



Villa Anacaona, Dominican Republic

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Johnny Absolu, a 37-year-old missionary, left Haiti and immigrated to the nearby Dominican Republic when civil unrest impacted his community. He relocated to the Villa Anacaona community and established a ministry with a local church, where he's served for the last four years.

Johnny's unique approach to ministry comes from his background in civil engineering. After witnessing how lack of safe water impacted communities in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic, he recognized the opportunity to meet people's physical and spiritual needs by providing safe water and the *living water*. When Living Water International initiated church and community mobilization workshops in Villa Anacaona, Johnny knew he'd found his calling. He actively participated in the workshops and visited his neighbors' homes, inviting others to join the cause. Soon, the entire community was invested in bettering their community through safe water.

The Mayor of Villa Anacaona shared how sanitation and hygiene transformed their community: "This new well is a blessing provided by God. Our lives have completely changed. The hygiene at school and in the community has improved and people are less sick."

Access to safe water has not only freed the residents of Villa Anacaona from cycles of sickness and poverty, but it has united the community members around the central cause of safe water. Now, the residents are committed to maintaining their new well, knowing how precious and vital water is for their quality of life. Johnny praised God for water and prayed for the continued expansion of Living Water's mission. He said, "We are strengthened and thankful for the invaluable gift of water. We promise to maintain our water source for generations to come!"



The community gathers to pray over their new water source.



The local school participates in sanitation and hygiene activities, where students learn how to wash their hands and lead healthier lives.