



Plan del Jocote, Honduras

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Residents of the Plan del Jocote community were in a difficult situation. For years, they lived without access to a safe water source of their own. Relying heavily on rainwater in the winter months, community members collected and stored this water in a reserve well to sustain them for the rest of the year. However, once summertime came around, the reserve's water supply ran too low, and residents were forced to look elsewhere.

Community member Ubaldo Sanchez shared, "We've never had a safe water system of our own. During the winter, we didn't struggle as much because we were able to collect rainwater, but in the summer, we had to walk over 2 miles to collect contaminated water for cooking, drinking and washing our clothes. The reserve well did not provide enough water, forcing people to wake as early as 1 in the morning to collect only two or three jugs."

Desperate for a sustainable solution, community leaders came together to see what they could do about the situation. When they heard about the work that Living Water International was doing in the area, they reached out for support. Living Water Honduras responded by drilling a borehole and installing a hand pump just steps away from residents' homes. At last, the 350 men, women and children of Plan del Jocote can enjoy safe water!

"Now we have a reliable source of safe water," Ubaldo shared, "We are filled with hope!"



Ubaldo Sanchez shares how the water crisis impacted his life with a Living Water staff member.



With each turn at the hand pump, residents feel a deep sense of relief and reassurance for better days ahead.