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RIPPLE EFFECT PROGRAM

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

This Quarterly Report is an overview of the accomplishments of the Ripple Effect Program
 beginning April 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021

In the 2020/2021 Rotary Year, the REP invested over \$204,000 Canadian in education in Guatemala directly benefiting over 6,747 students and teachers.

Breaking News!!

Ripple Effect Program and D4250 sign a new letter of commitment with the Minister of Education in July 2021 for the period February 19,2021 to December 31,2024. The agreement states the Ministry of Education will provide qualified teachers for the classrooms built by the Ripple Effect program. The REP and D4250 has collaborated and worked closely with the Ministry of Education since 2012 by meeting annually in September to discuss past and future years constructions projects and look at opportunities to further enhance the education of Guatemalan children.

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 23 schools Interim Report has been submitted and approved by R.I. Training is behind schedule due to schools being closed. Training to be completed in 2022 school year.	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
2.116.2 Sector Barrios GG #2098184 for Simple School	Construction of three classrooms Cost is \$45,187	Construction is complete. 3 rd Party inspection is complete, preparing for cadre inspection and online contingency report submission for the GG.	RC Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support: RC Regina Eastview District 5550-DDF RC Retalhuleu District 4250-DDF
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 7,000 students plus 261 teachers.	Project monitoring continues, Interim report submitted and accepted March 11, 2021. Project monitoring and evaluation will continue for 12 months. Next report due March 11, 2022 or two months after the project is complete.	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.	classes are in person a few days a week as well as picking up lessons at the school and submitting a few days later.	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 10 months/year.	School year started in February with classes on line. Zoom meeting in June to introduce the students and staff to project Managers Warren and John	University del Valle de Guate. RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine Support: RC Winnipeg Assiniboine, D & N Morris, E. E. Thompson Foundation Ashley Nordlund. Kim Mowrey
2.137 Casserio Los Pinos GG # 1862925 Simple schools	Three classrooms, furniture, boys and girls' washrooms and biodigester septic system. Budget \$61,000 US	Interim report has not been submitted. Due date January 31, 2021. Collin is following up with RC of Saskatoon Meewasin and D4250 Grant committee chair.	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
2.129 Nuevo San Luis GG # 2096181 for Simple Schools	two classroom and washrooms Cost is \$44,132 US	Construction is complete. Training is ongoing. 3rd Party inspection is complete, preparing for cadre inspection and online contingency report submission for the GG.	RC Coatepeque-Colomba RC Saskatoon Riverside Support: RC Saskatoon RC Saskatoon Meewasin, RC Saskatoon Nutana, RC Saskatoon North, RC Brandon D5550 DDF
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 complete. District Grant final report has been submitted and approved. DG is now closed.	RC of Gualan RC of Kenora D5550-WCS Grant
2.132 Colpech school GG # 2098204 for Simple Schools	Construction of two classrooms, Principal's office, library, and washrooms. Cost is \$48,198 US	Construction progressing well. Roof is almost complete. 2 nd contingency payment is required. Need to complete 3 rd Party inspection, online GG report and arrange for virtual cadre inspection.	RC Kenora RC Huehuetenango Support: RC Dryden, RC Gimli D5550-DDF
2.143 Carlos A. Valesquez Kindergarten	Construction of a rear emergency/fire exit at a kindergarten school with 300 children to dead-end lane.	Construction is complete and under budget. Surplus funds used to purchase six octagon multi coloured tables and 36 chairs.	RC of Kenora RC of Quetzaltenango Support: D5550 -WCS grant
2.138 Dr.Roberto Molina School	Construction of two classrooms, and furniture Cost estimate is \$21,500 US	Construction is complete and the classroom is equipped with furniture. Grand opening held June 30.	RC Quetzaltenago RC South Eastman Support Clubs: RC of Kenora RC Prince Albert

New Projects for the Rotary Year 2021/2022

School Number & Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host Club
2.138.1Dr. Roberto Molina School	construction of one classroom Cost estimate is \$13,000 US	fundraising in progress	RC Quetzaltenago RC Eastman Support Clubs: RC of Kenora RC Prince Albert RC of Brandon
2.146 El Boqueron	Construction of three classrooms Cost Estimate \$14,500	Construction started July 4 th . Club to Club Agreement is signed and funds have been wire transferred	RC Vista Hermosa RC Moose Jaw Wakamow Support Club RC Estevan, RC Melfort, RC Moose Jaw, RC Weyburn
2.142 Barrios El Ponzon	Construction of three classrooms and boys and girls' washrooms	Not funded	RC of Los Amates RC to be determined
Balanya English school GG #2120220	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> virtual education and teacher enhancement in Santa Cruz. Budget \$49,750 US 	Status: Approved May 28. not REP but related.	RC Vista Hermosa-C. Rosales RC Westport-Rick Benson Support Clubs: 10 clubs D5550, D4250 D7980
2.144 A Goal for Guate III GG # 2126029	20 school computer project, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US	Not funded.GG is partially completed on line.	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste Support Clubs RC Healdsburg
2.136 Xecoxol	Renovation of bathroom and kitchen.	Not funded Request for budget is still outstanding.	RC Nordeste RC to be determined
2.141.3 GG #2120729 Hernaldo Beltran Jr. School Phase 3	Construction of new washrooms, wash stations and refurbishing existing washrooms and septic system. Health and hygiene training for over 700 students. Estimated cost is \$79,800 US	GG submitted on July 23.	RC Gualan RC Burlington Lakeshore Support Clubs: RC of Kenora D7080 Clubs D4250-DDF D7080-DDF D5550 Anonymous Fund Guatemala Carlos F. Novella Foundation
2.145 Tres Pinos	Waiting for project information from Rotary club	Not funded	RC of Puerto Barrios RC to be determined

The Ripple Effect Program has been very busy and active in spite of the Covid 19 pandemic. The 2020/2021 Rotary Year was one of our busiest years ever. Two Global Grant for Simple school construction projects are complete except for training and the other Global Grant for Simple Schools has the roof and concrete floor complete for a total of seven classrooms, washrooms and classroom furniture. WASH in Schools Global Grant for 23 schools is progressing well with construction complete and training scheduled to start when school re-opens. Also, construction of an emergency/fire exit for a kindergarten, refurbishing a school kitchen, building a washroom and wash station at El Corcho and the construction of two new classrooms with furniture at the Dr. Roberto Molina school. In addition to this we have our two Scholarship Programs running and ongoing monitoring and evaluation of one other Global Grant.

San Luis School Global Grant- construction of two classrooms and washrooms. Health and Hygiene Training.

Host Club: RC Coatepeque – Colomba Lead Club: RC Saskatoon Riverside



two room wooden shack



inside two classrooms



inauguration of school June 2021

Sector Barrios School Global Grant- construction of three classrooms.

Host Club: RC Retalhuleu Lead Club: RC Regina Eastview



Old classrooms



three new classrooms



Outside corridor



inside classroom

Colpech School Global Grant -construction of two classrooms, library and washrooms and retaining wall and Health & Hygiene Training.

Host Club: RC Huehuetenango Lead Club: RC Kenora



before



outside classroom



inside classroom

Hernaldo Beltran Jr. School - Refurbished Kitchen:

Host Club: RC of Gualan Lead Club: RC of Kenora



outside of kitchen



inside kitchen

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 February 22, 2021 at the Santo Domingo Xenacoj Middle and High School. How school classes will be delivered depend upon COVID and the "stoplight" which indicates the level of infection in the Municipality.

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

The Canadian Ripple Effect Committee is please to announce the Teachers Scholarship Program is now administered by the RC of Winnipeg-Assiniboine. The co-project Managers are John Saunders and Warren Thompson who participated in a "zoom meeting" in June to meet the four students and staff at the University. The Scholarships were awarded to three young ladies and one young man for the 2021 school year. Two of the students have a minor in English, extending the time to earn a degree to four years. School started February 22, 2021 at the University del Valle de Guatemala in Sololá. The students continue to study "on line" with the hope of in person classes later in the fall.

Total cost for 4 Teacher scholarships is \$4,500 US or \$6,000 Canadian. **Fundraising is ongoing for the Teacher Scholarship recipients 2021 school Year.**

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



Public Relations/Social Media:

Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – [Ripple Effect Program](#) has 441 members.

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

Canadian Ripple Effect Committee had two zoom meetings in the 4th quarter and a total of eight meetings in 2020/2021. The committee also met with the Guatemalan Ripple Effect Committee three times.

Committee members made three presentations to clubs in the last quarter and a total of 13 for the year.

Committee members also had zoom meetings four times with clubs in Guatemala.

Zoom meetings are a new way for Rotary Clubs in D5550 and D4250 Guatemala to connect and get to know one another and build friendships. These “zoom” meetings help to build goodwill, peace and understanding between our countries.

- Canadian Ripple Effect Committee and Guatemalan Ripple Effect Committee will continue to meet quarterly in the 2021/2022 Year. Our next meeting is September 15.
- RC of Norte and RC of Retalhuleu from Guatemala made zoom presentations, one to the RC of Neepawa and the other to RC of Regina Eastview respectively.

Fundraising opportunity

12 Annual Rotary Motorcycle Ride- Saturday August 21,2021.

This year’s ride will be **The Floyd Manz Memorial Ride** in honour of **Floyd Manz** who passed away as the result a motorcycle accident on June 18, 2021. Floyd was a member of the Rotary Club of Regina and rode in our Ripple Effect Ride for 6 years, beginning in 2015. During that time, he raised \$14,384.

The RC of Regina Eastview is the lead club, please contact Peter Neufeldt or Doug Mortin for more information on how to participate and sponsor the riders. Proceeds to the D5550 Ripple Effect program. The children of Guatemala, thank you for your support.

Covid-19 Level 3 -High -Update in Guatemala

The number of confirmed cases now exceeds 344,000, recovered is 300,000 and the number of deaths is 10,029. The government declared “a state of prevention” on July 13 after a dramatic spike in the number of cases recorded, 3,000 new infections, its highest number of infections in a single day.

Vaccination update: 5.1 % of the population has received one dose. The US delivered 3.0 million doses of vaccine on July 20 bringing the total to 4.5 million. This is very good news!

How school classes are delivered depends upon COVID and the "stoplight" which indicates the level of infection per municipality and regions. There are three models: virtual, "hybrid" or blended and actual attendance in the classrooms. The Ministry has published health protocols for the return to classes and there have been three Ministry legal guidelines for this blended learning environment.



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