

Orange Acres Well #3

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

This community is on the road to Jujutla, by the interstate that takes you to Guatemala's border. This community had been here for 15 years, since the very end of the civil war. Most of the population, probably 75% are children. Everybody has a hand dug well. Depth of the well is 12 meters. Many of their latrines are almost that deep. Their parents are fisherman or they grow food for subsistence. The farmers rent land from wealthier people who have some land, and they plant corn to eat. Others take busses to other parts of Sonsonate like



Armenia where the soil is better for growing red beans and they farm beans there. The beans are worth more, but you spend more time and money on bus fare. Others occasionally get work harvesting sugar cane, which pays a little under \$4 per day, and there is only work for a portion of the year.



TESTIMONIALS:

Magdaleno Diaz

I am 68 years old. I'm the president of the community's board of directors. We do not have a terrible lack of water, but its quality is not good, and that is because of the latrines. I believe this is a common problem here at El Salvador because we do not have the financial sources to get clean water, or for plumbing. We do have an open, hand-dug community well but because this one does not belong to anybody in particular nobody takes care of it. People throw dirty plastic cups, toys and trash that contaminate the water. Most of the land here is pure clay. This material is very hard to make holes in, and when it rains the clay gets very swampy. I thank you so much for coming this week to give us this well that we were in desperate need of it.

Guadalupe Miranda:

I am 48 years old, a housewife. We get water from a river close to our community. At the shore of the river we had made small wells, drinking from the water that comes from the river, we just thought that because the water is running it will filter and would be cleaner. In the rainy season, the big problem is that these wells over-flow and the water gets so dirty that we have to wait until the rain stops and we have to clean those wells every time this happens, which is almost every day. This is always every year and because we do not have the financial sources we could not have a potable water system. Another problem is that when it rains the river gets so high that we do not send our children there because is so dangerous. They could be swept away in the river.

EVANGELISM:

We showed the movie "The Public Life of Jesus" and it was of so much interest for the people at the community. We had 85 people that night, among them were children and adults. There are not many times where these people have the chance to see a Christian movie, or any movie on a big screen as opposed to a TV. At the end of the movie they had question about salvation, miracles, diseases, etc. Kids were amused when Jesus took the children in His hands and prayed. "Let the children come....." The elders were

watching this. We prayed for sick people and salvation. Some of them come forward to the front. We asked which scenes they liked the most and they said they all liked the share the same ones. At the end of the meeting people commented that this movie even thou was not a secular movie, a war movie or romantic movie, they did not get bored and really liked it.

