

The earth and its waters are gifts from God. Water is the common property of all – the source of life, essential for sustaining human, animal and plant life on earth, a key component in maintaining stable global climate patterns, indispensable for agriculture and industrial production.

But water is not distributed equitably around the globe.

We take water for granted – most of us need only reach out and turn on the tap to get more than we need at any time of day. But women and children in many countries around the world walk an average of 6 km daily to collect water for their family's needs.

Aside from additional health risks, that means women spend time away from caring for their children or generating income. For children, it means energy and time diverted from attending school. **Lack of clean water also means that families must live with no food or income security.** One season of drought or other disaster can destroy the livelihood of an entire community.

The Sharing Way, Canadian Baptist Ministries' relief and development department, is committed to supporting community-based water projects that will help thousands of families gain access to clean water. In countries such as Kenya, Rwanda, Bolivia and El Salvador, we are helping to build sustainable water systems and provide training for environmental stewardship and resource management of this precious substance.

Give someone a hand-up today by donating to The Sharing Way Appeal. **Your support of meaningful water development projects helps families work toward water self-sufficiency.** As you stand in solidarity with people around the world, you give them hope for a brighter future.

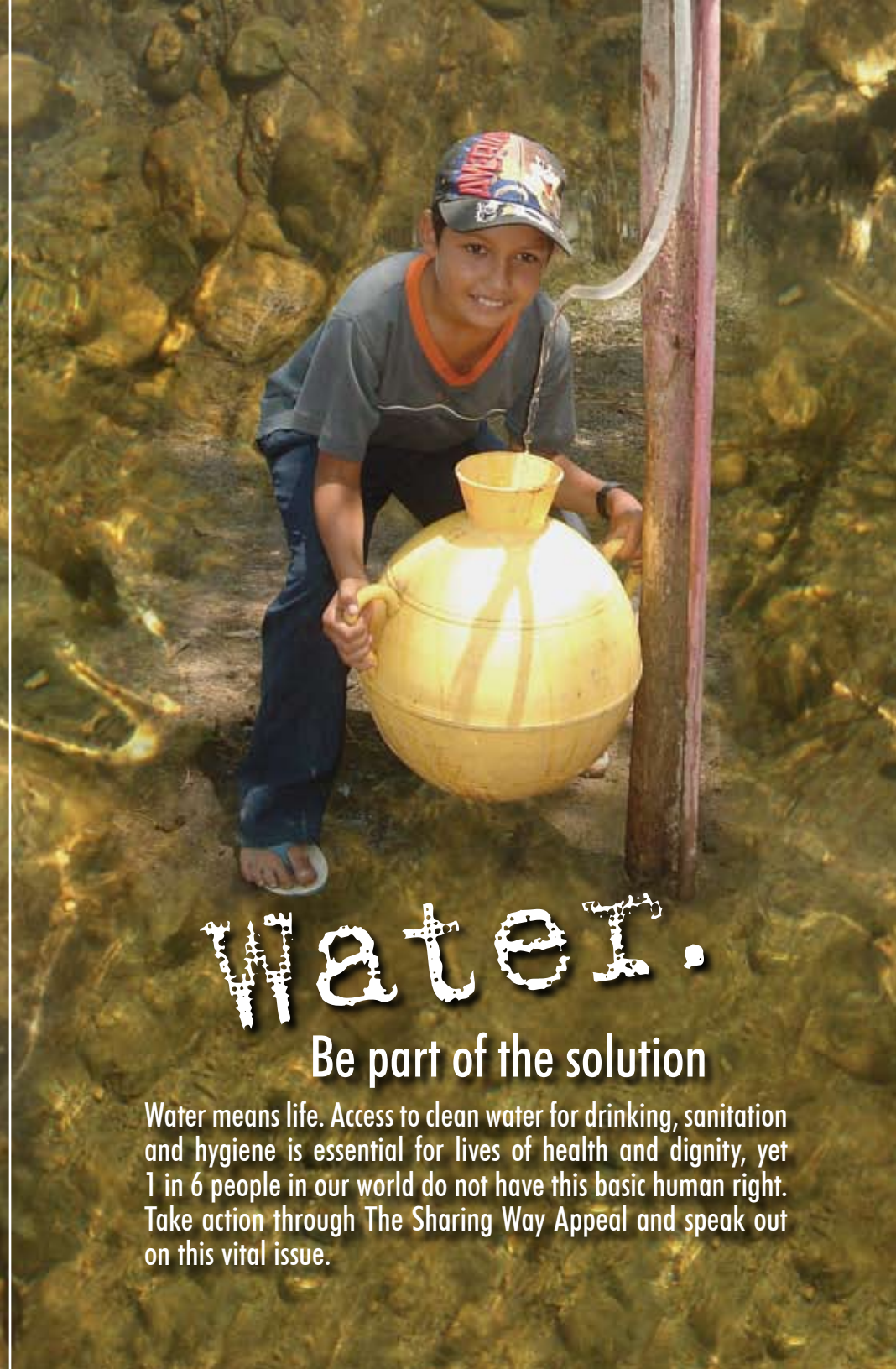
Speak out today. Join other Canadians in voicing out on this important issue. Visit www.thesharingway.org to sign an online water declaration and to receive more information about water issues.

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Water means life. Access to clean water for drinking, sanitation and hygiene is essential for lives of health and dignity, yet 1 in 6 people in our world do not have this basic human right. Take action through The Sharing Way Appeal and speak out on this vital issue.