

## Water Well Project in El Salvador - making a difference one drop at a time

70% of our planet is covered by water, but only 1.0% is available fresh water. According to National Geographic and UN sources, 844 million people around the world lack access to basic drinking water services, 1.8 billion people use a drinking water source that is contaminated, and 2.3 billion people lack even basic sanitation services.

ASCE and other non-profit organizations agree that **safe water and sanitation are precursors to health care, education, and jobs**. Women and children are the most vulnerable.

Over the past three years BGE, Inc. has partnered annually with Living Water International to sponsor water well and education projects for communities in Central America that lack proper infrastructure to access safe, clean water. On each project a team of BGE employees spent a week in Central America with Living Water staff within a local community to construct a new fresh water well and lead education classes about sanitation. The water well projects are one way that BGE works to make a difference in our communities.

In this presentation led by Alene Efaw, Jason Ellison, and other BGE team members, you'll hear our story about the April 2019 Water Well project in El Salvador that helped to make a small difference towards the large global water crisis.

*"We're in a world where there are 900 million people barely treading water, and the water's too low for them to reach the ladder. They don't need a boat. They don't need a helicopter to rescue them. They just need a little boost so they can reach the ladder. Then they can climb out on their own. Clean water provides that boost." - Gary Evans, Regional Vice President, Asia, Living Water International*