Hepatitis A, Typhoid Fever, and Cholera—these are all deadly diseases that come from dirty water. Dirty water is all over the world. If people could just take some time out of their lives to give back and help donate to the foundations that help clean the water, many lives could be spared. Some people have a place in their heart for as many people as they can possibly meet. Then again, some don't. The people that do, are the ones that make the world the way it is. They're the ones that keep the joy and happiness of everyday life going. There the ones that keep places safe and make new places to stay away from everyday crime. Some people don't even stay in the U.S. to do their extraordinary helping tasks. Dickson Beattie "Doc" Hendley is one of those people that has gone out of his way to save lives and help the struggling countries of the world receive clean water.

If one has ever looked into foreign continents like Africa or countries in the southern part of Asia one would have came to see the living conditions of the people of other parts of the world. Places like Darfur, Sudan; Kampala, Uganda; Khartoum, Sudan; New Delhi, India; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Trujillo, Peru, are some places which are in dire need of help. People in these countries have extremely poor living conditions, a high death rate, and a lot of in-humane actions put upon them. One main reason that many lives are taken is dirty water. These countries cannot afford the cleaning supplies like filtration systems and pumps that provide the clean water needed for everyday life.
"Doc" as he is known in the field, the second of four children, was born in Augusta, Georgia in 1979. (en.wikipedia.org) He is a Harley Davidson motorcyclist fanatic and a very skilled musician on a guitar. He has been playing at local bars and pubs around his house since he was in his teens. As a high school-er at Ragsdale High School in Greensboro, North Carolina he was a very well known grappler on the wrestling mat and now helps as an assistant coach on the varsity wrestling team when he can. He owned his own bar in Raleigh, where he first thought of his idea.

To begin with, he started off by holding a fundraiser to make his own wine. This led to taste testing and all of the money that was donated was saved to take to other countries to support the wine to water foundation. “When the head-waiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the head-waiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, 'Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.'” (John 2: 9-10) Wine to Water’s goal is to allow Jesus to turn His miracle around for the needy people of this world. It is our prayer that Jesus Christ will use those of us who have plenty to help provide someone who is less fortunate with the gift of clean water. (winetowater.org) His organization was thought of in 2003 and the first fundraiser was held in January of 2004. By August of that same year he was living in Darfur. In 2007, after working two jobs and volunteering his time for over three years, Wine To Water became an official 501 (c) (3) and Doc's dream finally became a reality. "When the idea came to me to start Wine To Water the only real world job experience I had was tending bar. I dreamed of building an organization that fought water related death and disease using completely different methods than anyone else. So I started raising money to fight this water epidemic the best way I knew
how, by pouring wine and playing music." (winetowater.org) He now is still in the process of going through the cleaning process of the water around the world. He isn't trying to do it all at one but is making progress one country at a time.

"Doc" is a very inspirational man. He shows the amount of effort it takes to help people in the world. It used to be what he liked to do, but now it's his way of life. "[I was] seeing these people living in conflicts, bullets whizzing by their ears -- yet their biggest concern was the huge loss of life because of the unclean water," he recalls. "That's when water changed from being my passion to the burden of my life." (cnn.com) This specific statement tells me how amazing this guy is. He shows that once one gets into something that they enjoy, it might take grasp of one and one may not be able to get away from it. If there were more people like this we might just have a cleaner, less crime populated, and much fewer deaths around the world.

Out of all the diseases in the world there are approximately 40 that come through water and are deadly. "Doc" is one person that is trying to make a difference by making it sanitary and feasible for the vulnerable countries in the world. Everyday new people start a new foundation, it may not be for water but I can bet that it is to help save a life or make someone else's life better. So maybe by one person looking at something someone else does will change there mind and inspire them to make a difference in the world. I have learned much about the ordinary people that help the world and it has most definitely changed my views.