produce income, allowing their children to attend school. A Pakistani alumnus is providing a Christian school in an isolated Muslim village. Several are working with uprooted refugees. One is rehabilitating child soldiers in the Congo. Another is raising funds to buy the freedom of enslaved women in Ghana and providing counseling and vocational training to help them survive. A SIFAT graduate from Vietnam came to visit this week and thrilled us with stories of his work to bring hope to parents and children in a very impoverished area. On our campus in Alabama, we are giving tours, retreats and training sessions to empower others to share God's love in practical ways right where they live.

Many supporters are going on SIFAT teams to Ecuador to build childcare centers to take children off the streets and nurture them in the love of Jesus. Others are designing and installing an irrigation project, so that another village in Bolivia will have water to grow more food this year. There are doctors ministering with SIFAT to help the sick, and then there are people who become the link to make it all happen — the prayer warriors and financial contributors who provide the means. If you are getting this letter, it is because you are part of SIFAT's ministry and have helped accomplish these things.

We have heard His voice calling us to follow. To get involved. To deny ourselves and take up His cross and follow Him! Our SIFAT family, no matter in which part of the world they live, is committed to work together, so that others may know the joy we have found because of Jesus and the Resurrection.



SIFAT teams in Ecuador support churches with medical clinics, construction volunteers and VBS classes.

Thank you for your help this Easter to enable us to take the message of God into all the world! Thank you for being part of our SIFAT family! We need your help now with the great opportunities before us in 2017. Please continue to support our work with prayer. With appreciation for all you have done, we ask that you please send your contribution in the enclosed envelope to allow SIFAT to continue our work with the needy throughout the world.

Happy Easter from Tom and your SIFAT family!