

February 2025 Newsletter

El Pital / Las Tablas Rotary Project (Global Grant # 2126724) Household water for two Communities in El Salvador

To all my favorite supporters of this project!

I was able to visit the project site just recently, in the company of the Rams Without Borders team from CSU (two faculty members and 6 students, and I can happy state that the project is **NOW MOVING FULL SPEED!!!**

The big news that goes along with that is 1) we had a project kickoff meeting with Japanese Embassy, who fully backs and supports the project, 2) The project is scheduled to complete around March, 2026, 3) The El Pital / Las Tablas community members are pulling out all stops.

The pictures show the students working at several locations, including 1) Working through the overall project schedule with the community and with the contractor, 2) Digging post holes for the fence that will enclose the well and 3) Building the foundation for the tank. All this work began during the last week of March!



The next picture shows a young lady of the community sharing her thoughts on the water project to the General Assembly, where she made a powerful and emotional case for the need for proper water and hygiene for the people of the community, and - most critically! - for the school in the community.



The work has continued thanks to the contractor GLINSA. As of April 20, the tank has been constructed, and the final touches are being added. The transmission line work began in earnest on April 20 as well.

Several follow-up trips are planned in May and November, along with March, 2026, which is the target project completion date. The wet season will come in force from May through October

A huge Rotary **Thanks** to Andrea Purdy and Bert Vermeulen of CSU, the students Gracie, Hannah, Ale, Emma, Hugh, and Kieren (students from CSU Rams Without Borders on this last trip), and Rotarian Oscar Peña who continues to drive the project in El Salvador. And, of course, another huge Rotary **Thank You** to all of **you** for your patience and continued interest in and support of this project.

Yours in Rotary Service,

~ Joe McCarthy, and the whole project team