## SIVIWAS #2 COMMUNITY SENDS YOU A BIG THANK YOU

## WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE CLEAN WATER FOR OUR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND ANIMALS.



Mother is washing her clothes, and children are drinking clean water



Metal pipe crossing a creek



Construction of the base for the water tank



Water tank on the concrete base

Water tank

**Before:** Our children and women had to walk 200 meters or go on horseback with five-gallon buckets or pans to bring water to the house to do the cooking and to bring some drinking water. The ladies used to go to the creeks to do their laundry, take a bath and bathe their children. Sometimes, because of the rain, the water was dirty. We used to drink the water directly from the creeks. We didn't add Clorox or boil the water. We prayed to God asking for this water project. We visited Ronnie Hopkins (whenever he was on the river) for three years asking for help for this project. We prayed for direction and support and God answered!

**During the construction:** We can tell that this water project brought the community more together. People, who didn't used to come to Church, came and prayed for the water project. Our community was very united; even the children worked together hauling plastic pipes and light items.

Some of the difficulties that we faced included hauling the sand from faraway through the mountains (high hills up and down).... over an hour on horseback. It took six men to carry the water tank for over an hour to the community.

**Afterwards:** Now the people are very happy to have clean water. The effort and hard work was worth it. We are so thankful for Ed and Linda Baker and the Seekers Sunday School class of Oak Grove UMC

for supporting us with this project. Now we are praying about building a small school to educate our children. Please keep us in your prayers. Many blessings to you and your family.

## Siviwás Community

Thank you so much for making this water project a reality for this community. The supervisor said this is one of the hardest working communities he has worked with. The people were faithful in digging ditches, laying pipes, putting in concrete posts for the metal pipes, and building a concrete pad for the water tank. One hundred bags of cement, the water pipes and material was carried from the main river by horseback for three hours. The community leaders came twice a year to see me asking for help for this project. I would tell them they are on the list for a water project.

Ronnie Hopkins

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