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Anibal worked so hard making cement blocks for this new housing project that his work at the hacienda suffered and the landowner asked him to abandon his dwelling. Without a place to live, he and his family built a temporary stick frame and mud house. A year of hard work paid off when Anibal and his family moved into their new block house. His dedication to the project earned him community recognition, and he was named president of the community organization. Now more than ten families call the new community of La Canada home.

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