**Attention getter:**

One Drop Documentary, “Some people believe our lives are so small they’re like a single drop of water in a rain storm. At face value what is a drop of water? Small, undetected, it could dry up and no one would notice. But, think of a time when it was about to rain. Your outside, sky above you is a dark grey, you look up at the clouds, and a drop of water lands on your cheek. Suddenly a fleet of water drops begin to fall. As if they were all following that first drop. At face value a drop of water isn’t much, but without any drops there would be no lakes, no rivers, or oceans, and from that perspective one drop is as vital as any.”

You can be that one drop!

The water crisis can be over by 2040

NEED:

Statistics:

* 1 in 6 people world wide lack clean water- UNICEF
* The average rural african 5 hours a day walking to get water that will only make their family sick.- The Water Project
* 443,000,000 days of school missed yearly- The Water Project
* ½ the world’s hospital beds- United Nations
* Less than 1 in 3 people in rural Africa have a toilet- World Health Organization

John Roscoe:

* 15 year old boy in Rwanda
* Walks eight hours a day.
* Late for school 3 days a week
* Most of the water he collects he give to his cattle
* Two of his 8 siblings did not make it past the age of 5, because the water they were drinking was so contaminated.

Asha’s story:

* 10 year old in Sierra Leone
* Walks 7 miles for to the nearest water source.
* It is sewer run-off from a prison.
* She could boil it to remove some of the contaminants, but by the time she gets there she is so thirsty she drinks it as is.
* Boiling is expensive when you live on a less than $2 a day
* She will die from diarrhea along with 1 and a half million other children this year.

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Satisfaction:

For two dollars a month for a year you could provide someone in need water for 15 years. This would be done through clean water movement. This can be applied on a bigger scale. University of Northern Iowa could partner Clean Water Movement. In this partnership they would design a water bottle for the same cost as the current bottle given to each UNI freshman. (And also sold around campus.)

Instead of giving the water bottle away they would have students pay a two dollar donation. That donation would go to dig wells in developing nations. If each student at U.N.I. bought one bottle 1,050 people would have clean water for 15 years. This would be beneficial for U.N.I. who has had negative press attention in the past few years. This would truly be the ultimate win-win-win situation. The reason for three wins: One for the university, good publicity and no more money needed to be given in the budget, and one for the students, two dollars is a great deal for a water bottle, and one for the world! It is amazing the good that could be done with just water bottles!

We can change the world, and it is easy!!!

If you are still skeptical it is a smart investment!

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I’d like to leave you with this:

The global water crisis claims billions of lives. Its victims claim more than half of the world’s hospital beds. Thank you for letting it claim your attention. It is my hope that you have learned that you can be a big part of the solution by buying an inexpensive water bottle.

Be not a drop of water in dry bucket, but rather a drop of good will in an ocean of need. The smallest action done for the good of others can ripple out and cause a tsunami, one that will flood Africa with the love of a once obese, vain, and gluttonous nation. Our love will fill their wells. Our love give the child hope, the daughter an education, and the world back some of what we take for granted every day.

We have liquid gold in our sinks. We are rich. What good is being rich if all of your money stays in the bank? Remembered is the man who gave for others. His life is one with purpose, and an affect that will change the course of generations. It is my hope that your eyes have opened to the fact that we stand on an oasis in a thirsting desert, and we hold in our hands a solution that requires no real sacrifice; a solution to start the rain storm.