

Walter Hughes Biography

Rotary Club of Salem, Virginia - District 7570, USA



Walter is a White House Champion of Change. He earned Rotary's Vocational Service and the Rotary Distinguished Service Awards. His work was also highlighted at the Rotary International Conventions in Sydney and Seoul with the video "Doing Good in Ghana."

Walter's team passionately provided clean water to over 971,000 people in Africa. He partners with lots of Rotary Clubs and Districts around the world including 25 US states, 2 provinces in Canada, England, Iceland, Singapore, India, Pakistan, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Ghana. He has also worked with many other non-profit organizations.

Walter championed Rotary projects over the past seventeen years to locate wells in communities with the highest incidence of Guinea worm disease in Ghana and South Sudan. The World Health Organization certified Ghana as free of Guinea worm disease in 2014. In November 2015, he traveled to South Sudan during the civil war to inspect Rotary's clean water project. There are only five Guinea worm cases so far in 2017 in the world. Rotary is close to eradicating both Guinea worm and polio.

He worked as the Director of Strategic Technology at America Online (AOL). He is now an independent missionary. He is the proud father of four children. Walter goes to Ghana where he sees clean water flowing, sanitation with new Microflush toilets system, new medical equipment at hospitals and computer labs at schools. He is empowering communities to work with Rotary to drill more wells where people are in need.

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VIDEOS: All videos show our work. Walter appears briefly in all of them.

A video of his work called "Doing Good in Ghana" <http://vimeo.com/95520556>.

A Century of Doing Good in the World – Who We Are – Rotary:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXVqVGPDug0> It is 4 minutes long.

Water is a Gift (Keeping Promises) <http://video.rotary.org/bjUN/water-is-a-gift/>.
This video is 1.5 minutes long. I love it. The key quote is "When a Rotarian makes a promise, the people of Ghana truly believe we will keep that promise."