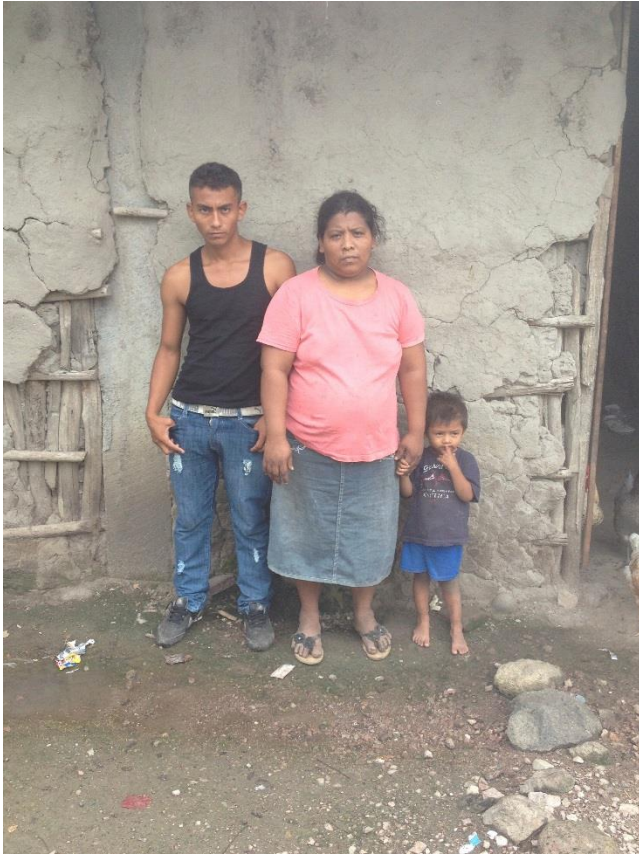


WATER STORIES FROM LOS HATILLOS



MEET MARIO AND MIRIAM

Mario Gáelas, age 42, lives with his 38-year-old wife Miriam Zulema Pérez and their three children ranging in age from 3 to 22 years old. Although there is a small water system in some parts of Los Hatillos, they are not connected to it. Thus, they obtain their water from a nearby well. Miriam generally collects the water and she makes the trek roughly 3 times per day. In the summer, the well dries up and they cannot obtain water from it.

The water from the well is not treated. However, Miriam chlorinates it in their home so her children rarely fall ill.

MEET MEDARDA AND FAMILY

52-year-old Madarda Esther Pastrana lives with her daughters Elmin Lorena, age 32, and Paola Carolina, age 18, and grandchildren Josep Leo, age 2, Naomi Monserrat, age 1, and Giselle Carolina, 10 months. To obtain water, they walk to the nearest well and lug it to their home. It is only a 5 minute walk, but they often spend awhile waiting in the line to fill their buckets.

Once at home, they chlorinate the water. Thus, the children do not suffer from various illnesses triggered by waterborne disease.

