



Correctional Center of Choluteca, Honduras

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When Living Water Honduras arrived at the Correctional Center of Choluteca, many of the prisoners didn't believe they'd finally have access to safe water. One inmate, 42-year-old Rafael Castillo said, "Is this really happening? Is a new well truly going to be drilled at the prison?"

For years, the inmates had no choice but to drink unsafe water from a poorly constructed water system that was built too close to a septic tank. Many of the inmates became ill as a direct result of drinking the contaminated water. Sometimes, inmates went days without water as they waited to purchase water from tanker trucks that occasionally visited the correctional facility. Even then, safe water was sparse and expensive.

Rafael shared, "When the machinery came there was a lot of happiness because we realized the project was actually happening! We had heard news about the new well, but it wasn't until the drilling began that we felt joyful. It was true, they were really helping us to get safe water."



Contamination from the septic tank seeped through the ground until it reached the prison's water source.



The inmates are ecstatic to see the drill rig arrive!

new safe water to improve their health and maintain their hygiene. The inmates who participated in the interactive lessons received certificates for their hard work and left the activities feeling inspired to clean and maintain their facility.

In addition, the inmates learned about God's love and care for them, regardless of their incarceration. Rafael shared, "I learned about the importance of water for our bodies, but also appreciated the real meaning of the well. I realized that God is in charge of everything and if we have faith we can achieve many things. That uncertainty that we had at the beginning was replaced with faith. God saw our great need. He heard our prayers, and He did not abandon us. He and Living Water gave us this great blessing of safe water."

Safe water and the *living water* have transformed the lives of inmates at the Correctional Center of Choluteca!



The inmates are thankful for the blessing of safe water!