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DR EPISCOPAL CHURCH WATER PROJECT

Barahona, Dominican Republic

*“As often as you did it to one of the least of my brothers
and sisters, you did it to me.”* *Matthew 25:40*

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Project Description and Objectives

The comprehensive health survey conducted by the Episcopal Church revealed that 68 families participating in the Church's education and feeding program, identified access to clean water and effective hygiene practices as the primary health concern and need of this community. The current water production facility of Jesus Peregrino Church cannot provide a source adequate water to meet a family's drinking, personal, and household needs. To effectively address the water sanitation problem, individual water filters (per family) are needed to chlorinate water and purify to prevent the spread of infection and disease throughout the community.

The *DR Episcopal Water Church Project* will provide for the purchase of **20** biosand water filters. At present the, there are two biosand water filters, which are manufactured in Dominican Republic. They differ only in outer container: The original water filter is made of a *concrete* and manufactured by an in-country producer. The new *plastic* model is designed as a lightweight slightly faster filtration rate and is manufactured by Cascade Manufacturing (USA). The church favors the concrete model because of its availability, proven durability (many years) and its verified effectiveness by the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina.

Progress Update

This project has proven to be a huge success! The installation of **20** biosand filters has been completed. Since every family in the community was not able to receive a filter, those who had one where encouraged to share theirs with surrounding neighbors. Currently eight families are sharing their filters with other families in the community who do not one.

The taste of the water improves the more the filters are used. The filters have given these poor families access to cleaner water that will tremendously benefit their health.

The project supervisor reports, "We are all pleased that there may be a possibility for more filters in the future. We are hoping to place at least 200 filters annually."

Future Action

This project is complete. No further action is needed.

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The 20 families who received filters



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