

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.



—Hosea 6:3

Over the years, I have been privileged to meet Episcopal Relief & Development partners around the world who are constantly pressing to make lives better—family, community and self. In pressing to make things better, they make God’s love tangible: mosquito nets. Microloans. Seeds and tools. Maternal and child health programs. Clean water.

The idea that God will come to us like rain showers makes me think of water: Moses’ trip down the Nile in a basket. Parting the Red Sea. Jesus’ baptism by John. The Sea of Galilee. Water turned into wine. Jesus walking on water. Our Baptismal Covenant.

I also think about catchment tanks and rain barrels that catch rainwater and provide access to fresh, clean water safe for drinking. Episcopal Relief & Development partners and community members build and maintain these tanks and bring hope to family, friends and whole communities. If you visit www.episcopalrelief.org and type “Water Catchment Kenya” into the search box, you will find a wonderful story about “spring rains that water the earth.”

Press on!

—**Brian Sellers-Petersen**