

R. I. District 5550
Rotary
Ripple Effect Program



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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 October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

2022/2023 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. WASH training is not complete in one school in Solola. Waiting for permission from M of E. Next report is past due 24/06/2022	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
2.128 A Goal for Guate II GG # 1862270	20 school computer projects, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher training and tech support Budget \$99,000 US Benefiting 7,000 students & 261 teachers.	Project monitoring continues. Interim report submitted and accepted 11/03/22. Project monitoring and evaluation continues. Next report due 13/03/23	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.	Deb and Gord met with the Scholarship students, Director and parents in November. Heartfelt presentations from students, parents and alumni, thanking us for REP support. One of the alumni graduated from university and is now a teacher.	RC Moose Jaw Wakamow RC Vista Hermosa Support: Rotary Year 2021/2022 RC Dryden RC of Neepawa RC Assiniboia RC of Kenora RC 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	Deb and Gord met the 2 nd year students for the 1 st time in November. We were very impressed by their self-confidence and good speaking skills during their presentations.	University del Valle de Guatemala. 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	Status: next report due 19/07/23. GG is now in compliance Met with Brenda, Marvin and Laura (President) at the RC of Gualan family Rotary meeting. The school is operating well and is being maintained.	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 GG was amended to include the construction of a kitchen with the surplus funds.	Gord and members of the Rotary club visited the school in November. The school has electricity and the Internet powered by solar panels. In 2023, the school will have kindergarten. Construction is complete. Status: next report due: 2023/03/08	RC Coatepeque-Colomba RC Saskatoon Riverside Support: RC Saskatoon RC Saskatoon Meewasin, RC Saskatoon Nutana, RC Saskatoon North, RC Brandon D5550 DDF

New Projects for the Rotary Year 2022/2023 and 2023/2024

School Number & Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host Club
2.147 Official Urban Mixed School Otto Rene Castillo	Construction of two classrooms on the 2 nd level. Cost estimate is \$30,600 US	Deb and I visited this school and met the principal. 2 nd level construction is still under review.	RC of Gualan RC of be determined
Las Carretas School	Drill a well and provide a water purification system and 2 level building for equipment. Cost Estimate is \$14,000 US.	Funding required Planning stage.	RC of Gualan RC to be determined
Sumaria School	Repair the damaged and leaking roof. Cost estimate is 2,700 US	Funding required. Need to take action in January 2023.	RC of Gualan RC to be determined
Dona Maria	Replace/ reinforce the retaining wall that is going to collapse into a classroom.	Funding required. Concern for children safety and damage to the classroom wall. Needs immediate action.	RC of Gualan RC to be determined.
Colonial El Maestro	Construction of 3 new classrooms, two on 2 nd level of existing classes.	Funding required. Cost estimate required.	RC of Quetzaltenango RC of South Eastman to consider.
San Isidro Robles	Construction of perimeter wall behind the school on the edge of a cliff.	Funding required. Cost Estimate required. Safety hazard for kids. Needs action soon.	RC of Coatepeque-Columba RC of Saskatoon Riverside is a possibility.
WASH in Schools Global Grant for 7 schools	WASH in 7 schools project involving 1,400 students. Cost estimate is \$114,000.00 (USD).	Deb and I visited 3 of the proposed schools and recognized a huge need. Need to finalize funding requirements and submit the GG soon.	RC of Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu
2.132.1 Colpech School WCSF Grant	To upgrade electrical and provide classroom security and furniture for the computer classroom. Estimate Cost estimated is \$3,000 US.	Deb and I visited the school. School is looking great. Finalize budget and sign Club to Club agreement soon.	RC of Kenoa RC of Huehuetenango D5550 WCSF
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	Met with FUNSEPA and members of RC of Oeste to discuss GG. Submitted for authorization Nov 16, then back to draft for some updates Dec 8 .	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste Support Clubs RC Cloverdale D4250-DDF D5550-DDF Anonymous fund of Guatemala
2.136 Xecoxol School	Construction of new washrooms for kindergarten and primary children and teachers. Cost estimate is \$25,000 - \$30,000 US	Met with members of club to review and revise construction costs. Existing washrooms have been refurbished by community and muni.	RC Nordeste RC to be determined
2.145 Casserio Jolon-Zaj	Construction of three to four classrooms	Planning stage with new project team.	RC of Huehuetenango RC of Kenora

GG # 2098204 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.

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



Grand Opening of the Colpech School

Hernaldo Beltran Jr School - WASH in Schools Global Grant-90 % complete.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Gualan

International Partner: RC Burlington Lakeshore



Meeting at school with Rotarians and teachers

Proposed WASH in Schools Global Grant for 7 schools-directly benefitting over 1,400 students.
Cost Estimate is \$114,000 US. Funding required.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Retalhuleu

International Partner: RC of Regina Eastview

Sector Aguilar School - 253 students & 16 teachers

Only 3 working toilets

Need new septic system, wash stations, &

Clean drinking water.

Pajales School - 500 students & 20 teachers

Only 6 working toilets.

Need 6 – 8 more



Cabanas Sector Lopez School - 122 students and 7 teachers

Only 3 working toilets, one for boys, one for girls and one for teachers



Ripple Effect Scholarship Program

2022 Graduation 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 will open in February 2023 at the Santo Domingo Xenacoj Middle and High School. New for 2023, RC of Vista Hermosa announced at our visit that in 2023 one of the graduating Scholarship students will be awarded a three - year scholarship to attend San Carlos University in Guatemala City. This Scholarship will be funded by the RC of Vista Hermosa.

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!



November 6 meeting at school with students, principal, Rotarians, Gord and Deb

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.

Status: Gord and Deb were very happy to meet the four students in person for the first time. In November, a hybrid zoom meeting was held with the four students, Juan Carlos Villatoro (President of the University) and some of his staff, Gord and Deb and Warren joined the meeting via zoom. The students all made excellent power point presentation updating us on their activities during the school year. Most of the classes were in person with a few virtual classes. The school year ends at the end of November.

The students are completing the 2nd year of their studies and will be registering for 3rd year in January 2023. Next year, the plan is to have all in person classes.

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 - 2nd semester of 2nd year in 2022



Public Relations/Social Media

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

Canadian Ripple Effect Committee had one zoom meeting and one hybrid meeting in the 2nd quarter of the Rotary Year. The hybrid meeting included members of the CREC joining Gord and Deb and members of the GREC at an in-person meeting in Guatemala.

Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee welcome all opportunities to do a presentation at your club. Please contact any committee member to set up a date and time for your presentation. We have a lot good news stories to share with you since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. We look forward to seeing you in person!!

- 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.
- Marian Kettlewell and Glenn Hagel presented in person at the Rotary Clubs of Weyburn, Moose Jaw, Estevan and Moose Jaw Wakamow. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to club Presidents for their support of the Ripple Effect Program.
- Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee will be presenting more Certificates of Appreciation to recognize supporting clubs in 2023.

Sister Clubs

The Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow signed Sister Club Agreements with the Rotary Club of Nueva Guatemala and Rotary Club of Vista Hermosa.

To encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

You mutually undertake to promote friendship and understanding, coordinate and cooperate with each other pertaining to projects, encourage visitation individually or in groups, exchange information pertaining to Rotary activities and engage in joint projects.

2022 Project Monitoring Trip

Deb, Gord and their son Michael were in Guatemala for a REP Project Monitoring trip from November 6 to November 22. We were excited to be returning to Guatemala after a three-year absence due to Covid 19 pandemic.

It was great to see all our Rotary friends again and to be able to meet with the children at the schools and to enjoy their smiling faces!!

Our trip was busy and productive, with the opportunity to visit the three Global Grant schools that were completed during the pandemic as well as visiting potential school projects.

Some of our longtime project Managers are stepping back and providing opportunities for other members to provide the leadership. It was great to meet the new project teams.

The Middle and High school scholarship students are always a pleasure to meet. It is also nice and to hear about some of the alumni students and how well they are doing in their careers in accounting, nursing and teaching. The Teacher Scholarship recipients power point presentations are very good. We are always impressed with their speaking skills.

All in all, trip was a huge success and to reconnect with everyone was fantastic!!

Dr. Roberto Molina School

Host Club: RC of Quetzaltenango



The talented and beautiful children performed a very entertaining skit for us.

International Club: RC of South Eastman



members of club and performing students

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 Dreams a Reality"

Happy New Year and all the best for a healthy, safe and prosperous 2023!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gord & Deb LeMaistre, on behalf of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee