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RIPPLE EFFECT PROGRAM

REPORT TO DISTRICT 5550 WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DISTRICT 5550 INC.

This Quarterly Report will be an overview of the accomplishments of the Ripple Effect Program beginning
October 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018

2018/2019 School Projects Progress Report

School Number & Name	Description	Stage of Completion	Lead/Host Club
2.113.5 Los Tarayes	Construction of a security wall. District Grant approved December 15.	Construction to start in January 2019	RC of Kenora RC Huehuetenango
2.129 GG # 1875249 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene WASH in Schools.	20 school projects in 6 Departments benefitting 3,586 students. Budget \$273,500.	GG status-draft May 23. Need to finalize funding and submit Needs Assessment.	RC Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Nueva Guatemala
2.30.1 El Salvador Xolhuitz School	Refurbishing of washrooms and digging an artesian well. District Grant approved in May.	Construction is complete and final report has been submitted.	RC Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu
2.127.4 San Pedro Scholarships	Approximately 20 Scholarships for Middle and High School	2019 School year pending	RC Winnipeg RC Nordeste-candidate club
2.131 Sector Aguilar	Construction of a new kitchen	Construction to start in January 2019.	RC Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu
2.0.14 Santo Domingo Xenacoj Scholarship Program	28 Middle school and 15 High School Scholarships.	2019 school year. List and photos of 2019 recipients.	RC Moose Jaw Wakamow RC Vista Hermosa
2.125.5 Teachers Scholarship Project.	University Valle de Guatemala in Solola. 4 young women. Attend University every Saturday for 11 months/year.	2019 school year 2 nd year of degree program.	University Valle de Guatemala RC of Kenora
2.134 Nueva Esperanza kindergarten	Construction of two kindergarten classrooms and boys and girls' washrooms and training. Budget \$35,000 US	Developing project proposal.	RC of Kenora RC of Guatemala Norte
2.137 Casserio Los Pinos GG # 1862925 Simple schools	Three classrooms, boys and girls' washrooms and biodigester septic system. Budget \$61,000 US	Construction is progressing well. Walls are up and roof has been installed.	RC Meewasin -4 Saskatoon clubs plus and Watrous, RC of Bolton RC Los Amates
2.128 A Goal for Guate II GG # 1862270	20 school computer project, 320 computers plus 20 servers,	Approved October 19. Funds from D5550	RC Regina Eastview RC Guatemala Oeste

	teacher training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US	have been wire transferred to RC Oeste GG account. TRF funds to GG account coming soon.	
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New Projects for 2018/2019

School Number and name	Description	Status	Lead/Host Club
2.116.2 Sector Barrios	Construction of two classrooms	Opportunity for GG for Simple Schools in 2019/2020	RC Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu
2.129 Nuevo San Luis	Three classrooms, kitchen, Director's office & storage room	opportunity for GG for Simple Schools 2018/2019	RC Coatepeque RC Riverside Saskatoon
2.132 Copech school	Construction of three classrooms and refurbishing washrooms	Opportunity for GG for 2018/2019	RC Kenora RC Huehuetenango
2.133 Varones boys school	Construction of washrooms	Not funded	RC Prince Albert (pending) RC of Gualan
2.85 Corcho Sur	Construction of one classroom	Not funded	RC Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu
2.135 Los Trigalis	Construction of six classrooms and washrooms.	Pending funding	RC Quetzaltenango RC Quetzaltenango Altos RC in D5550 to be named.

Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund

The [Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund](#) is administered by Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow. The Project Manager is Marian Kettlewell of the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow. In September, Gord and Deb, and members of the RC of Vista Hermosa including Carol and Oswaldo visited the school. Testimonials from students, recent graduates and parents highlight the gratitude and importance of the scholarships and the opportunity for a better life. The cost for a middle school scholarship is \$160 Canadian and high school is \$650 Canadian at current exchange rates.

Cost is \$11,000 US per year or \$14,000 Canadian. **Funding is required for the 2019 school year.**

Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and friends are encouraged to support this great program!!

San Pedro Scholarship Program is managed by the RC of Winnipeg and funded by the St. Andrews United Church in Winnipeg. The church youth group fundraise for the scholarship recipients and travel to Guatemala every two years to meet the students and do volunteer

work to improve the school conditions. Cost is \$13,000 Canadian.



In October 2018, Deb and I and DGN Gailmarie Anderson and Mona Graham from the RC of Melfort visited the four women students at the University of Valle De Guatemala in Solola. A pleasant surprise was three of the four graduating students from the class of 2017 also came to see us and thank us again. The fourth female student is studying for her Masters and was not able to attend. Each student delivered a power point presentation on their student activities over the past year including classroom teaching experiences. All are doing very well with averages ranging from low 80's to high 80's. The University is working hard to provide classroom teaching opportunities for the students.

Cost is \$4,500 US or \$6,000 Canadian. Funding is required for the 2019 school year. Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and friends are encouraged to support this program.!!

The Rotary Clubs in Guatemala under the direct supervision of the past District Governor Julio Grazioso have had great success in raising funds to support the victims of the Volcano Fuego eruption in June 2018 from within the country and abroad. Construction efforts to build a new school in Escuintla region will start soon.

Public Relations/Social Media:



Ripple Effect Program facebook group – [Ripple Effect Program](#) now has 345 members.

Ripple Effect Twitter – “[RotaryRipple](#)” now has 997 followers.

The Ripple Effect website at www.rippleeffectprogram.org has been taken down for the most part. We are working on updating the information and expect to have an improved website back in place soon.

Canadian Ripple Effect Committees had 2 “Go to Meetings” and REP Strategic Plan meeting in December in the last 3 months.

D5550 Literacy chair, Anne Graham submitted an article October on Literacy in D5550 that also included the Ripple Effect Program. The article can be found in the Beyond Borders News letter for Zones 24 and 32.

The Committee members presented at 2 Rotary Club meetings in D5550 in the last quarter.

Some Interesting Events/Accomplishments

REP Strategic Plan Update:

The approved Strategic Plan for the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30th, 2018 needs to be updated.

The Committee is planning to produce a new plan no later than June 30, 2019.



The Ripple Effect Program is changing lives and creating hope for a brighter future through education!!

From the children of Guatemala: **“Thank you for making our Dream a Reality”**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gord LeMaistre, Deb LeMaistre Canadian Ripple Effect Committee Executive

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Visit to the University of Valle de Guatemala to see our past and present teachers' scholarship students