Name/Age: Michael (59) Occupation: Mechanic

**Salary**: 25,000

Name / Age: Pedro (52) Occupation: Farm Worker Annual Salary: 22,000

## **Living Expenses**

- 1. Required Expenses
  - a. Groceries -- \$6500
  - b. Commodities -- \$1000
  - c. Utilities -- \$1500
  - d. Rent -- \$8500
  - e. Transportation -- \$500
  - f. Water -- \$200
- 2. Water Expenses
  - a. Pay for bottled water (10% total income)
  - b. Drill a new well -
    - i. \$6000 for digging
    - ii. \$1000 for well pump
    - iii. Clean water not guaranteed
  - c. Chlorinate the water -- \$17000
    - i. Can split the cost with another person
    - ii. Chlorination systems can support 2 families
  - d. New piping to replace aging ones -- \$3000
    - i. Starting to leak pipe
    - ii. Rusting → Arsenic content in water
- 3. Optional Expenses
  - a. Healthcare -- \$8000
  - b. Textbooks -- \$1200
  - c. Shoes -- \$200

#### **Calculation Chart**

Expense Type:	Cost of Expense	Money Leftover:

## **Event Cards**

## Medical Bills

Unfortunately due to the lack of clean water you caught a disease known as cholera. As a result, you have to pay \$150 per week for 4 weeks for medicine. Amounts to \$600.

#### Car Crash

While driving to your boss's farm you made a bad turn and hit a tree trunk going at 35 mph. Now you have a broken neck and have to pay 3,000 for a new car. You can either go to work and prolong your injury or rest and not recieve money for 3 months.

#### Lost Job

With the invention of faster, stronger, and more efficient technologies, you are no longer needed! You have been given a 4 weeks notice before you are to be laid off from your job. You now have to spend 3 months (without pay) so you can look for a new job. (Take 25% off yearly salary)

#### Ill Children

You are a single mother and your child has fallen victim to the flu. You can either to stay at home and risk losing your weekly paycheck which is 7% for two weeks, and risk going hungry for the week, or you can go to work and risk your child's condition getting worse.

## Collapse of Well

Water levels drop so low that one of the well shafts collapses, requiring more than \$70,000 in repairs. You can either pay it in installments of \$14000 a year or you can switch to bottled water or dig a new well.

## Have to visit family far away

Your grandmother has recently passed away and your grandfather is calling you to come halfway across the world. Plane tickets will cost around \$1000 for a round trip.

# **Person Information Card**

Name: Michael (59)

Gender: Male

Occupation: Mechanic

Yearly Salary: 25,000

Residence: San Joaquin Valley



Picture

# Person Information Card

Name: Pedro

Gender: Male

Occupation: Farm Worker

Yearly Salary: 22,000

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Picture

#### Simulation Game Rules

- 1. You represent a person in the San Joaquin Valley
  - You start with 20 thousand dollars (average yearly income of a resident in the San Joaquin Valley)
  - b. You have some required expenses that you must pay (i.e. rent, groceries)
  - c. You have "Other Necessities" that you should have but are not needed to survive.
- 2. Then, you have to figure out a way to get clean water with the remainder of your money
  - a. Try different solutions
    - i. Pay for bottled water on top of your water utility bill
    - ii. Drill a new well (Chance it still won't turn up clean water)
    - iii. Chlorinate the water
    - iv. Install new piping
- 3. Additional challenges
  - a. Draw 1 Event Card to add an additional challenge in this person's life. This is representative of the hardships that these people face on a regular basis.

## Each option costs money

- Take away from the money you have to see how bad the situation has gotten