



Pastor Miguel Duran at the drilling site

SPRING UPDATE 2006 WATER HIT IN LAS DELICIAS!

Water has never tasted so delicious in Las Delicias. We rejoice this month with church and community members in this rural town as their prayers have been answered after more than twenty years in search of access to clean water.

Many of you know the story of Pastor Miguel Duran and the Good Samaritan Church and the way they have been serving their community sacrificially for over nine years through small projects and programs designed to effectively impact their community for Christ both spiritually and physically. In a country where the government rarely takes care of basic needs, this small rural church has taken on the task of caring and providing for the needs of their community in a sustainable way. They collaborate with community leaders including local associations, the mayor's office and the ministry of health on projects ranging from health clinics to improving the infrastructure of public schools and roads to microenterprise development and an infant nutritional center.

But their biggest dilemma has always been water.

During the dry season (lasting six months of the year) most community members spend up to 1/3 of their income to buy dirty water, infested with deadly parasites; water that is pulled from one of the

in three communities. Collaboration from the community is necessary, but otherwise, there are no strings attached. The community is seeing the love of Christ through the collaboration of the local church.

Their commitment has not gone untested. Numerous attempts at initiating the project failed. Then, after forming a water board and securing support from the mayor's office, attempts at striking water failed. This month, however, the drill rig struck water! The community is in a state of celebration as they are now closer than ever to having reliable and affordable access to clean drinking water.

After participating in a community celebration US director of ENLACE Larry Kasper said, "As the people stood by the fresh flow of water and drank I couldn't help but be struck by the words of Jesus, 'I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.' He didn't say, 'You gave them...' he said, 'You gave me...' I said to myself, 'Drink Jesus drink!' What an honor to participate with the church and community in pursuing God's dream for them."



Community members celebrating the finding of water

FACTS water in rural el salvador

- Over 50% do not have access to clean water
- 25% of rural children Under the age of five are malnourished
- 1 in 10 children under the age of 5 die of preventable, water born illness

source: 2003 UNDP informe



dirtyest streams in El Salvador and is carried to them in trucks owned by the private company in charge of supplying all citizens with potable water.

The Good Samaritan Church of less than 100 members with an average *annual* income of less than \$1,000 per person has been spearheading a project to bring clean water to over 10,000 people

There is still a long way to go with this project; a second well is currently being drilled, up to four water tanks will be installed and miles of piping will be laid.

However, we can say nothing more than, "GOD IS GOOD" as we see His grace pouring out in amazing ways with water and sanitation projects in three separate communities.



Representatives at drilling site

WATER... JUST ONE WAY TO SAY, "GOD LOVES YOU"

ENLACE has been equipping rural churches in El Salvador to transform their communities for over 12 years. The churches become effective agents of change in their communities as they understand who they are as a body, listen to their community and respond to opportunities for developing sustainable solutions for poverty. Churches and communities are empowered through collaborating in the following projects and programs:

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| Church and community program | Economic development program | Healthy communities program | Infrastructure initiatives |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral training • Leadership development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance • Start-up financing • Market research | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health education • Medical clinics • Latrines • Improved stoves | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Bridges • Housing • Risk mitigation |

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

WATER AND SANITATION INITIATIVES IN 2006

COMMUNITY / INITIATIVE	STILL NEEDED
2006 las delicias water	\$75,000
2006 abelines water and sanitation	\$41,000
2006 san jose el naranjo water and sanitation	\$26,000
2006 el tinteral sanitation	\$5,000

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