TIME TO SPONSOR ME!

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I'm a somewhat overweight bloke in my mid fifties who is planning to run the London marathon in 2013. I'll be honest, a slice of this is because I want to see if I can actually do it, but it also gives me the opportunity to raise some money for a cause I believe passionately in.

Samaritan's PurseÂ is an international reliefe and development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in need in 18 countries across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Africa.

My aim is to raise Â£3,000 towards providing drinking water and sanitation for some of the world's neediest people through theÂ Turn on the TapÂ campaign. A few basic facts mightÂ help you understand why I see this as so important:

- *The weight of water that women in Africa and Asia carry on their heads is commonly 20kg, the same as the average UK airport luggage allowance.*
- *The average person in the developing world uses 10 litres of water every day, less than what we use to flush the toilet with just once.*
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- *Diarrhoea kills more children every year than AIDS, malaria and measles combined.Â*
- *In developing nations, approximately 90 percent of sewage systems are being emptied into rivers, lakes, and nearby streams that communities use for drinking water.*
- *1.8 million people die every year from diarrhoeal diseases (including cholera); 90% are children under 5, mostly in developing countries.*

Those who know me, know that I've spent my adult life working to provide the marginalised people of the world access to the Scriptures and education in their mother tongue. These same peopleÂ are very often the ones who don't have clean water or basic sanitation - I hope my pounding the footpaths of High Wycombe and London will inpsire you to help me to help them.

Please donate generously.