



Ojo de Agua Community

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For 25 years, Julio has taught children in Ojo de Agua, Guatemala. But some of his most important lessons have taken place outside the classroom.

For decades, families in Ojo de Agua lived without reliable access to safe water. During the rainy season, flooding contaminated available water sources with runoff, and families struggled to finding water for drinking and cooking.

Julio believed his community could change that.

After learning about Living Water International through the local municipality, Julio and other community members partnered with engineers to bring safe water to their community. In 2023, engineers from Living Water Guatemala drilled a community well, ending a struggle that had persisted for generations. But Julio didn't see the new well as the end of the work.

Julio turned his attention to two places still struggling for water: his school and the community health clinic.

The school's hand-dug well could no longer provide enough water for students to drink or keep classrooms and restrooms clean. The health clinic's source was nearly dry. And because three neighboring communities depend on the clinic, the problem extended beyond Ojo de Agua.

In 2026, Living Water began drilling another well to serve both facilities. Local churches joined the effort, helping bring together a community that Julio had spent years encouraging to work toward a common purpose.

It's a lesson Julio has taught for much of his life: People can build a different future when they build it together.

These days, his classroom is simply a little bigger.



Julio has led efforts to bring safe water to his community and continues to partner with his neighbors to ensure safe water flows for the next generation.



Safe water has come to Ojo de Agua keeping girls like this healthy and in school.