

HEALTH FAIR A SUCCESS IN VILLAGE FIELD

Best Practices Taught Under the Trees

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Villagers gathered under the baobab trees in the open field next to Kersa Illala village to receive instruction on how to improve hygiene practices by using clean well water. During the week long expedition in July, villagers received instruction in eight areas: Germs Cause Sickness, Clean Water and Cleanliness Kills Germs, Diarrhea and Dehydration, Prevention and Treatment, HIV and AIDS, Germs and Worms, Wound Care, and Use Only Clean Well Water.



Health Lessons on How to Use Clean Well Water

Geri Beck, on her third expedition to Kersa Illala, brought health lessons on laminated charts for teachers and students from the Ethiopian Adventist College to teach to the villagers. Lessons included practical applications and visual aids to help reinforce

the importance of using clean well water for drinking and cleaning. 1000 health information cards about how to use clean well water, wound care, dehydration and diarrhea, and germs and worms were made available for each family to hang in their hut

for ready reference. A well for Kersa also means new health and hygiene practices for the villagers.

