

### **March 4th- Forth!**

*7 miles (11+km) in the hot mid-day sun (91F/33C) for  
5 Agua Viva Serves companions hiking hill & dale to  
3 remote communities w/ potable water systems.....  
1 Cerro Chirripó Challenge (12,532 ft/3.820 m) to go!!!*

See AVS posts: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18jde2XbXp/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



### **Highlights from weeks 4-6...**



<< **Well.** Drilling went smoothly...capacity super....family is thrilled....anticipates sharing with nearby homes.

**Fence.**



<< Building the fence well in Llano Verde.

**Concrete.** 70+ water meters upgraded with a concrete pad around them...a finishing step that protects the meter connection, keeps vegetation from growing over it, makes for easier meter reading. (Community water systems are sustained with fees based on usage.) >>



<< **Challenges.** 7175 ft (2187m) Valentine's Day "test hike" at the nearest "higher altitude" mountain Volcán Platanar. We had frequent zooms with 11+ AVS Chirripó Challenge trekkers to acquaint, organize, talk with past Chirripó hikers, design team t-shirts, and plan the fundraiser : ).

<< **Joyful Connections.** Director Una Jones, UMC's Mission Volunteer (MV) program visited AVS to learn about the work and update placement descriptions for the website. BTW, **there are many MV options in the USA and globally for 2months - 2years...check it out!** <https://umcmmission.org/mission-volunteers/> She also met with Pastor Francisco re being listed for VIM (Volunteers in Mission) projects in Ciudad Quesada...BTW, **the classroom renovation project is almost done!** >>

**Rotarian Pat (PDG) and Linda, from Lethbridge Rotary Club, Alberta, Canada**

visited to also see what AVS is doing and for a wildlife boat tour in nearby Caño Negro — <https://www.canonegrotours.com/> Pat's District has been supporting Global Grants (GG) with San Jose Noreste Rotary club since 2010. We'll reconnect near Chirripó at the ribbon cutting for their latest GG: *Rainwater Catchment/Fire Fighting* in the Talamanca Mountains.

George was 'teacher assistant for a day' with Juanita, Pastor Elías' spouse, and her six (?) English classes....a 12 hour day with the commute! >>

**Blessings for the collective work for Justice and Peace, n & J (aka G)**

