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Fellow District 5580 Rotarians,

It is that time of the year when Fargo-Moorhead Rotary Clubs and District partners (we've partnered with 24 D5580 Rotary Clubs over the past 6 years) organize International Humanitarian projects in rural Guatemalan communities. This marks our seventh year of projects and we are happy to announce that all previous projects have been completed and are fully operational. This year we have seven projects we will be funding and participate in building.



The projects are:

1. Repair of the roof of an existing elementary school building and reinforcement of the structure in the community of Las Flores, Seja/Livingston.
2. Construction of 3 classrooms for the students that pass from elementary to middle school in the community of Agua Caliente, El Estor/Izabal.
3. A water project to bring spring water to the village and construction of 2 water tanks in the village of El Boqueron, El Estor/Izabal.
4. Construction of 2 additional rooms at the Health Post of the community to be used as a clinic and small pharmacy in the community of Las Flores, Escuintla.
5. Construction of three additional classrooms to the existing elementary school in the community of Las Flores, Seja/Livingston.
6. Construction of a training center (second level) of the paramedic station (2008 project) in the community of San Juan La Laguna, Solola.
7. Installation of a solar energy system for the use of the school and the community at El Nacimiento, Seja/Livingston.



The total budget for these projects is \$66,000. We will raise \$33,000 and will apply for District approval for matching grants totaling \$33,000. Several Rotary clubs and individuals have requested to fund a complete project. We are pleased to announce that four of our seven projects have been funded completely in this manner.

Interest in participating in these projects continues to grow. This year we have four teams participating in construction of the projects and acting as ambassadors representing Rotary District 5580. Our website details all of the upcoming 2009 projects, including information on all of the previous projects, photos, travel dates, traveler application and information and much more. The link to the site is: [www.fmrotaryclubs.org](http://www.fmrotaryclubs.org), from the menu on the right side of the page, click on [Project Guatemala](#).

We are asking for support from your club to make these projects a reality. Your participation is greatly appreciated. 100% of your donation goes to construction materials and is matched with district grant funds. Contributions may be sent to: **FM AM Rotary, International Account, PO Box 1570, Fargo, ND 58107-1570.**



In Rotary Service,

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