



Robino Community

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In Robino, Haiti, a community's struggle to access safe water took a heartbreaking turn. One afternoon, community member Jodel Raphael stopped at an open well two miles from his home in Robino to collect water and take a shower, but he accidentally fell in. Jodel's cries for help caught the attention of his friend Robens Diomede who rushed to his rescue. Tragically, Robens also fell into the well, and neither man survived.

Among those left grieving was Jodel's cousin, Euclide Philidor, whose family had been living with the same struggle for water that affected their neighbors.

With two community hand pumps broken, families in Robino faced difficult choices. Safe water meant traveling long distances and paying for both the water and transportation. Those who couldn't afford it turned to hand-dug wells, the same type of water source where Jodel and Robens lost their lives.

The tragedy brought renewed urgency to a struggle community members had faced for months. Living Water Haiti had already repaired one of Robino's hand pumps, and with the help of local church facilitators, residents came together to help bring about the restoration of a second pump. For Euclide, the repair came during a time of grief, when even the cost of water weighed heavily on his family.

"And now that it is done, we are deeply grateful to Living Water because it would have been difficult for us to find enough money to purchase water during the week of the funeral," he said.

Today, families in Robino can collect safe water closer to home, without the long journeys and transportation costs. The memory of Jodel and Robens remains with the community, where families now have safe access to the water they need each day.



Community members attend a Living Water sanitation and hygiene training.



Residents are thankful to have a restored hand pump, ensuring safe water near their homes.