

Things to Consider

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Some people are hard to buy for; you might know someone like that, or you might be one. I am and so is my husband, Dan. After all, you can only have so much stuff before it begins to take over! This Christmas, our children came up with the best present ever, one that meant so much to us AND to a senior friend in Uganda. They made a donation in our honor toward the Champions Water Campaign.



From Left to Right, Daughters Breanne Cantillo & Alia Weinzierl with Melissa.

For less than they would have normally spent, this gift provided a 1000-liter water tank so that a senior friend in Uganda would no longer have to trek miles to fill a 10-gallon jug and then carry it back to their home. It is a fact of life that access to clean water is not a given in many parts of the world. Uganda is no exception.



A ROTOM Granny washing her hands from a jug of water.

Hours every day are spent in the collection of clean water, something we in the United States take for granted. The simple act of washing our hands has become so important in this time of COVID-19, but having easy access to water changes it from a simple act to one that may not be possible. For \$200, you can change the life of a senior by supporting ROTOM's Water Campaign. Such a small amount for many of us. The joy on the faces of the seniors who have received a water tank is a beautiful sight.



A ROTOM Granny smiles in front of her new water system.

The photo from Uganda of the water tank and the senior who received it, gave us such pleasure! This is truly a gift that will keep on giving! Father's Day is right around the corner. What better gift in honor of or in memory of your dad could you give? Get together with your siblings or a group of your closest friends and give the gift of clean, accessible water to a senior friend.

Maybe your church is looking for ways to impact lives? Clean water is such a huge blessing and it's a gift that extends beyond one individual. Many times grandchildren, neighbors and other senior friends can take advantage of the clean water available as well. If you or your church are looking for a way to change the world, this is a good place to start. So what are you waiting for?