

R. I. District 5550  
**Rotary**  
Ripple Effect Program



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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

For the period

January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022

**2021/2022 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.	24 school projects in 6 Departments benefiting more than 4,000 students. Budget \$317,750	Construction is completed at 24 schools. Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment of \$90,952 US 24/06/2022 <b>Next report due:24/06/22</b> Training for students, teachers and parents to start March 22 to Sept.22 in Health, Hygiene and nutrition.	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 Budget and plans for a new kitchen have been approved by TRF in Oct. to utilize the surplus funds.	Construction of three classrooms is complete. <b>Next report due:13/03/23</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment of \$14,000 US to be used to build a new kitchen. Construction of new kitchen is complete.	RC Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu <b>Support:</b> 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 11/03/23. Project monitoring and evaluation continues. <b>Next report due 13/03/23</b>	RC Regina Eastview RC Guatemala Oeste 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 are provided by the REP for the 2022 school year. RC of Vista Hermosa the host club also provides an additional 5 Scholarships for High School students.	2022 school year opened in February for in class learning. The lead clubs are in the process of signing the Club-to-Club Agreement. RC of Vista Hermosa to provide list of Middle and High school students for 2022 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 2nd year in 2022. Attend classes every Saturday for 10 months/year.	1 <sup>st</sup> semester funds for four student's wire transferred to the University of Valle del Guatemala in Solola Classes resume in February.	University del Valle de Guate. RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine Support: RC Winnipeg Assiniboine, D & N Morris, E. Thompson Foundation Ashley Nordlund. Kim Mowrey
2.137 Casserio Los Pinos GG # 1862925 Simple schools	Three classrooms, furniture, boy's and girls' washrooms and biodigester septic system. Budget \$61,000 US	Overdue report submitted October 15, 2021. <b>Listed as overdue 30/01/2021 as at 4/02/2022</b>	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 Budget and plans submitted and approved by TRF for a build a kitchen and utilize the surplus funds.	Construction of two classrooms and washrooms is complete. Interim Report: Approved Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment of \$14,004 US on 11/03/22 to build the kitchen	RC Coatepeque-Colomba RC Saskatoon Riverside <b>Support:</b> RC Saskatoon RC Saskatoon Meewasin, RC Saskatoon Nutana, RC Saskatoon North, RC Brandon D5550 DDF
2.146 El Boqueron	Construction of three classrooms Cost Estimate \$14,500 Municipality and community are providing the skilled and unskilled labour.	Construction of three classrooms is complete as well as the refurbishing of washrooms and wash stations by the community with the help of a funding from a local mining company Action Item: request for funds to purchase the furniture for three classrooms.	RC Vista Hermosa RC Moose Jaw Wakamow Support Club RC Estevan, RC Melfort, RC Moose Jaw, RC Weyburn
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 is complete. Grand Opening held on February 11. <b>Next Report is due 23/09/22.</b>	RC Kenora RC Huehuetenango <b>Support:</b> RC Dryden, RC Gimli D5550-DDF

## 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	Budget and funding partners are being finalized. Next step is to sign the Club to club Agreement.	RC Quetzaltenago RC South Eastman Support Clubs: RC of Kenora RC Prince Albert
2.147 Official Urban Mixed School Otto Rene Castillo	Construction of two classrooms on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> level. Cost is \$30,600 US	Fundraising in progress	RC of Gualan RC of be determined
2.142 Barrios El Ponzon	Construction of three classrooms and boy's and girls' washrooms	Not funded	RC of Los Amates RC to be determined
Balanya English School GG #2120220	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	Draft created April 15, 2021. Next step is to submit the Global Grant. Fully funded.	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste Support Clubs RC Cloverdale D4250-DDF D5550-DDF Anonymous fund of Guatemala
2.136 Xecoxol	Renovation of bathroom and kitchen.	Romeo, the construction Manager recently visited the school (November) and is preparing the plans & project budget	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 \$76,939 US	1 <sup>st</sup> payment of funds received 14/02/22 Construction on the footings and walls of the washrooms as well as the septic system and well.	RC Gualan RC Burlington Lakeshore Support Clubs: RC of Kenora D7080 clubs D4250-DDF D7080-DDF D5550-DDF 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



**Sector Barrios School** - construction of three classrooms and new kitchen is complete

GG #2098184

Host Partner Club: Rotary Club of Retalhuleu

International Partner Club: Rotary Club of Regina Eastview



old classrooms



New Kitchen, three new classrooms

**El Boqueron School** - construction of three classrooms is complete

Host Club: RC of Vista Hermosa

Lead Club: RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow



Children at grand opening with Rotarian Julio Grazioso



students in line for lunch





**Colpech School** -construction of two classrooms, library and washrooms and retaining wall is complete. Health & Hygiene Training for students, teachers and Parent Committee is complete.

**GG # 2098204**

Host Partner: Rotary Club of Huehuetenango International Partner: Rotary Club of Kenora

Preparing for Grand Opening



view of new classrooms and library



mothers preparing the lunch in the kitchen



Grand opening ceremony and speeches -Principal



student thanking the Rotary Club for the new classrooms



### 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 opened in February, 2022 at the Santo Domingo Xenacoj Middle and High School.

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 2023 school year.** Rotary Clubs, Rotarian's and friends are encouraged to support this great program!

### **Teacher's Scholarship Project**

The Ripple Effect Teachers Scholarship Program is administered by the RC of Winnipeg-Assiniboine. The co-project Managers are John Saunders and Warren Thompson. The 1<sup>st</sup> semester tuition has been paid and classes for the four students started in February 2022.

Total cost for 4 Teacher scholarships is \$4,500 US or \$6,000 Canadian.

**Fundraising is ongoing for the Teacher Scholarship recipients for the 2023 School Year.**

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



Four students begin 2<sup>nd</sup> year in 2022



## Public Relations/Social Media

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

Canadian Ripple Effect Committee had two zoom meetings in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the Rotary Year and will have a joint CREC/GREC meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>

Since Covid-19, Zoom meetings are a new way for Rotary Clubs in D5550 and D4250 in Guatemala to connect, get to know one another, discuss projects 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 Rotary Year. Our next meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup>

- Rotarian Ron Nordstrom of the RC of Neepawa made a presentation to the RC of Dryden on his Vocational Training Team (VTT) experience to Guatemala in 2017.
- Rotarian Warren Thompson made a presentation to his club the RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine on January 27 to provide an update on the REP Teachers Scholarship Program at the University of Valle Del Guatemala in Sololá.
- PDG Peter Neufeldt made a presentation to the RC of Nipawin on Peace and Conflict Resolution and how the REP works in communities in Guatemala to build peace.
- RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow and RC of Vista Hermosa Guatemala met to recap the EL Boquerón school project.
- RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow and RC of Nueva Guatemala Global Grant project teams met for their monthly meetings in to review the progress of the GG and upcoming training for teachers and Parent committees over the next 6 months.
- PDG Peter Neufeldt and PDG Doug Mortin were interviewed by Rotarian Peter Tonge and Rotarian Mandy Kwasnica on the RC of Charleswood program “Talking Rotary”. The interview highlighted the Rotary Riders Charity Ride for the Ripple Effect Program for the past 12 years as well as highlights of the Ripple Effect Program
- Rotary Clubs in D5550 who would like to set-up a zoom meeting with a Guatemalan club in D4250. Please let me know, as this can be easily arranged.

### **Covid-19 Level 3 -High -Update in Guatemala as on March 22, 2022.**

The number of confirmed cases now exceeds 818,454, the number of deaths is 17,253 and the number of new cases per day is 1,801. 65% of the deaths have been men and 35% women. The virus is active in an estimated 16,100 cases. 4.1 million tests have been carried out with a test positivity rate of 19.8%. Travel is not recommended to the country.

**Vaccination Update:** 15.6 million doses have been injected in a country of approximately 18 million people. Only 5.9 million people or **30% of the population** have two doses against the coronavirus in Guatemala and 2.2 million of them have received a booster or third dose. The country still has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the Americas

Public schools re-opened to in-class learning for children in Feb. 2022. One of the goals of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education was to vaccinate all the children and teachers before school re-opened.

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 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