What Happens With Our Donated Shoes?

- George the Shoeman takes the shoes donated and sells them to distributors.
- The distributors then set up and hire street vendors in developing countries to include, but not limited to Africa, Haiti, and Dominican Republic.
- People who normally cannot afford shoes can afford our used shoes we donated.
- Jobs are created for people selling shoes.
- People without shoes are considered lowest form of citizen and cannot get a job without shoes. So to be able to afford a pair of shoes the person can then be hired and provide for family.
- Shoes protect feet from parasites. George told a story once about watching the children being treated for parasites, parasites came out of open wounds in skin and also from the children's face.
- George takes the money he is paid for the shoes (maybe $0.50 a pair of used shoes) and invests the money in drilling for wells.
- The cost for drilling a well 600 feet through granite is $40,000. A pump costs $9,000 and is built in country. The generator to provide electricity to run the pump if the village has no electricity is $9,000 and built in country. A water tank (needed if the water is not clean enough when pumped) is $1,000 and the purifier is $1,500. The purifier is portable so an easy target for theft and so the Shed needed to protect the pump and equipment from theft is $3,000. One well can cost $49,000 to $63,500. Shoes generate jobs for street vendors selling shoes as well as jobs for drillers, maintenance workers, and water testers. Clean water brings parasite free water; opportunity for improved hygiene, reduced diseases, and ability to farm the land using local water pumped in through a well.
- Villages that never had clean water will have a well with clean water.
- Hygiene is taught,
- Clean water is consumed in food, cooking, and drinking as well as farming and watering the garden and animals. Bathing, hand washing, and other sanitary uses are possible.
- Children can then go to school instead of searching for water.
- Land can be farmed, produce sold, lives changed. All because one person, took one pair of shoes, and found a way to turn shoes into water... George likes to say, "I want your soles, shoe soles that is." He'll accept cash donations, but he is thrilled to receive shoes instead.

More can be found at [http://www.shoemanwater.org/](http://www.shoemanwater.org/)

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