

## EDUNATIONS: Igniting Hope

by Amy Tartick

The Chapel was introduced to the work of EduNations a few years ago through a very special young lady named Mabinty. She officially became a part of Rick\* and Christine Kennedy's family during 2003 and walked into our hearts during our first Advent Conspiracy Clean Water Project in 2008. Mabinty's prayer has been for "Papa God" to help the children still living in Sierra Leone, Africa, her birthplace.

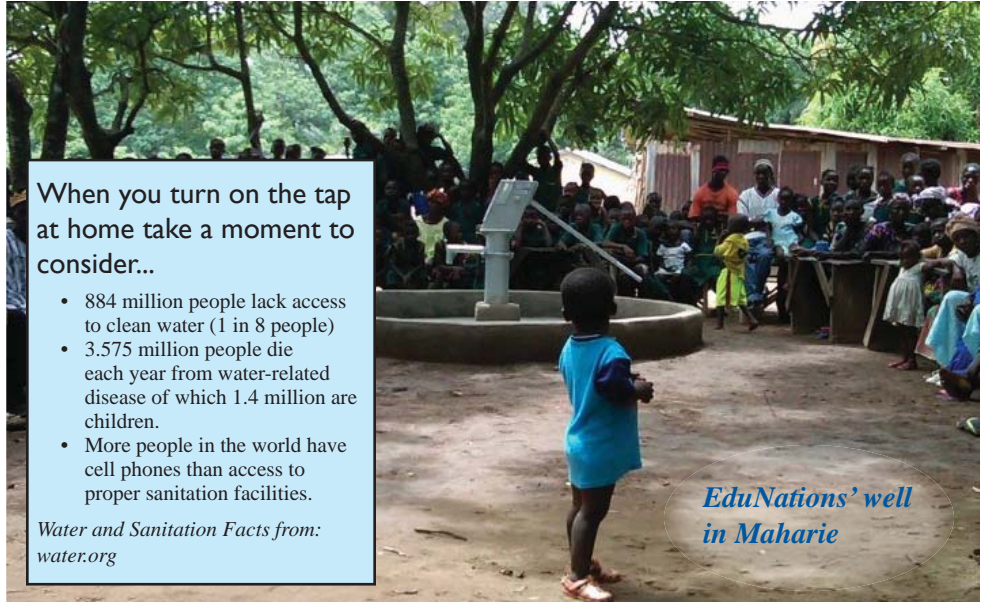
This past year, she has been able to see that made possible in significant ways through the partnership EduNations has with the Sierra Leone Alliance.

Founded in 2004, EduNations ignites hope for students where education is otherwise beyond their reach. They continue to grow within Sierra Leone and are fast-becoming a strategic leader in providing quality education to the poor.

EduNations' goal is to make education free and accessible to all. To date they have established and operate five primary schools (grades 1-6) located in Freetown Makonko, Mapinda, Mayata, and Maharie. These schools serve approximately 1,200 children, and most provide a hot meal for students. EduNations has an outstanding faculty team which is committed to excellence in education and discipleship. In response to their dedication, 100% of their



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When you turn on the tap at home take a moment to consider...

- 884 million people lack access to clean water (1 in 8 people)
- 3.575 million people die each year from water-related disease of which 1.4 million are children.
- More people in the world have cell phones than access to proper sanitation facilities.

Water and Sanitation Facts from: [water.org](http://water.org)

*EduNations' well in Maharie*

sixth-grade students passed the national primary school examination in 2010.

EduNations also founded and operates Lighthouse Junior Secondary School of Mapinda which now serves approximately 240 students in grades 7-9.

All these schools needed clean drinking water and modern sanitation facilities. The importance of these simple necessities cannot be over-estimated. This was a huge undertaking for a limited time frame, so much so, reinforcements were called in to help. Financial needs were met by the Sierra Leone Alliance and the assistance of World Hope International's well drilling equipment and team was secured. Clean drinking water now flows freely at each school and proper sanitation facilities are installed. For perhaps the first time in their lives, parents and children enjoy clean drinking water and the many life-giving health benefits this offers.

"The Alliance continues to be a source of great encouragement and assistance in making the EduNations schools the centerpiece of sustainable village life."

Stated EduNations' president, Ken Krieger.

EduNations is taking no time to rest on their laurels though. Two schools are already on their docket for the near future. A desperately poor area east of Freetown called "Phase 3" can expect a new primary school for their children and the village of Makonko will be blessed with a secondary school as well. To learn more about EduNations, visit them on the web at [www.edunations.org](http://www.edunations.org). ✍



\*Rick Kennedy is one of the founders of EduNations and continues to sit on their board of Directors. He also represents EduNations as a member of the Sierra Leone Alliance.