



Water for Nine Children

Maria is raising nine children almost entirely on her own — ages 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 2, and one. **Four are in HART's Child Sponsor Program.** Most are still too young to share the daily responsibilities, leaving nearly the entire burden of family care on Maria's shoulders. **This is her story — and an opportunity to change her family's life forever.**

A Family Carrying Heavy Burdens

Maria's Strength

Despite overwhelming challenges, Maria continues to care for her children with remarkable strength, love, and perseverance — day after day, without rest.

A Difficult Home Life

Maria's husband struggles with alcohol addiction. Though currently employed at a local dairy plant, he has rarely maintained steady work. When intoxicated, he becomes aggressive — shouting, damaging property, and creating an atmosphere of fear. The children often hide with their mother until he falls asleep. His addiction has become another heavy burden the family carries every day.

No Running Water

Every bucket of water must be carried by hand.

The family lives in a small three-room house purchased by the children's grandmother. It has **no running water, no natural gas, no bathroom, and no indoor toilet**. For a family of eleven, this is not a minor inconvenience — it is an exhausting, daily physical struggle that touches every aspect of life.



No Running Water

Every drop used for cooking, cleaning, and bathing must be carried into the home by hand.



Wood-Burning Stove

Maria heats water and warms the home using a wood-burning stove, spending much of summer preparing firewood herself.



No Bathroom

There is no indoor bathroom or toilet — basic sanitation that most families take entirely for granted.



Bathing Nine Children

It is difficult to imagine bathing nine children without running water. Maria heats water on the wood-burning stove and pours it into large basins — she simply cannot carry enough for each child to have a separate bath. As a result, **several children are often bathed in the same basin of water.**

During winter, this becomes almost unbearable. She repeatedly heats water, carries it inside, and bathes each child one by one, doing everything she can to keep them warm. It is a physically exhausting process that repeats itself every single week.



Every Task Becomes a Labor

Water is needed for far more than bathing. Every day, Maria prepares meals for **eleven people**, washes dishes, and launders clothes for nine children. Without running water, even the simplest household tasks become exhausting physical labor.

Summer Laundry

Maria carries heavy bags of dirty laundry to another HART-sponsored family who own a semi-automatic washing machine. Water must still be poured in by hand, drained after every cycle, and wet clothes wrung out manually.

Winter Laundry

Carrying heavy bags through snow and freezing temperatures is far more difficult. During the coldest months, laundry often begins to pile up — an added stress on an already strained household.

Daily Cooking & Cleaning

Preparing three meals a day and washing up afterward for eleven people requires a constant, exhausting supply of water — all carried by hand, every single day.

There Is Hope

Their home already has a room that could be converted into a bathroom. Before that can happen, a well must be drilled and water brought into the house. **The deacon of the local church is willing to coordinate the entire project** — overseeing the installation of the water system and construction of the bathroom.

What a Well Would Change

Providing this family with a well and a bathroom would **permanently transform their daily lives**. It would allow nine children to bathe in clean, warm water, improve their health and hygiene, and give them the dignity every child deserves. It would also ease one of the greatest daily burdens Maria carries as she works tirelessly to provide for her family.

Connected to Community

Sunday School

Since joining the HART Child Sponsorship Program, the children faithfully attend Sunday School — learning about God's love, building friendships, and experiencing genuine care.

Summer Camp

The highlight of each year is the church summer camp. For these children, camp is more than a holiday — it is an opportunity to experience joy, safety, and the carefree moments of childhood.

Caseworker Support

A dedicated caseworker visits regularly — encouraging Maria, helping her navigate challenges, speaking with her husband about change, and faithfully praying for the entire family.

Maria Knows She Is Not Alone

Through the ongoing support of her caseworker, her church community, and the HART program, Maria faces these struggles with the knowledge that others are walking alongside her family.





Help Bring Water to Maria and Her Nine Children

Nine children. Four are in HART's Child Sponsor Program. One alcoholic husband. One exhausted mother. One achievable solution.

The problem:



No Running Water

Water carried into the home by hand.



Wood-Burning Stove

Heats water and warms the home.



No Bathroom

There is no indoor bathroom or toilet.

The solution:

A drilled well, a water system, and a simple bathroom — funded by people who care, and built through the efforts of a local church — will change the daily reality of this family forever.

Drill the Well

To access clean groundwater.

Install a water System

Bringing water into the home.

Build a Bathroom & Laundry Room

Convert an existing room into a functioning bathroom & laundry room. Repair walls, install bathtub, washing machine, water heater, toilet, and electrical wiring/outlets. Total cost for this entire project: US\$5,000.

A deacon from a local church will coordinate and oversee this project. Your support will make this possible.



The Goal

Giving nine children and parents hot water, better hygiene and dignity.

Your support for Maria and the children makes it all possible.

Donate to help Maria & Kids

Blessed, to be a blessing.

The story behind the deacon who will help.

The children of deacon Bohdan who will be helping this family, were themselves once part of HART's Child Sponsorship Program. Today, Bohdan and his family have the opportunity to extend to someone else the same kind of care and compassion they once received.

There is something beautiful about seeing generosity come full circle. This is a wonderful example of how God works through people—planting seeds of kindness that, years later, bear fruit in the lives of others.