



El Guasaule Community, Nicaragua

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In recent years, the El Guasaule community in Nicaragua experienced a significant population boom, straining the community's already stressed water system. The residents had serious water scarcity problems when the old hand pump they depended on could no longer supply enough water for the families in El Guasaule. This scarcity crisis meant that, at times, community members would have to travel to collect water as far as Somotillo, a community five miles away.

Yaqueling Quiroz is a 43-year-old teacher at the local school. She said, "We all have many stories about the water crisis. I remember, some time ago, we went to the river to gather water because the old well had water leaks, which made the water dwindle and taste bad. We suffered a great sadness due to these water leaks."

When community leaders heard about Living Water's work in Somotillo, they immediately reached out for help. Living Water Nicaragua came to survey the community and found that the old well could barely meet the needs of 80 people, let alone all of the 350 residents. With more people moving to the community every week, the residents needed a sustainable solution to the water scarcity that plagued them. So, the Living Water team constructed an additional hand pump that could be connected to a broader piped water system, meeting the needs of each and every resident of El Guasaule!

At the completion of the project, Yaqueling shared, "The new water source will change so much in our community. Now that we have a new hand pump, we are excited for the future when we will be able to connect pipes that will bring water directly to our homes. Our water is better quality, and we have the knowledge to protect our health from sanitation and hygiene lessons."

With safe water, everything has changed for the residents of El Guasaule!



Construction is underway!



Children learn how to properly wash their hands during a sanitation and hygiene activity!