



## John Gates Drilling Trip to Honduras

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Honduras has been named second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere since 1998 when Hurricane Mitch caused massive destruction causing damage to over 70% of all transportation infrastructure, houses, crops and causing well over 3 billion dollars in damage. Since the Fall of 2008, Heart for Honduras has been serving the area around Santa Rosa de Copan, near the Guatemalan border; prior to that, we worked in La Ceiba and La Esperanza. Most people in the area suffer from worms living inside their system, largely due to poor drinking water. This is not surprising, since casual highway travel takes one past rivers that simultaneously serve its various constituents who come to water their livestock, bathe, wash clothes, and gather drinking water. The water wells provide clean fresh water to people who have never tasted it before, and local residents meet them with considerable enthusiasm.



John has been going to Honduras for 3 years now, to drill water wells and spread ministry. In January of 2013, John took 18 people to drill a water well in a village near Santa Rosa de Copan . The first day John and his team set up to drill and went to 92 feet and hit rock; which was new to him since all the other wells had been sand and gravel. After running into several issues and trying several different options, they were able to set the well, but had to leave before they could see it working properly. Three weeks later, John received a called that the well was able to be developed and is producing a lot of water for the entire village. (To view more pictures see Page 4)



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**“Take time to give...it is too short a day to be selfish”**

# A Look From Within: From The Desk of Tom Marlo

## Who Calls In The Utility Locate?

During the routine set-up of any exploration project, one of the first things that must be completed is the call in for the utility locate on the project. Missouri and Illinois are the States that we as a drilling contractor and our clients deal with on a regular basis. Generally, both States have the same requirements but there are some variations of the laws between the two States. In an effort to clarify these differences, I will address the call in requirements of each State.

### Illinois call **JULIE (800) 892-0123**

Illinois state law requires that anyone planning an outdoor project that requires digging, regardless of the depth or the size of the project, must call JULIE first. State law requires that the excavator actually doing the digging call JULIE with the locate request information. This includes a personal representative or employee of the company engaging in the excavation activity. According to state law, the person doing the digging is required to call JULIE with the locate request information at least 48 hours/two working days in advance of the start of the excavation, not the homeowner or company for whom the work is being done. Illinois law differs from Missouri on the 48-hour notice. In Illinois our ticket is valid 48 hours from the time the locate is actually called in not including weekends or holidays.

The contractor's or client's locate request only applies to its company. The contractor or client should only request a locate if the contractor or client itself is planning to dig at the site. Some projects are fast tracked and a contractor or client may tell us that there already is a ticket on site and we are good to start. That ticket is not a valid ticket for any other excavator or driller on that site. Each excavator or driller must by law have their own ticket.

### Missouri call **Mo One-Call (800) 344-7483**

Missouri law requires that any person making or beginning any excavation notify all underground facility owners/operators, which may be affected by said excavation at least two but not more than ten working days in advance, except in the case of an emergency.

Missouri law defines a "working day" as everyday except Saturday, Sunday, or a legally declared local, state, or federal holiday. If you plan to start a drilling project in the State of Missouri on a Monday morning that locate request must be called in sometime on the Wednesday prior to the Monday you wish to start. Missouri does not recognize the call in day as one of the "2 Working Days".

Missouri One Call states that it is the excavator's (driller's) responsibility to make the call. However, they do recognize that the contractor (client) sometimes makes this call. This is acceptable as long as the drillers name is on the dig ticket not the client's name. A copy of the Dig Ticket is required to be on site to verify that all facility owners have responded to the ticket and the facilities have been properly located and marked.

### In General

If you as a client choose to call in the locate, be sure to forward the Dig Ticket number to us when you complete the locate request. With the Dig Ticket number, we can go online, generate that ticket so we can check it, and have it prior to departing to the project site. If you have multiple excavators or drillers on a project, each excavator or driller must have their own ticket number. Some projects are fast tracked and a contractor may tell us that there already is a ticket on site and we are good to start. That ticket is not a valid ticket for any other excavator or driller on that site.

# Otis' Corner

Hey there everyone!

Apparently, you all really enjoyed what I had to say last time, so they gave me another segment! (Watch out Letterman). Well let me tell you, it's been SO busy around here. Sherri even told me she can't play ball today because, "she's running on a tight schedule and has to get payroll in." Seems fishy to me; how hard can running this place be? I guess the guys have been gone a lot with different jobs though, and I keep hearing Craig say something about "joining the stent club." All I know is all this ruckus is cutting into my play time. So I had to make some new friends (There you go boys, soak up your 15 minutes of fame!) Zip is the Boxer, his dad, Jimmy, brings him in from time to time. The Great Dane is a neighborhood dog...he still hasn't told me his name. He's so mysterious, like Batman. He pops up out of no



where, plays, and disappears right before it's time to clean up all the toys! (Convenient, I know).

The guys in the field must be working really hard because they have been leaving here pretty dirty everyday. I can't even take a stroll in the yard without getting a face full of dirt. Mom just keeps yelling at me. I hope the guys don't get yelled at by their moms, because they leave here pretty dirty everyday. I



Also, I just wanted to send a special thanks to the mail woman. I believe she truly understands how hard it is to live the life I lead. Otherwise, why would she bring me treats everyday?

By the way, I'm still trying to get the gang on board to make Dog Treats/Biscuits a formal payment method for **my** drilling/digging work...So far, it's not looking good, but I won't go down without a fight!

Until Next Time,

- Otis



**Bulldog Drilling is very proud to have John as part of our team. We wanted to thank John Gates & the organization, Heart for Honduras for their efforts for making a difference in the world and changing the lives of others less**



**Thank you for taking the time to read the Bulldog Bulletin! We appreciate all your support and business.**



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