



Things are progressing well on the San Martin water project, the community Providence Church supported with the Christmas 2019 offering. There was an initial challenge with the first well. Drilling was completed on March 20, 2020 and it provided water flow. However, they had a lot of trouble with it caving in and so the driller recommended that it not be used with an electric pump as the terrain shifts too much.

The drilling company then suspended operations due to coronavirus and second drilling took place on July 29, 2020. This one was perfect with excellent water flow, making it possible to move forward on the water system. And in September 2020 a water test was completed with positive results.

Fast forward to today! The pump house is nearly complete, the main distribution pipe is in place, the water storage tank is underway and water taps with usage meters are currently being installed in the front yard of every home as well. Soon every family in San Martin will have water flowing directly their homes. Thank you Providence Church!

The water system is moving along well now, and we thank you for your patience during a truly challenging year for all. **On the following page please find pictures from San Martin along with some thank you's from the community.**

As for other projects in Nicaragua, work is going strong. We are thrilled to say that our work in Ciudad Dario is in its last year as water and sanitation coverage is nearly complete. In the El Sauce region—home to the communities where Providence Church serves—projects are close to completion there as well, and in large part and thanks to the work of Providence Church! We have a new project coming up soon to build a water system, 35 latrines, and watershed restoration work in Posoli, San Lorenzo.

Lastly, on the last page you will find an infographic highlighting 2020.

We are hopeful that travel returns to normal soon. We look forward to Providence Church's return to Nicaragua.

Most sincerely,

Jenna Saldaña
Director of U.S. Operations

San Martín, El Sauce: Electric Pump Water Project Benefiting 73 families/278 people

“Water at our homes is very important so we don’t suffer bringing water long distances or consume contaminated water. Water is life and health. I have lived here 20 years; we had been consuming well water, and we did not know if it was good or not. We thank God and the donors for helping us to have water in our houses—and above all because it is safe water.”

–Sayda Eugarríos



“We are eager to have clean water; we had been looking for a solution to this for a while, and we are finally going to have water. The community is busy working and excited to have clean water. The pumphouse is almost complete, the main pipe is in place, the storage tank is in process, and we’re working on the taps at each home. This project is important because drought continues to hit us more in the dry season and so that we don't keep getting sick from drinking dirty water.”

–Santos Isabel Bucardo Quirós



“This project is important because we are going to drink clean water; it will not be water like we drank before. We have been drinking this water from a hand-dug well, without chlorination, for almost 65 years, for as long as I can remember. Now we are going to drink clean water. It is important to have safe water in our houses for our health. With this water system, we will not get sick, and the children will grow up better.”

–Cesar Augusto Bucardo

"Thank God this drinking water project is happening because we are no longer going to be drinking contaminated water. We thank God first, then the donors, the community, and El Porvenir for supporting us in these projects that are very important for our people.”

–José Santos Murillo Valverde.



2020 IN NUMBERS



El Porvenir

Clean Water, Healthy Nicaraguans

37,445 Nicaraguans partnered with El Porvenir



122,425 Trees Planted

19 School Handwashing Stations



1,812 Basic Handwashing Stations



31

Wells & Water Systems



187 Fuel-Efficient Stoves



568

Latrines & Toilets

14,302

PPE Masks Distributed



COVID-19 TV PSAs

Viewers: 3,000,000+

