

Zion's First Annual Walk for Water

Twenty-two members of Zion gathered in the narthex of the church between 10:00 - 10:30am handing in money, purchasing T-Shirts, and conversing with each other as we prepared for our first Walk for Water. We took a group picture before we began.



Our walk started at 1030am after a short prayer by Pastor Bill. With buckets in hand we started for the canal. Spirit filled, we started to sing but realized we didn't all know the lyrics to any one motivating song. (We will have one next year!) So we walked, talked, and laughed all the way to the canal. We drew a lot of public attention. Many smiled and waved. I wondered what they thought about what we were doing. Cheryl said they were thinking "Bunch of crazy Christians". Well his glory was sure shining all around us.

At the canal, after we filled our buckets, Pastor Bill led us in a reflection and prayer for those all over the world who lack access to clean water.

Our walk back was a bit more subdued as we struggled UPHILL (the whole way!) with our heavy buckets and returned to Zion. We did all make it back in good shape and, after watering the landscaping, went inside for lunch and fellowship.

Our conversations remained focused on our blessings and gifts from God. What wonderful lives we had growing up and enjoy still! Some came from farming backgrounds where the work was hard and there was never a lot but no one ever went to bed hungry or thirsty. We were blessed then and again today as we were able to show and share God's love. We look forward to next year's walk.

As of this writing we were able to raise \$3,962. Our goal had been \$2,000. We are still hoping to collect another \$38 so we will have doubled our goal and help people all around the world have clean, safe water to drink, cook with and bathe in each day.