



## Barrio Victor Argeñal, Honduras

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Residents of Barrio Victor Argeñal faced a severe water crisis. Although most households in the community connected to a government-owned piped water system, the supply remained highly unreliable. Delmy Castillo, the community's 43-year-old president, shared: "The water shortage here has been so severe that families have had to buy water by the bucket for 4 to 5 lempiras (15 to 19 cents). One time, a neighbor who was in great need sent her son to fetch water from a woman who sells it. She shared that her son came back with an empty bucket and said, 'The woman told me water isn't free.' It's truly heartbreaking how some people who are better off refuse to help those in greater need."

Morale hit an all-time low, and residents urgently needed a sustainable solution. Community leaders contacted Living Water International for help when they learned about the organization's work in the area. In response, Living Water Honduras drilled a borehole and installed a hand pump just a short walk from residents' homes!

"Now, that same neighbor has the Living Water well right in front of her home. She can collect water at any time of day, and her household—along with others in this area—will be the first to benefit when the well is expanded into a full water system. This opportunity has been a blessing. God sent this project because He knew the need we had as a community. The current source couldn't provide enough for every household since we are a large community. This will be a big change. We expect water to reach 95% of homes now—God willing, we can move forward with the next phase of the project," said Delmy.



Elected by their peers, these residents form the water committee, which is tasked with ensuring well's sustainability by collecting small, voluntary fees.



The Living Water staff drills 24 meters to reach a safe, underground aquifer. After treating and testing the water for safety, they will manually install PVC piping and a new hand pump for easy access.