

# Rotary District 5580 Grants Subcommittee World Community Service Final Report

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**A. Project**

District 5580 Project # 08.5.12 TRF-MG #: \_\_\_\_\_ CRCID-MG# \_\_\_\_\_

Location: Chixocol, Zacualpa and Seja at El Nacimiento Guatemala

Brief description/objectives: Provide Library books for these schools in Guatemala

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**C. Activities during the past 6 months [output]**

List of Activities	Who Did It [Name]	When?
Library books for Chixocol & Zacualpa	Royce & Diane Smith	Feb 2008
Library books for El Nacimiento at Seja	David Alvarez	Aug/Sept 2008

**D. What difficulties have been encountered?**

The only major obstacle was determining the needs of the individual community schools.

**E. What changes have occurred in the lives of the recipients [target population], as a result of this project [outcome]?**

The Wahpeton & Dickinson Rotary Clubs had worked with the Fargo Moorhead RCs in building schools in these communities over the past few years and our objective was to follow up by furnishing library books for the children. In this way we can check on the sustainability of the schools while providing the children with additional needed learning instruments.

**F. What new experience, skills, understanding, have been acquired by District 5580 Rotarians as a result of this project?**

Interaction with the local community members (i.e. the NGO known as APRODEZA) and the children, has given the service team members a better understanding of the culture and challenges faced by families in the rural Guatemalan community. Working along side locals and communicating by gestures and warm smiles has built a level of friendship and understanding between our two neighboring cultures.

**G. How has this project enhanced partnership and international fellowship among Rotarians?**

Our D5580 Rotary clubs have strengthened their relationship with the Vista Hermosa Rotary Club in Guatemala City, our partner on this project. D5580 Rotarians have developed a very close relationship with NGOs of these regions as well as the Vista Hermosa Rotary Club of Guatemala City.

**H. How have women participated in the management of this project?**

Women have played key roles in the planning and execution of this project. Both of our key contacts at the Vista Hermosa club are women. The local non-governmental organization in Zacualpa, referred to by the acronym APRODEZA, was coordinated by three women (Vilma Ortiz is the President of APRODEZA), among others, who were our primary contacts. Also, D5580 Rotarians had several volunteers who were women including a female member of NDSU's student chapter of Engineers without Borders.

**I. How has this project impacted the environment [physical, social, cultural]?**

The social and cultural environment experienced women working in non-traditional roles, with our women service team members working along side local men while constructing the school (prior to placement of the library books). An additional cultural exposure was having our service team adults interact and play with local children. In local custom, adults do not commonly “play” with children. The children were delighted by this attention and interaction.

**J. What lessons have been learned with the completion of this project?**

This project has furthered our experience working with the local APRODEZA ORGANIZATION and the Vista Hermosa club in partnership to serve a local village. Each village has a different political and social structure, and sensitivity to local politics is important to the project’s success and sustainability. We have found APRODEZA to be a competent and reliable partner in the Zacualpa and Chixocol region.

**K. Publicity**

*Attach any available photos, media reports, etc.*

**L. Financial Report**

*see Final Financial Report attached*

# Rotary District 5580 WCS Committee Final Project Report

## Final Financial Report

### Expenditures [itemize] [convert foreign currencies to US \$]

	Item(s)	Actual	Budget*
1)	Please see attached Invoices	\$2,496.95	\$2,500.00
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			
6)			
7)			
8)			
9)			
10)			
	<b>Totals:</b>	\$2,496.95	\$2,500.00

### Receipt of Funds [convert foreign currencies to US \$]

Funding Source	This Period	Actual	Budget*
District 5580 Rotary Club			\$1,250.00
District 5580 WCS			\$1,250.00
DDF [SHARE]			
Co-Sponsor Rotary Club		In kind	In kind
The Rotary Foundation [TRF]			
CRCID			
Other (specify): _____			
<b>Totals</b>		\$2,496.95	\$2,500.00
Surplus / (Deficit)		\$3.05	\$0.00

Foreign Exchange Rates Used: 7.3 Quetzal / U.S. Dollar

Unspent funds are deposited where?

Location: Alerus Financial, Fargo, ND Amount: \$3.05

\*See original application for Budget



Desiree' with the principle of Chixocol, Vilma & Eric



Vilma President of APRODEZA and other committee members



Stairs leading to second story of the 4-classroom school



You can see the Chixocol Community Center in background



New Chixocol School towers above the other Buildings



Picture taken before windows and doors were