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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, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020

2020/2021 School Projects Progress Report

School Number & Name	Description	Stage of Completion	Lead/Host /Support Clubs
2.129 GG # 1875249 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene WASH in Schools.	23 school projects in 6 Departments benefiting more than 4,000 students. Budget \$317,750	Construction is completed at 8 schools and work in progress at 7 schools.	RC Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Nueva Guatemala Support Clubs: RC Estevan, RC Melfort, RC Moose Jaw, RC Weyburn D5550 -DDF 8- US Districts -DDF 9- US Clubs
2.85.2 El Corcho School	Refurbishing of existing washrooms, hand wash stations, and health & hygiene training	Construction is complete and grand opening was held in October	RC Retalhuleu RC of Regina Eastview D5550-District Grant
2.128 A Goal for Guate II GG # 1862270	20 school computer project, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US Benefiting 6,678 students plus 261 teachers.	Project monitoring continues, Final report is due on /or before March 2021.	RC Regina Eastview RC Guatemala Oeste Support: Government of Canada Funding. DDF-D5550 DDF-D4250 FUNSEPA Foundation
2.0.14 Santo Domingo Xenacoj Scholarships	28 Middle school and 15 High School Scholarships for the 2021 school year. RC of Vista Hermosa -5 High School students.	Club to club agreement is signed. RC of Vista Hermosa to provide a list of students and cost for 2021 school year	RC Moose Jaw Wakamow RC Vista Hermosa Support: Rotary Year 2020/2021 RC Moose Jaw Wakamow RC Portage La Prairie RC Assiniboia RC of Kenora RC of Regina Eastview RC Saskatoon North plus many Rotarians
2.125.6 Teachers Scholarship Project.	University Valle de Guatemala in Sololá. 3 young women and one young man are registering for 1 st year in 2021. Attend University every Saturday for 11 months/year.	Four young women will graduate in 2020. Four new students were selected for 2021 school year. 3 women and one man	University del Valle de Guate. RC of Kenora Support: D & N Morris, E. E. Thompson Foundation RC Winnipeg Assiniboine, Ashley Nordlund. Kim Mowrey
2.137 Casserio Los Pinos School GG # 1862925 Simple schools	Three classrooms, furniture, boys and girls' washrooms and biodigester septic system. Budget \$61,000 US	Classroom furniture has been purchased and will be delivered prior to school opening in February 2021. Final/next report is due on/or before January 31, 2021.	RC Los Amates RC Saskatoon Meewasin Support: RC Saskatoon Meewasin RC Saskatoon Riverside RC Saskatoon North, RC Watrous, RC Bolton RC Los Amates D5550 D4250

2.141.1 Hernaldo Beltran Jr. School Phase 1.3	Remodelling of a 2nd existing building to provide 1 classroom, a multi-purpose room with stage and wheel chair ramp between classrooms.	Construction is complete and grand opening was held in October.	RC Gualan RC Prince Albert Support: RC Moose Jaw Wakamow, RC Estevan, RC Melfort, RC Moose Jaw, RC Weyburn RC of Gimli, RC of Kenora, RC of Dryden
2.141.2 Hernaldo Beltran Jr. School Phase 2	Refurbishing the existing kitchen & replacing the roof with rotten wooden beams and many holes	Construction is scheduled to start in January. Delayed due to two hurricanes that caused flooding and landslides in the area.	RC of Gualan RC of Kenora D5550-District Grant

New Projects for 2020/2021

School Number & Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host Club
2.143 Carlos A. Valaquez Kindergarten	Construction of a rear emergency/fire exit at a kindergarten school with 300 children onto a dead-end lane and a security fence at front entrance to protect children from busy street	Construction started in December.	RC of Kenora RC of Quetzaltenango Support: D5550 -WCS grant
2.116.2 Sector Barrios GG #2098184 for Simple School	Construction of three classrooms Cost is \$45,187	GG #2098184 for Simple Schools approved October 29. 1 st payment approved \$32,000(70%) Construction is expected to start in January 2021.	RC Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support: RC Regina Eastview District 5550-DDF RC Retalhuleu District 4250-DDF
2.129 Nuevo San Luis GG # 2096181 for Simple Schools	two classroom and washrooms Cost is \$44,132 US	GG #2096181 for Simple Schools approved October 22. Expect to start construction in January 2021.	RC Coatepeque-Colomba RC Saskatoon Riverside Support: RC Saskatoon Riverside RC Saskatoon Meewasin, RC Saskatoon Nutana, RC Saskatoon North, RC Coatepeque -Colomba D5550 DDF
2.GG #2014080, Grace English School	(GES) Enrichment, Infrastructure Completion;	Status: Submitted June 15	RC Vista Hermosa RC in US Support: D5550
2.132 Colpech school GG # 2098204 for Simple Schools	Construction of two classrooms, Principal's office, library, and washrooms. Cost is \$48,198 US	GG # 2098204 for Simple approved December14. Expect to start construction in January 2021.	RC Kenora RC Huehuetenango Support: RC Kenora, RC Dryden, RC Gimli RC Huehuetenango District 5550-DDF
2.144 A Goal for Guate III	20 school computer project, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US	Proposal received from RC of Oeste	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste RC Healdsburg
2.138 Roberto Molina School	Construction of three classrooms Cost \$43,000 U.S.	High priority for funding. Plan is to start construction pending funding	RC Quetzaltenango RC Kenora

2.136 Xecoxol	Renovation of bathroom and kitchen.	Not funded Request for budget is still outstanding.	RC Nordeste RC in D5550 to be named
2.141.3 Hernaldo Beltran Jr. School Phase 3	Construction of new washrooms and refurbishing existing washrooms and septic system. Health and hygiene training. Estimated cost is \$57,000 US	GG is in the process of being written. Fundraising is nearing completion.	RC Gualan RC Burlington Lakeshore
2.142 Barrios El Ponzon	Construction of three classrooms and boys and girls' washrooms	Not funded	RC of Los Amates RC of ?

The Hernaldo Beltran Jr. School- Phase 1.3

The Lead International Club is the RC of Prince Albert along with 8 support clubs. Host club is the RC of Gualan- Phase 1.3 is the refurbishing of an existing building with no walls and a sand floor to provide a large multi-purpose room with a concrete floor, stage and refurbished roof and one new classroom with walls and classroom furniture. The school is wheel chair accessible between the two buildings and access to the stage with ramps. This phase was completed in October and the inauguration occurred in November. The school enrolment is over 630 students and prior to the construction of six new classrooms only 10 classrooms served all the students. The students and teachers are looking forward to using their new classrooms in 2021!!



Phase 1.3 the refurbishing of an existing building to provide one classroom and a large multi purpose room with a stage completed in October. Including Phase 1.1 and 1.2, a total of six new classrooms were built. This will reduce the number of students in each class and improve the quality of education with the addition of six new qualified teachers in 2021.

El Corcho School Washrooms

The lead International club is the RC of Regina Eastview and the host club is the RC of Retalhuleu. The project include the refurbishing of existing washrooms, building new washrooms, wash stations with a mirror and health and hygiene training for the students . A District WCS Grant help fund this project along with funding from the RC of Regina Eastview, RC of Retalhuleu, and the community and parents. This great school project was completed in November and will improve health, hygiene and sanitation for the students and teachers.



Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund

2019 Photo



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. School started January 15, 2020 at the Santo Domingo Xenacoj Middle and High School and was suspended March 16 due the Covid-19 pandemic. The students continued to study from home with the lessons being delivered and picked up each week. All students will pass to the next grade and those in the last year of high school will graduate.

The cost for a middle school scholarship is \$160 Canadian and high school is \$650 Canadian at current exchange rates. Total cost for 28 Middle School and 15 High school scholarships is \$11,000 US per year or \$14,500 Canadian. **Fundraising is ongoing for REP Scholarship recipients for the 2022 school year.**

Rotary Clubs, Rotarian's and friends are encouraged to support this great program!



Teacher's Scholarship project awarded scholarships to four young ladies for the 2020 school year. School started January 15, 2020 at the University del Valle de Guatemala in Sololá and was suspended in March due to Covid -19 pandemic. The students continued to study "on line" and overcame the challenges and difficulties to maintain excellent marks. The four young ladies will graduate with a degree in Education in 2020.

A "Zoom" meeting was held in December with the University of Valle del Guatemala in Sololá to meet our graduating students as well as the four new students, three women and one man for the 2021 school year. Two of the students' education degrees have a minor in English, which is a four-year program.

Total cost for 4 Teacher scholarships is \$4,500 US or \$6,000 Canadian. **Funding is required for the 2nd semester tuition for the 2021 school Year.**

Rotary Clubs, Rotarian's and friends of Rotary are encouraged to support this program!

Public Relations/Social Media:

Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – [Ripple Effect Program](#) has 412 members.

Ripple Effect Twitter – "[RotaryRipple](#)" has 1,090 followers.

Canadian Ripple Effect Committee had two Zoom meetings in the 2nd quarter, five presentations to Rotary clubs in D5550 and three Zoom meetings with clubs in Guatemala.

Covid-19 Pandemic -Update in Guatemala

The number of confirmed cases now exceeds 135,000 and the number of deaths is 4,773. The number of Covid -19 cases continue to rise across the country, similar to other countries in the world

The back-to-back hurricanes have compounded the problems with many coffee plantations destroyed and corn and bean crops were wiped out by mudslides in the eastern region of the country. Even before the hurricanes hit 20 % of the population was already suffering from high levels of acute food insecurity as food shortages put the lives of children and families in immediate danger. The Rotary Clubs and Rotarians in Guatemala continue to work hard to provide food, water and shelter to the affect families.

School in Guatemala is expected to open February 2021.



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 & Deb LeMaistre
Canadian Ripple Effect Committee Executive