



In 2011, as their children approached middle school, Julie Pitt Neal and her husband, Rob, felt called to adopt a child from Ethiopia. If the “Pitt” name sounds familiar –it is. The sister of actor Brad Pitt, Julie was inspired by her brother’s adoption of a daughter from Ethiopia. “We had plenty of room in our home and in our hearts and acted immediately. Not long after our son Caden came home to us we felt called to adopt another child. Our son, Cruz, was the great blessing who followed.”

Though realistic about the challenges that can accompany an international adoption, the Neals did not anticipate that a life-threatening illness Cruz had contracted from the dirty water in his village would continue to plague him. As his illness challenged even the best US doctors, Julie realized that there were likely countless other children facing a similar struggle—one which could be avoided through the simple availability of clean water.

Once Cruz grew stronger, Julie prayerfully vowed to return to his Ethiopian village to bring clean water to the other children. One “project” led her to the next and, today, Julie is honored to serve as a WaterAmbassador for WorldServe International, an international non-profit focused on clean water. Advocating for **#AllOurChildren** - those who share our homes and church pews and those whom we may never meet - Julie strives to bring the gift of clean water to communities in Ethiopia and beyond.

“As a mother, knowing that children are suffering because they lack access to the basic humanitarian right of clean water is devastating,” Neal says. While her famous brother encourages all her efforts, she makes clear that this is her undertaking: “You don’t have to be a movie star to help change someone’s life. Instead of waiting for a hero, find out how you can be a hero in the life of a child. Today may not be the day you save a life—but it is a day when you can affect one. There are millions of children who need our help.”

ABOUT WORLDSERVE INTERNATIONAL A non-profit organization, WorldServe International has been working in East Africa since 2001 with a mission: *To Provide Clean Water, Sanitation, Education and Economic Opportunities to Alleviate Suffering.* With clean water as the foundation, communities are able to become self-sufficient, expanding health care, sanitation, job training faith formation, and education. More than three million people in East Africa receive clean water each day from WorldServe facilitated water projects developed in partnership with a wide variety of charitably-focused lay and religious organizations, corporations, and individual donors.



Julie would be honored to speak with your church, business, or community group about her journey and work in bringing clean water to #AllOurChildren. To request more information, email: julie@worldserveintl.org