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The Ministry of Energy and Mines declared the national electrical system to be in an Emergency Situation on March 18. The declaration was made in response to reduced rainfall and low dam water levels. The low water levels could potentially impact hydroelectric systems.

"Low-carbon electricity" includes nuclear and renewable technologies. This interactive chart allows us to see the country"s progress on this. It shows the share of electricity that comes from low-carbon sources. We look at data on renewables and nuclear power separately in the sections which follow.

Oklahoma Electric Cooperative volunteers brought electricity to Barejones, Guatemala, for the first time! A life-changing mission of light and hope. #OEC #EnergyEmpowerment ... which took place in the region of Jalapa, about three hours from Guatemala City, consisted of 51 poles and approximately five miles of line. ... and enhanced safety for ...

Rural communities in Guatemala are rising up against unmanageable energy bills, more than two decades after the Central American country privatized its power grid.

History repeats itself. During the 1930s in the United States, farmers banded together to bring themselves the gift of electricity and form rural electric cooperatives. Today, electric cooperatives power more than 1.1 million Oklahomans and 42 million people nationwide.

In a tremendous display of giving back, 15 volunteers from Oklahoma's electric cooperatives recently returned from Guatemala - during National Cooperative Month - where they spent three weeks building powerlines, installing transformers and wiring homes to turn the lights on for the first time in the village of Barejones.

The locals live in extreme poverty conditions without running water, plumbing, and food refrigeration. The villagers depend on farming operations for economic sustainment; they produce corn, pepper, tomatoes, and green beans among other agricultural products. They also raise farm animals.

"Bringing electricity to remote areas in developing countries takes electric cooperatives back to their roots," says Chris Meyers, general manager of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. "It reinforces our commitment to improve the quality of life for local communities at home and abroad. Access to electricity will bring economic empowerment, better access to health care and education, and enhanced safety for these villagers. It"s a life-changing gift."

Additionally, communications support on the mission was provided by Lance Shaw (Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, Oklahoma City) and KorDale Lornes (Red River Valley REA, Marietta).



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Oklahoma"s electric cooperatives have established a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, The Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, to support this cause. The Energy Trails Foundation has sponsored seven projects since 2016. All contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Collectively, Oklahoma"s electric cooperatives have made possible nearly 1,000 first-time electric connections through the international electrification projects.

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