



Ongoing construction of the water distribution tank in Ajtikonel, Santa María Chiquimula, Totonicapán, Guatemala.

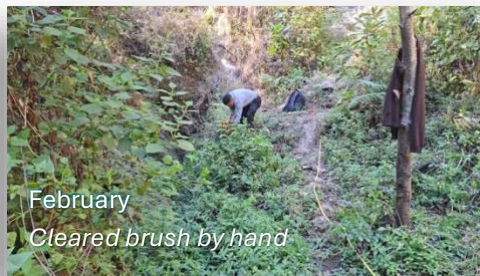
September 2026

Ajtikonel Water Project

In November 2025, the GPRW Board voted to fund a project in Ajtikonel, Santa María Chiquimula, Totonicapán, Guatemala to bring clean, flowing water to 124 families (360 people). Here are some updates throughout 2026 from our partner, [ASUVI](#).



January
Materials arrived



February
Cleared brush by hand



March
Prepared site for catchment boxes and suction tank.

The families moved all this stone by themselves.



May
Construction on the suction tank



September
Construction on the water distribution tank

Experience Guatemala!

March 11-22, 2027

GPRW has hosted a trip to Guatemala nearly every year since its founding in 2003. Our 2027 trip is organized by our Trip Coordinator, [Perry Nigh](#), a retired Spanish professor who has visited Mexico and Guatemala over 50 times. There's no tour company and no service component. The trip is about **reflection, supporting local, Indigenous businesses, and learning about the way of life in the communities** where we've built water projects, all during Holy Week.

The trip includes not only some of the most beautiful touristic spots found anywhere in the world, but also a look at some out-of-the-way places seldom seen by outsiders. We start in **Guatemala City**, the national capital, where we'll explore the central plaza, the market, and the Cathedral. On the shores of Lake Atitlán, we'll visit [Café Juan Ana](#) in San Lucas Tolimán. Founded in 1992 by Fr. Greg Schaffer, it was created because local farmers were earning very little for their crop.

We also visit [Iximché, a lesser-known Maya site](#) in the Guatemalan highlands. Unlike the famous jungle ruins, Iximché sits high in the pine-oak forests. It was the capital of the Kaqchikel Maya, and in 1524 it became the first Spanish capital of Guatemala. Today it is calm and quiet, but it is still an active spiritual site, and at the back of the ruins you may see local Maya priests performing fire ceremonies. The greenery around the ruins is gorgeous. It's as if "nature is gently holding history in its hands."

Other highlights include:

- **Making tortillas with Vilma**, a favorite moment for many travelers
- A reflective stay at the [Barbara Ford Peace Center](#)
- **Lake Atitlán**, one of the most beautiful places on earth
- **Antigua**, where we'll have breakfast at Valhalla Macadamia Farm and watch the Palm Sunday processions
- **The [largest Indigenous market in Central America](#)**, plus visits to see carpet making, a jade factory, and a few surprises.

Most important of all, we'll visit the communities that have benefited from GPRW's water and education projects.

\$1575/person - double \$1950/person - single Excluding airfare
Price includes 2 group meals per day

Contact Perry Nigh (trips@gprwaters.org / 414-391-6219) with any questions or to secure your spot!

Please indicate interest in the trip by October 15.

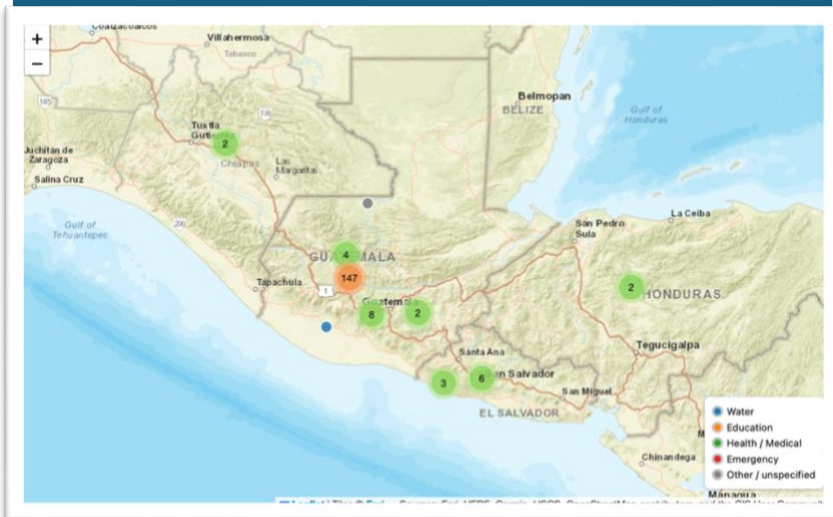


Thank you to POP Milwaukee and everyone that joined for our Bingo Night in September!



Check out GPRW's new mapping tool – which displays nearly 200 projects since our founding:

<https://globalpartnersrunningwaters.org/projects-2/>



How Can You Help?

Interested in serving on our Board or a committee?

Board members meet once a month, serve on a committee, and volunteer about five hours per month—helping us direct more of our funds to our mission. Committee members support a specific area of GPRW's work without attending board meetings. Current committees include Finance, Development, Communications, World Water Day, and Trips.

We are deeply grateful for all our board members and volunteers, past and present, who continue to be ambassadors for our work and champions for equitable water access and education worldwide.

Our mission is to build relationships through collaboration on water, food, health, and education projects in Latin America.

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