



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is 20 Liters and why was it created?**

20 Liters was created as the next step in expanding the clean water initiative Mars Hill has pursued over the past three years. Established to be a separate 501c3, 20 Liters seeks to educate and champion advocates on both a local and global level To learn more, visit [20Liters.org](http://20Liters.org).

### **What is 20 Liters doing?**

Currently, 20 Liters main efforts include training Rwandans to install and maintain slow-sand filters in the district of Masaka, near the Rwandan capital of Kigali. In addition, US teams help install rainwater cisterns for churches in the village. To date, there have been over 300 filters and nine rainwater cisterns installed, making river and swamp water drinkable for over 6000 people in that area. Our goal is to install an additional 200 filters this year.

### **What is WaterPrize and why was it created?**

WaterPrize is an ArtPrize entry created by three Mars Hill artists, who like many in the Mars Hill community, are passionate about the global issue of access to clean water. This entry not only showcases their artistic passions, but also uses the art as a means to create greater awareness of the 1 in 8 people in the world who lack clean water. Visit [theWaterPrize.com](http://theWaterPrize.com) for more info.

### **Why has Mars Hill sponsored the WaterPrize art entry and not others?**

Mars Hill has many talented artists within its community, and we celebrate and affirm the many [over 10 when last counted] who are entering artwork. As 20 Liters was gearing to launch this fall, we were informed of WaterPrize's artistic goal to create awareness about clean water. They also wanted to point toward an organization that was doing something to address this issue. So we decided to pair the launch of 20 Liters along with WaterPrize to try to generate interest during the highly popular ArtPrize event in West Michigan.

### **What are the WaterPrize artists going to do with the money if they win?**

Here is a statement directly from the artists: "If we are fortunate enough to win, we will give away all of the winnings after we cover our expenses."

### **What happens next?**

20 Liters aims to expand its awareness beyond West Michigan, garnering support and advocacy in the United States, as well as around the world. Currently, 20 Liters is evaluating expansion into other Rwandan areas, as well as regions in Central America. There is no shortage of areas in the world needing access to clean water.

### **How can I get involved?**

There are several ways:

1. Tell others about [20 Liters](#), and become an enthusiast and advocate for making clean water accessible to everyone—everywhere. Make sure you check out the many videos about our work.
2. [Make a one-time or monthly donation to 20 Liters online](#). Just \$10 buys one person access to clean water for 10 years!
3. Buy a T-shirt [proceeds go toward installing sand filters and rainwater cisterns] and spread the news about 20 Liters in style.
4. Participate by practicing water conservancy. Americans consume nearly 575 liters [about 150 gallons each day], while the average Rwandan currently uses about five liters. That's just not right. The World Health Organization advises every person have access to at least 20 liters of clean water each day for drinking, cooking, and bathing.

Coming soon, a "Water Challenge" will be a new feature on the 20 Liters website, educating and helping you learn how to use less water so that we may conserve this diminishing resource for generations to come. Become a [Facebook fan](#) or follow our [Twitter](#) for news and updates on this and other features in the future.