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Dear Friends,

Costa Rica was an amazing opportunity to see God change people's lives by providing the filters so they could have clean water in their homes. Many people were changed for eternity as they placed their faith in Jesus.

As I left the first home, I thought, "God brought me specifically here for this couple." On the way our translator had told us that the wife was a Christian, but her husband wasn't. When we arrived they were very warm and welcoming sharing a bit about themselves; they had been married 40 years. A couple of students shared their coming to faith in Jesus testimonies and then the translator asked the couple where they are with God. The husband mentioned that he was not a Christian. When asked why, he answered because he has many problems.

We went on and got the filter set up. Their water source was the river, so the water coming out of their faucet was a yellowish tan color. I can't imagine drinking that, can you? We added even more dirt to the bucket, yet the water coming out through the filter was completely clear. They were amazed as we took a sip and then gave it to them to taste. "Delicious."

We then went on to share how we all are like the dirty water in the bucket. Just like we don't want to drink dirty water, God can't be with us in our sinfulness. So He sent Jesus to be our filter...

Our translator asked the man where he was with Jesus. This time he said he was in the tube on the way to the filter, Jesus.

I felt strongly that I needed to speak up. So I began to share, just as they have been married 40 years, I have been a Christian for 40 years. I went on telling them about some of the big problems I have faced and how God has helped me in it. The wife had tears coming down her cheeks. It was a very moving time. The translator asked the husband again where he was and he told us he was ready to become a Christian. He prayed right there with us, with a tear coming down his cheek.

The wife gave me one of the biggest hugs I've ever had. Then her husband did too.

We gave him the gospel of John; the translator read John 3:16 to him. After hearing it, the man replied, "Now I am clean."

Thanks for prayers for the trip and for your financial support. Having lots of people praying for me is one of the benefits of having ministry partners.

Grateful for the privilege to be used by God,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Liz".



Her smile tells it all. So happy to have clean water.



Praying to place their trust in Jesus.

48 of the 111 people we shared the gospel with prayed to receive Christ.



Gravity takes the dirty water from the bucket through the tube and filter. Out comes delicious clean water.



The husband was very engaged from the very beginning. He jumped right in using the hand drill to insert the hose for the filter.

After tasting the clean water and hearing about Jesus, he was very struck by the fact that we would come from the United States to tell them about Jesus. He, his wife, and son were at church the next night.

The pastor of the nearby church who is doing all the follow up is the man wearing the striped shirt.



Enjoying a cold drink of coconut water on a hot day.