

Community Health Project Report 2008
Report for Horizons Church: Water and Wells
November 2008

Report on the completed activities from January 2008 to September 2008.

- **Geographical Location:**

3 Districts: Campo Verde, Calleria, and Yarinacocha in the province of Coronel Portillo, Ucayali Region.

Activities were completed in the following communities:

- La Merced of Neshuya health education-deworming
- La Perla health ed, and deworming
- Bello Horizonte- health education-deworming
- Teodoro Binder II *well drilled*- health ed . and deworming
- Las Brisas health education-deworming
- Edwin Dias health education-deworming
- Acho Mego *well drilled*-health ed and deworming
- Ponceanas health education-deworming
- Municipal *well drilled*, health ed, and deworming
- La Catolica health education-deworming
- Los Angeles health education-deworming
- La Florida health education-deworming
- San Andres (*walter filters* , health education, deworming)

- **Direct Beneficiaries:**

- 1033 Families
- 7139 Individuals
- 1 Education Center
- 780 Students
- 42 Health Promoters

- **Proposal Objective:**

- **Overall Objective**

Improve health conditions in the sponsored communities through providing clean water and promoting health education.

- **Purpose**

Decrease the incidence and prevalence of infectious diseases and the malnutrition of the population.

- **Desired Results**

- Increase quality of life for families.
- Increase hygiene practices among families concerning the consumption of clean water.

- Decrease disease/illnesses
- **Completed Activities**
 - Showed and educated the sponsored communities through the use of the Water Museum and Parasite Museum.
 - Offered anti-parasite medication for 100% of the children and families in the communities and neighboring churches.
 - Drilled 3 new water wells with the support of the community members.
 - Constructed water filters in one of the communities to eliminate iron and the taste of iron from the well water.
 - Educated responsible members of the community in the maintenance of the wells and water system.
 - Elaborated on Educational Material: Example - Create Comic Strip, “The Men from the Rough Side of Town” to educate about healthy communities.
 - Offered nutrition classes directed by health promoters, education promoters, and families in the sponsored communities.
 - Offered classes on how to manage ecological latrines directed by health promoters, education promoters, and families.
 - Offered classes on preparing compost piles to the health promoters and families.
- **Achieved Results**
 - 100% of the participating communities received a presentation and were educated by the health promoters utilizing the Water Museum and the Parasite Museum. Health promoters and communal leaders were involved in the entire planning process.
 - Quarterly Activity; in 100% of the participating communities, anti-parasite medication was distributed to 100% of the children and families involved in the project, extending to some neighboring churches.
 - 3 new water wells were drilled with the support of community members in the communities of Urbanizacion Municipal, Teodoro Binder II, and in the Educational Institution of Juan Valer Sandoval in Acho Mego.
 - 20 filters were constructed to eliminate the iron and the iron taste in the water distributed from the well in the community of San Andres in La Merced of Neshuya, benefiting 19 families and 1 educational institution in the community.
 - 2 water committees were educated from the community in the use and maintenance of the wells and the water system.
 - The Comic Strip “The Men from the Rough Side of Town” was elaborated to educate about healthy communities, and was distributed during the showing of the Water Museum and the distribution of anti-parasite medication.
 - Classes on ecological latrines were given to the health promoters, education promoters, and families. A situational diagnosis was made in each community and they were shown how the latrines that were poorly constructed contributed to the communal problems. They were also shown a model of the ecological latrines constructed by local resources which encouraged the promoters and family members to better their own family latrines.

- Classes on preparing compost piles were given to the health promoters and families, who learned to discard organic trash in an appropriate way. These promoters and family members later created their own compost piles and used the organic materials as fertilizer in their family gardens.
- **Encountered Difficulties**
 - Weather delays, such as the jungle rain postponed activities and pushed back the end date on the wells.
 - Work groups were mostly women from the community, who were not able to advance on the well drilling due to the hardness of the ground.
 - Difficulty in finding clean water in some of the communities required drilling in different locations, pushing back the completion of some wells.
 - Constant rise in prices and shortage of the materials and construction.

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