



Shoroya Nuevo Community, Peru

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In Peru's Amazon rainforest, Antonio Tsirimbo Nochomata was at work when one of his children came running. His wife had gone to the stream to wash clothes.

"When my wife arrived at the stream, she slipped and fell into the water," Antonio said. "She dislocated her ankle and desperately tried to get out."

Their children could only look on.

"My children, being young, stood watching their mother in fear. One of them ran to find me to tell me what had happened."

Antonio rushed to the river. He found his wife crying on the riverbank, unable to stand. The swollen stream carried another danger besides the current. Electric eels live in these waters, and residents know they can deliver deadly shocks.

"I picked her up and took her to our house," Antonio said. "I thank God that my wife's accident was not more serious."

For families like Antonio's who live in the community of Shoroya Nuevo, their daily, dangerous water-gathering routines continued for years until Living Water Peru arrived.

Engineers conducted in-depth assessments to identify a sustainable solution to the community's water crisis.

Today, a hand pump stands in the center of Shoroya Nuevo. Children gather around it. Families fill buckets just a short walk from home. The long trips to the river have ended.

Antonio's story is just one of many. Across eight communities in Peru, nearly 2,000 people now have access to safe water. Families have also participated in sanitation and hygiene training, and communities gathered to watch the JESUS film, where many heard the gospel for the first time.



Residents used to depend on this dangerous river for water.



Antonio Tsirimbo Nochomata with his wife and children.