

Man Escapes Church Cult, Becomes Passionate Pastor

Pastor Moses Chinyama was raised in a cult, a devoted disciple. When he finally escaped its clutches and became a believer, he felt called to lead others out of the same bondage he experienced in childhood.

Clean water, offered at local churches like his through Living Water International, is one way Moses can reach them.

“[In the Old Testament] Moses was the deliverer of Israel out of Egypt, out of bondage,” he explained. “Now knowing Jesus Christ, I feel the call of God on my life to be used by God to take people out of bondage into freedom.”

This bondage is spiritual *and* physical.

The White Garment Church, the cult of Moses' family, doesn't believe in doctors. Among its adherents, the infant mortality rate is head and shoulders above the rest of the country. Not only because parents don't seek treatment when their children contract waterborne diseases, but also because women are forced to give birth at home without any aid, even when their safety is compromised.

The group also resists organized education, so there are few opportunities to instill life-saving hygiene and sanitation lessons in its ranks.

The work Living Water International does through local churches in Overspill, Zimbabwe, ministers to both body and spirit. It can help dispel the spiritual darkness of the White Garment Church. And because of Moses' personal testimony, he's the perfect messenger.

Before Moses became a pastor, he was the favorite of his

parents' eight children. He showed promise to become a cult leader. But when he finally decided to attend church with a friend, his father lashed out, denying him food, shelter, and even beating him in an attempt to bring his son back into the cult.

Moses has made peace with his family but still hopes they will one day experience the living water of Jesus Christ.

Living Water International works to provide a public source of clean, safe water at each of their locations, whether through wells, rainwater harvesting, protected springs, or anything in between. They teach locals how to use them, ensuring each project is sustainable and that a group of people is educated on upkeep.

Throughout the process, staff members teach people about a source of water that will never run out—a source where you only need one sip to satisfy: the Living Water of Jesus Christ.