

**Water covers nearly three-fourths of the earth's surface**

**Of the total amount of water on earth 1.4 billion cubic kilometers,**

**97.6% is sea water,  
2.4% is fresh water.**

**More than 90% of that fresh water is unavailable, locked in the polar ice caps or sealed deep beneath the earth. In fact, if all the world's water could fit into a gallon jug, the fresh water available for us to use would equal only about one tablespoon**

**A quarter to one third of the world's population is without safe drinking water**

**You could live for a month without food, but you would be dead after a week without water!**

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**One toilet flush uses as much water as the average person in a developing country uses for a whole day's drinking, cooking, washing and cleaning!**

**It takes about 6 gallons of water to grow a single serving of lettuce. More than 2,600 gallons is required to produce a single serving of steak**

**One-third of the world's households must use water sources outside the home. Girls and women in East Africa now walk an average of 21 minutes from home just to get water**

**80 percent of disease in two-thirds of the world is related to poor drinking water and sanitation.**

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**The world is running out of water. Half the world's poorest countries will face moderate to severe water shortages by the year 2025.**

**Around the world there is a cumulative pollution of aquifers and water sources by agricultural, industrial and mining waste.**

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**Numbers are hard to keep in your mind. But here is something you will not forget**

**Everyone raise both hands in this group. Look around. Each hand in the air represents one child under the age of 5 who will die during this worship service only because of impure water. Take once last look.**