

Clean Water and Sanitation Report
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Work continues in the Dominican Republic as we try to provide clean water and sanitation systems in communities that do not have access to either or both of these essential basic necessities.

The Latrine Project is a worthy venture in communities that do not have sewage systems in place. We did complete a pilot project to construct and install four sanitary latrines in the village of Jalonga in the spring of 2016. These latrines used construction forms that we purchased from Water Mission and that we now have in storage in Jalonga, but may be moved to another site in the Dominican Republic. This is a project that is about partnership, but work still needs to be done on the logistics of this project. Site selection for this project is critical in assuring its success. The best site for this project is a community that is fully engaged and is willing to make sure the site is ready for the team's arrival. This work includes the collection of necessary materials and site preparation.

I was unable to get an update of the water projects prior to the deadline of this report. However, I do know that the team sponsored by the Southeastern Convocation of the Diocese of Georgia is funding the installation of a water filtration system in the Episcopal school in El Carretón. This team has previously had a well drilled to provide a source of water for the school and also installed solar panels to provide electricity to pump the water to a holding tank on the roof of the school.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the chair of the committee. I am finding it difficult to do this work from Nebraska. I think you would be better served by someone who is more familiar with working with concrete forms. I am respectfully tendering my resignation as the chair of the committee.

Respectfully,

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