



Honduras Report

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Los Planteles Community
SKYCREST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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For years, residents of the Los Planteles community relied on water from two different wells within their community. The challenge was that these wells had not been treated with chlorine in over 20 years, resulting in poor water quality. With no resources available to improve the quality of the water, the water drawn was dirty, had a bad odor, and was not safe for drinking. Yet, with no other options available to them, they had no other choice but to continue relying on these water sources for their everyday needs. As a result of drinking this water on a daily basis, many residents fell ill from waterborne diseases.

Children, whose bodies were more susceptible to illness, experienced frequent bouts of diarrhea and persistent stomach issues. As children battled illness, they had to remain home from school, disrupting their education. Parents were forced to forego income-generating work to care for their sick children, creating financial strain. Additionally, women lacked the water needed to prepare nutritious meals, making it harder for children to recover and stay healthy. The weight of it all grew heavier with each passing day. Yet, despite everything, families faced each day with remarkable resilience.

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 rehabilitating the borehole and installing a new hand pump just outside residents' doors. At last, thanks to your incredible generosity, the residents of the Los Planteles community are able to enjoy reliable access to safe water!



The community's well has not been cleaned and treated with chlorine in over 20 years, making the water quality very poor.



Reaching an underground aquifer at 32 meters, the team proceeds with safety checks and treatment before finalizing the project with a hand pump installation.

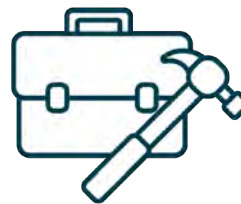


Community Details

Previous water source: old borehole

Total users: 350

Main water collectors: everyone



Construction Details

Pump type: hand pump

Depth of well: 32 m



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



These residents will serve on the water committee, a volunteer group responsible for managing and maintaining the new hand pump.



During a sanitation and hygiene activity led by Living Water Trip participants, youth learn the importance of proper waste management.



Living Water Trip participants and staff teach residents the importance of handwashing, oral hygiene, and water system care.

In Their Own Words

Alonso Reyes Garcia, a 62-year-old farmer, shared his community's difficulties with the water crisis: "We had poor-quality water because the well had not been cleaned for over 20 years and had not been treated with chlorine. Over time, the pump was drawing less water, and as the years went by, it drew even less because it was in poor condition."

Now, with the installation of the new hand pump, Alonso is grateful for how the new hand pump will make daily life easier for the entire community. He said, "We are grateful to now have easy access to safe water and to enjoy improved water quality."



Alonso [right] shares with a Living Water staff member about how the water crisis has impacted his life.

Your Impact

Skycrest Community Church, thank you for providing safe water to your neighbors in Honduras! With the new hand pump, residents have peace of mind knowing they'll have a sufficient supply of safe water each day. Families now have more time to invest into one another and build better futures together. With renewed health, children are able to enjoy their childhoods to the fullest, while parents can focus on providing for their households. Your generosity has done more than just provide safe water—it has lifted a heavy emotional burden and restored hope for the future. Alongside its tangible impact, your gift has offered these families an encounter with the *living water* of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for giving water, for life, in Jesus' name!