

Project Guatemala

It began in 2003 with the four Fargo-Moorhead Rotary clubs raising \$10,000 to build a clinic in San Felipe, La Tabla, Guatemala. A team of eight traveled to Guatemala to participate in building the project.

Since then, we have funded and built several schools, clinics, and water projects. We have also provided school supplies and text books to several schools.

Rotary International's focus is clean potable drinking water and education. District 5580 takes it a step further and actually builds the school, then we return the following year to furnish kitchens, libraries, textbooks and latrines.

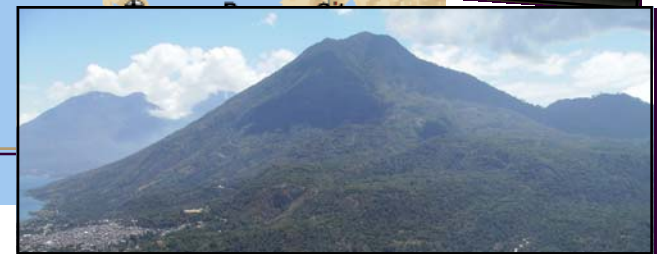
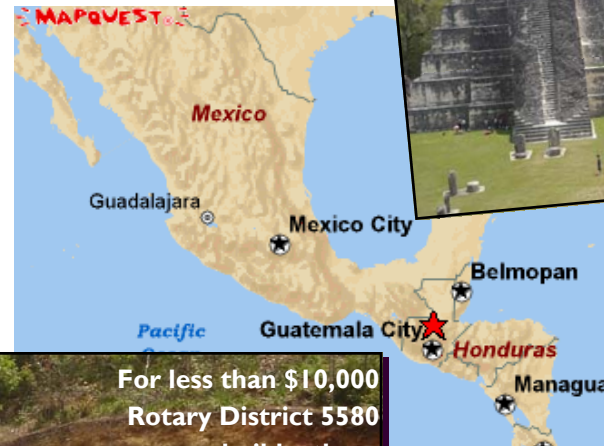
The process begins with an exploratory trip to Guatemala in August of each year to gather information regarding potential projects for the coming year.

Teams are organized and construction begins in January. Depending on the number of travelers interested in participating, one team per month travels to Guatemala during the months of January, February, March and April.

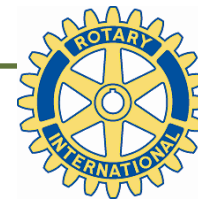
Teams are limited in size but are not limited to Rotarians. Team members spend one week working at the construction site. Many travelers take clothing, school supplies, toys and candy to be presented to the local school children and community. Team members are required to have several immunizations and a valid passport to travel to Guatemala. For more information log on to www.fmrotaryclubs.org and click on Project Guatemala.

Rest and Relaxation

Participating on a team is not all work. Teams traveling to Guatemala spend a couple of days relaxing and enjoying some of the natural beauty and ancient history that Guatemala has to offer.



For less than \$10,000 Rotary District 5580 can build a three room classroom (including a roof, windows and doors.)



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Building Futures

Project Guatemala is an international service project of the Fargo-Moorhead Rotary Clubs and the clubs of Rotary District 5580 reaching out and partnering with the Vista Hermosa Rotary Club of Guatemala City and the Rotary Clubs of Rotary District 4250.

Join Us

If you are interested in traveling to Guatemala to participate in a future project contact one of the following team leaders:

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For more information about current projects, travel dates and other traveler information

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Fundraising

Money is raised in several ways:

- **Donations from Rotary clubs**
- **Donations from individuals**
- **Selling Guatemalan coffee.** This is a very successful fundraiser. It is excellent coffee and a great way to promote the work we do in Guatemala. The coffee fundraiser is a **win, win, win** situation. The coffee farmers **win** by having a market for their coffee, we **win** by receiving great coffee and a Guatemalan community **wins** by receiving a new school. If you have an opportunity to support the project by purchasing coffee you will be receiving more than great coffee.



- **Matching grants from District 5580**

Rotary Foundation.

Grants are written to the District 5580 Rotary Foundation requesting 100% matching funds for the project.



Our mission is to build futures by building schools and medical facilities, supplying instructional materials and library books to schools, and providing corn meal grinding machines and potable water to villages. In doing this we build friendships and cultural exchange.



We invite you to join us.

See all of our projects and many photos at www.dickinsonrotary.org/guatemala.htm