San Martin June 6, 2016 Progress Report:

Note that the Rotary Community Corps at San Martin (along with the review of the Manantiales club) has the responsibility of managing the District Grant funds for the water project. The RCC group has been very conscientious in where the funds are spent and in fact have organized as much of the necessary work to be completed by community volunteers when possible. Note from the email report below the RCC has opted for spending the remainder of the district grant funds to hire a professional Hydrology study to convince the government to drill a well for drinking water.

The improvement work on the springs so far has protected the springs from contamination and increased flow however the amount of water is not adequate for the community. Large savings of grant funds have been accomplished as the delivery pipes have been repaired and continually maintained by the residents as the local city government employees have not kept the pipes in working order. We are also told that all Mexicans use bottled water for drinking if possible! Mexico uses more than twice the amount of bottled water as the next largest bottled water user! They will use the water from the springs for cooking, washing and plants but we are told that there is severe mistrust of any water the government has control of! We are also told that water from a new well should be trusted by the residents.

Ron Hogan

Jun 3 (3 days ago)

Arturo Neira

to me, Luis, Jose

Hi Ron,

The Rotary Action Group at Colonia S. Martin decided to use the remaining of the funds in a Hidrology study or survey to then convince the government to drill a well. The government does not permit to drill wells in that area, however social needs could be the exception. I am aware that Jose martin had a conversation with Luis Alonso "Chore" to see what company he recommends to elaborate the study. We think it could cost aprox. 20,000 to 30,000 pesos equivalent to \$1,075.00 to \$1,612.00 Us dlls. At today exchange rate of 18.60 pesos per dollar. Jose can you update or provide more details to complete this information?. Best regards.

Arturo Neira