

## Rotary sponsors drilling of water well in Bolivia

A new source of life went on-line this month in the City of Cochabamba, Bolivia. Through the generous donations of Rotary International, a water well was drilled, tapped and put into service on the grounds of two orphanages in Cochabamba.

The well project was co-sponsored by members of Space Center Rotary in Clear Lake and the Rotary Club of Tunari in Bolivia. Additional funding and support was provided by the Rotary Clubs of Wintertur, Switzerland, and nearby Friendswood.

The two orphanages receiving the benefit of this water supply are the Amistad Mission (a multi-Christian organization dedicated to improving the physical and spiritual plight of orphaned children in Bolivia), and the Ciudad del Nino, a Catholic-sponsored institution run by the Bergamo Fathers of Italy.

For the past 20 years, both institutions have relied on a very limited water runoff from an upper mountain lagoon. With repetitive droughts and local agricultural skirmishes over water supplies, the orphanages have had an inconsistent supply of this vital resource.

With the new well, drilled 150 meters through solid Andean rock, the children now have a constant 1.2 liter/sec supply of water from an underground aquifer.

The dedication and use of the new well was a big event, bringing out the entire community of children, social workers, and local businessmen, including the local priest, who offered a spiritual blessing for the new "Aqua of Amistad."

Participating in the ceremonies that day were Space Center Rotary members Stan Galanski and Bill Geissler and the Rotary Club of Tunari members Johannes Broersma and Jose Meruvia Villarroel. The children of the orphanage fashioned wreaths of carnations and presented them to the Rotarians in thanksgiving T

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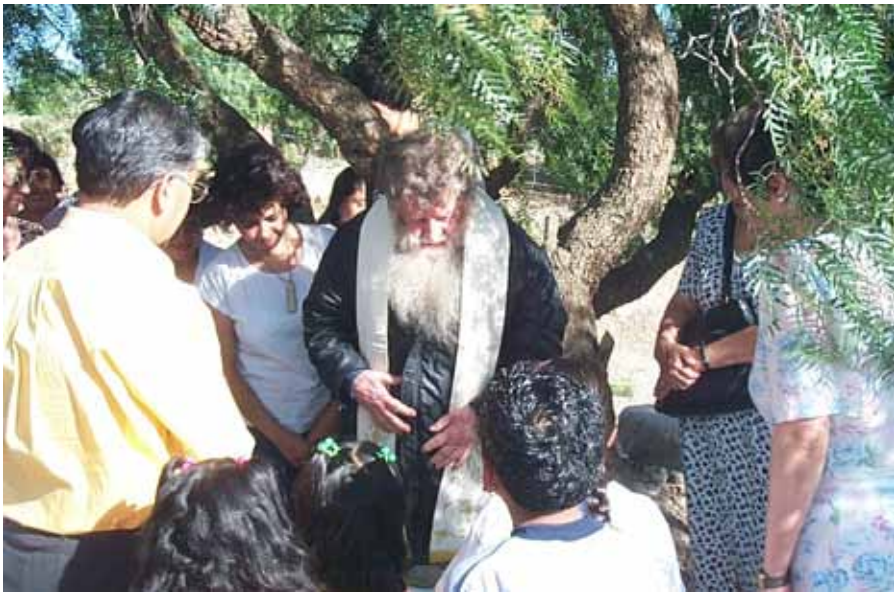
### *New source of life*

Two orphanages in Bolivia got a new water supply when donations of Rotary International provided funds to drill a new water well. Taking part in the dedication ceremonies for the new "Aqua of Amistad" were Space Center Rotarians Bill Geissler, left, and Stan Galanski, right, of Clear Lake, along with Johannes Broersma and Jose Meruvia Villarroel, from left, members of the Rotary Club of Tenari, Bolivia.

Additional Pictures of the Ceremony in Bolivia Follow



Stan Galanski Unveiling Water Well



Father Berta Beginning Blessing



Stan Galanski Receiving Thank You Hugs



L to R: Stan Galanski, Bill Geissler, Johannes Broersma Flowered



Stan Galanski Sprinkling Wine on Well with Bill Geissler (left), Johannes Broersm, Jose Meruvia Villarroel Looking On