



## AA.HH Intercultural – San Juan Km 13, Peru

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The community members of the AA.HH Intercultural – San Juan Km 13 community battled a severe water crisis. Julio, a 51-year-old pastor at Hosanna Church, shared: “We have always collected rainwater and water from the pond. The problem with collecting water from the pond was that it had many insects and frogs, and the quality wasn’t good. The most common danger was encountering boa constrictor snakes.

“There was once a child who liked to go play and bathe at the pond every day. One day, the child screamed for help. His parents, scared, went to see what was happening. To their surprise, the child had a small but dangerous boa snake on his leg. He was crying in pain, and they quickly helped him. It was a tense moment. Thank God the child wasn’t seriously harmed. That story had a great impact on me.”

With no option but to rely on unsafe water, it was common for residents to fall ill and lose income due to missed workdays and costly medical bills. Children couldn’t attend school regularly, limiting their opportunities and causing them to fall behind. Instead, they stayed home, suffering from vomiting, diarrhea, and related illnesses. As a result, parents constantly worried about their children’s health, as well as their futures. This situation harmed residents’ physical and financial well-being. Over time, it also affected their emotional and mental health.

Despite such despair, the community still held out hope for better days. Local leaders knew a sustainable solution was out there. The moment they heard about Living Water International’s work, they reached out for help. Living Water Peru responded by drilling a borehole, installing a hand pump, and training residents on sanitation and hygiene practices.

With a sigh of relief, Julio said: “Our new source of safe drinking water will be a great blessing. Our children will no longer be in danger. Everyone’s lifestyle will greatly improve.”



Women and children risk falls, snake bites, and other threats to collect unsafe water from a pond for all their daily needs, leading to illness.



Residents gather alongside Living Water staff to praise God for his provision of safe water, inaugurating their new well!