

## WOLWI Church Planting, a Great Start

We know that God is always working, and He asks us to join Him. I have experienced this very vividly in my last missions' trip to Piura, Peru. WOLWI's vision was to demonstrate God's love by drilling water wells but now the vision is growing, and we are excited to see what He will continue to do.

For some time now, God has been pressing on my heart to start a church wherever WOLWI drilled a water well, where no Bible believing church existed. For many months I have been praying and seeking counsel about it. It was my heart's desire to get this going on this trip. But I learned that God had already started and WOLWI church planting movement was in motion even before this last trip. I had in my heart to start three churches and God was already there working. What He had burned in my heart He made happen. The three new churches are Yapato, in the Tambogrande area, San Jose de Pavitas, and Mogote, both in the Chulacanas area.

Yapato is a church plant daughter of an existing church in Chicalta, where we had drilled a well three years ago. That same year we drilled a well in Yapato without a church planting in mind. God has supplied Pastor Edgar Carmen and his wife Esperanza who are now the leaders in planting in Yapato. God moved the baby church leadership of Chicalta to start a second generation church in Yapato. God was well ahead of me! Wow what a great architect and loving Lord. But nothing comes easy and at a low price. We had gone out to Chicalta to see why the well was not working and discovered that the well had collapsed and is impossible to repair. When I gave them the bad news, I saw tears rolling down the face of the young pastor's wife. She said, "We have to drink bad water again."



WOLWI continues the challenges and spiritual battles of doing God's work. We need to drill another well in Chicalta but God is faithful. We are very excited to see how we can support God's movement in the Tambogrande area. The pastor in Chicalta wants to build a church building there and we all want to see Yapato church plant grow and reproduce. Please help us pray as we seek the Lord's will.



We had to work very hard on Jose de Pavitas water well on previous trips. Prior to drilling, the town's people had dug a well by hand but did not reach water because it was too deep. The diggers could not get enough air down in the hole and had to stop. Two trips ago, we tried drilling but could not reach water because WOLWI did not have enough drilling rods. In our next trip, in 2017, each team member carried, as part of their luggage, two rods each. We tried again and by the grace of God we reached water. The well impacted the town's people so much that they had to fall on their knees, praising God in deep heartfelt thanks. A man of peace emerged, and brother Felix Nuñez from "Comunion, Gracia y Paz" Church from Piura 50 kilometers away started the church. They just celebrated their first anniversary and are growing. The well is not only providing water to San Jose but also to other nearby communities. Please pray this church can grow and spread the gospel throughout their surrounding communities. Brother Felix wants to start an egg producing chicken project to help the community grow and demonstrate again, God's love in many other ways. How could we help?



The community leader of the small farming community of Mogote, Chulucanas is Jorge, a young man that has a disease that does not allow him to walk and uses crutches to move around. Last year, while we were in a town close by drilling, he would insistently ask us to come and drill in his town. That was impossible because our time in Piura had past and we needed to return home. This year, 2019, it was possible. Like many other towns where a potable water well becomes a reality, the people rejoiced and celebrated jubilantly. We immediately take this opportunity of celebration to be thankful, preach, and proclaim Jesus as the living water for eternal life.

Two events were outstanding at this celebration. An elder man came up to me and said: "It has been 80 years that we have not had water in Mogote. The state government, mayors and others have overlooked and ignored our needs. You strangers have honored us with water". Glory to God! These words were very moving and humbling to many as he went around repeating this to as many would listen.

The second event was as emotional. An overworked pastor with 12 ongoing church plants shared beforehand that he and his church could no longer help WOLWI in our pursuit to plant new churches where we drilled a well. But the Lord must have spoken to his wife differently.



The excitement and response of the town's people was so impacting that the young town leader humbled his heart and the pastor's wife was moved to connect with him. Then and there the decision to start a church in Mogote was made. The church is planning to meet at the well site. Pastor Carlos Hidalgo, his wife Betty of Comunion Gracias y Paz, and Ester Pasoz are now the designated church planters for the new church in Mogote. God is always working and

moving people towards Himself. This was the scenario I was imagining and God allowed it to happen for His glory and my joy.

I share these stories for you to participate and join with God in what He is doing. WOLWI has the privilege of being used as His hand to drill water wells for the needy towns of the deserts in Piura, Peru. He can use you and your church to support us in prayer and with resources to obey the Great Commission in the spreading of living water for eternal life through our WOLWI well drilling and church planting movement. Each well we drill is a potential altar to establish a church and glorify God. Be blessed and bless others.

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