



## Spish Splash VBS – Our Families Support Efforts to Build a Garden Well!

EPC Raises \$444.02 for a Garden Well Project  
Through PCUSA Missions

\$50 buys 1 share of a well.  
A complete well costs \$1,250.  
So we were able to provide 8 shares!

While learning about Bible stories involving water, we also learned that water is valuable and we are to be good stewards of how we use our water. In addition, we learned that not everyone has easy access to water. So we knew we needed to make a difference by supporting Presbyterian Missions to areas that need fresh, good water!

Several years ago the PCUSA Mission Agency began working with a Christian non-profit organization called Nagarta to provide good water for people in the Republic of Niger. Nagarta means "Wellbeing" or "Hope" in the Hausa language of Niger.

This region is in the heart of the Sahara Desert. Low rainfall puts the population here at risk of waterborne diseases and chronic food shortages. This is why Nagarta initiated a water management program to provide clean drinking water for the communities and their livestock, and to offer irrigation possibilities to increase the yield of food staples and boost commercial vegetable gardening.

Besides providing for water the reduction in time people spend transporting water from miles away allows them to work so that they can increase the family income and lifestyle. In addition, the crops that are grown not only feed them but encourage local economic development as well

When starting a new water project, it always begins with the request from the community. Nagarta then assesses the feasibility and sits down with the villagers to discuss the prerequisites. The community organizes the collection of \$400 as their own contribution. Nagarta deploys a team of professional well diggers. Village men are organized in work teams of 10 who take turns to assist the well builders, and the best workers among them are selected and trained as technicians and supervisors. The women help and provide food for the work teams.

