

## ROTARY DISTRICT 5580

### WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE "INTERIM" REPORT

D5580 Project—12.2.14 SAN ANTONIO-TAXISCO

Rotary Club Name—FM-AM CLUB

Project Location—San Antonio, Taxisco, Santa Rosa, Guatemala

Brief Project Description and Objectives—Construct 3 new classrooms and 2 teachers offices in an underserved, remote area of Guatemala to serve 65 students in Grades K-6. Buildings will have corrugated/fiberglass roofing, electricity and water (via pielas) and dry composting, outdoor bathrooms.

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Activities—The team of 8 members: from the Fargo Club, FM-AM Club, Bismarck Noon Club, Roseville Rotary Club (Minnesota), honorary Rotarians Diane and Royce Smith from California, and a son of Fargo Rotarians was in Guatemala from January 30 to February 9. The work of the team, including workers from CCCG, Rotary Club Vista Hermosa from Guatemala City, and local villagers (and their children) moved the project ahead by 3-4 months.

There is an existing school about ½ mile up the road. It was running a double shift (AM/PM) of about 65 students in Grades 1-6. I am especially pleased to report that when the villagers in the surrounding area learned about the new school, the numbers of students wanting to attend both schools increased to over 100. To accommodate the increased numbers of younger students, the new school will be for Grades K-4 and the old school will add Grades 7, 8, and 9; so it will educate Grades 5-9. There was some discussion that sadly the new school may be under-built before it holds its first classes.

The work consisted of digging trenches for the foundation, pouring the foundation, leveling the site, back-filling low areas, hauling sand, gravel, and bags of concrete, mixing and hauling wet mortar/concrete, cutting rebar cages to size, and unloading, moving and laying concrete block.

All work is done by hand. There is no electricity on site and no motorized equipment of any type. If it can't be done by hand; it can't be done.

Included with this interim report are photos of construction progress. It is anticipated, depending on the impact of the rainy season, the project will be finished in the next 2-3 months.

As an example of the commitment of our sister club, Vista Hermosa; their 2011-2012 Project and International Committee Chair, Julio R. Grazioso, asked Keith Brokke and I if he may use funds given to the family as a memorial to his father (who passed away in 2011) to help finish the school. We agreed, and also gave him permission to include his father's name on the Rotary plaque dedicating the school. Personally, I see this as one of the finest examples of the bonds District 5580 creates through its WCS projects.



Day 1



Day 5



Mid-April



End of May