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**BORDER BUDDIES  
MINISTRIES**  
*Bringing the heart of Christ to  
the heart of Honduras.*

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## Clean Water

In the States we are so blessed to be able to open the faucet and take a glass of water for a drink, or to use the water from the tap to cook with. How many times while showering do we take a drink of water from the shower head with no worry nor thought about getting sick from the water? In most areas in the USA we are blessed to be able to still do this. Here in Honduras it is completely opposite. We do not have water filtration systems in place to provide clean water to homes. This is why we find so many illnesses from the water. Yes, many do have a higher tolerance for this water, but they also have to take a pill 2 to 3 times a year to cleanse themselves of the parasites.



Honduras is the second poorest country in Central America, with approximately 63 percent of the population living below the poverty line. Many of the rural poor work as subsistence farmers, growing only enough food to feed their families and leaving little money for anything else.

Across the country, more than one million lack access to improved sanitation, and 638,000 lack safe water. Rural communities face the most challenges, as many people obtain their water from small springs that are unprotected, contaminated and often without water during the dry season.

Financial inclusion data has shown that low-income households in Honduras have limited financial capability and knowledge.

Ministries like Border Buddies Ministries are a growing part of the landscape in Honduras and are serving many low-income households.

Clean water is a huge need here in Honduras. Many of our supporters, such as yourselves, feel led to help in any way they can to bring clean water to every home. We, as well as being a ministry, feel it is a NEED for those we are serving, in the name of Jesus. Over the years we have blessed all 500 families in Comayagua with clean drinking water, by giving them Sawyer Water Filters. We have blessed 85% of the Barrio Rincon where much of our ministry work is going on. We have also blessed the sister community where Pastor Giron's church is by giving a Sawyer Water Filter to every home and two to Pastor Giron's church. Also, we have blessed three other sister churches that Pastor Giron serves.

This year in August we were blessed to host Randy and Deb Lawrence who worked every morning delivering and explaining how to use the Sawyer Water Filter. This proud and thankful mother is learning about clean water and tasted the filtered water saying that the taste is 100% better.



The handing out of Sawyer Water Filters happened because many of you pledged to give towards this part of the ministry, either individually or corporately, through your churches, Rotary Clubs and many other organizations.

We are blessed to have four coordinators to make this happen. Randy and Debb Lawrence and Brad and Janet Hinman. With the combined efforts in purchasing and delivering filters we handed out water filters to 329 families in five days, which is about \$11,844 in donations in water filters.

We are also blessed to have our youth group donate 50% of the buckets by purchasing them with their tithe from their sales on Saturday and also from monies they have earned by doing small jobs. What a witness to the world in how to give back from the little they have. Others have come forward in church in New York State and have given a check towards the purchase of buckets because they felt called by God to do so.



## We need your Help

### Challenge: 1,000 Water Filters for 1,000 Families in 2019



So, we have a challenge and we feel we can reach it with your help. In 2019 we want to help 1,000 families with water filters in a week. This is going to be a special team of people who are willing to come and work alongside of us in the barrios where we serve with our Satellite Youth groups by providing them with filters so they can have clean water. Click on this link [Sawyer Water Filters](#) to watch an 8-minute video about how Sawyer Water Filters make clean water.

**Cost Per Filter:** \$30 and the blessing is that we receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> filter for free. So, when you purchase 1 filter with your donation we actually gain another filter!!! So, your blessing is doubled!!! This is a great way to see your donation at work.

**Cost per bucket:** \$6.00 If you feel led to donate towards purchasing buckets as well this can help a ton! Pray about how many filters you can help with and we will report to all our supporters of the ministry each month where we are to encourage everyone to be apart of this 1,000 Filter Challenge. You can talk to your church, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis or any club that may want to help out as well. Please mail all donations to: Border Buddies Ministries PO Box 1254, Elmira NY 14902 Help us Reach our goal in blessing 1,000 families with clean drinking water and save them from the agony of being sick.



*Thank you!!!*