

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 January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

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 The Ministry of Education has finally STATED approval to proceed with training at Solola and Jaibalito. However, must be signed by Minister before training can proceed and this could be months away. Data is progressively being downloaded in the report. 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.	Status: Global Grant is closed the final report was submitted on March 13 and approved by TRF. Congratulations Team!!	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.	Status: 1 st day of in person classes at school was February 20 th . Wire transfer of funds for the 2023 school year is scheduled for April.	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	School started in February and the students are now in 3 rd year. Wire transfer of 1 st semester tuition sent in March. Three students did very well in 2 nd year and one student struggled.	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.	Status: The final report was submitted on March 8 and accepted by TRF. Still waiting to hear if TRF approved the final report.	RC Coatepeque-Colomba RC Saskatoon Riverside Support: D5550 -DDF RC Saskatoon RC Saskatoon Meewasin, RC Saskatoon Nutana, RC Saskatoon North, RC Brandon

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

School Number & Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host Club
2.118.1 Official Urban Mixed School Otto Rene Castillo (La Cienaga)	Construction of two classrooms on the 2 nd level. Cost estimate is \$30,600 US	Status: 2 nd level construction is still under review. Funding required	RC of Gualan RC of be determined
2.114.1 Las Carretas School	Drill a well and provide a water purification system and 2 level building for equipment. Cost Estimate is \$14,000 US.	Status: Planning stage. Funding required.	RC of Gualan RC to be determined
2.146 Sumaria School	Repair the damaged and leaking roof. Cost estimate is 2,700 US	Status: on hold until Ministry of Education provides a teacher for the school.	RC of Gualan RC to be determined
2.101.1 Dona Maria	Replace/ reinforce the retaining wall that is going to collapse into a classroom.	Status: Budget and plans to build new retaining wall. Budget Estimate: \$7,839 US Funding required as soon as possible.	RC of Gualan RC to be determined.
2.147 Colonial El Maestro	Construction of 3 new classrooms, two on 2 nd level of existing classes.	Status: Funding required. Budget estimate and plans required from club.	RC of Quetzaltenango RC of South Eastman to consider.
2.100.1 San Isidro Robles	Construction of perimeter wall behind the school on the edge of a cliff. Safety hazard for children.	Status: Funding required. Cost estimate request to club this week to build the perimeter wall behind the school. Needs action soon.	RC of Coatepeque-Columba RC of Saskatoon Riverside is a possibility.
2.148 GG # 2235050 WASH in Schools	WASH in 8 schools project involving 1,400 students. Cost estimate is \$114,000.00 (USD).	Status: Fully funded. Zoom meeting scheduled to review project details and prepare draft Global Grant for submission.	RC of Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support Clubs: Regina, Kenora Charleswood, Moose Jaw, Melfort Moose Jaw Wakamou, Weyburn, Brandon, Dryden, Winnipeg St. Boniface/St.Vital,
2.132.1 Colpech School WCSF District Grant	To upgrade electrical and provide classroom security and furniture for the computer classroom. Cost estimated is \$3,000 US.	Status: construction started in mid-February. Request for Interim Report from Project Manager is pending.	RC of Kenoa RC of Huehuetenango D5550 WCSF District grant
2.144 GG # 2126029 A Goal for Guate III	20 school computer project, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US	Status: Authorization of Global Grant is pending.	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 \$20,000 US Note: existing washrooms refurbished by community and parents.	Status: Budget and plans have been approved Funding required as soon as possible.	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

Host Partner: Rotary Club of Huehuetenango **International Partner:** Rotary Club of Kenora
 Paul Harris presentation to Erick Tobias, in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the REP as the Project manager for the past 13 years of the RC of Kenora projects.
 Gord LeMaistre used his Paul Harris points to make this happen.



Colpech School-Project Manager – Erick Tobias

Completed Project

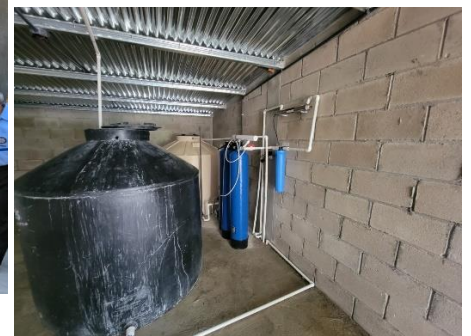
Hernaldo Beltran Jr School - WASH in Schools Global Grant-Grand Opening February 22, 2023

This big project started in 2020 and provide 10 classrooms and furniture, a big multi-purpose room, a refurbished kitchen and new washrooms and wash stations, water filtration system, a new well and septic system for over 750 students and teachers. The REP partnered with clubs in D7080 to complete this amazing project.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Gualan International Partner: RC Burlington Lakeshore



Ready to cut the ribbon.



Water filtration system

New wash station and toilet stall for girls.



NEW Project

Proposed WASH in Schools Global Grant for 8 schools-directly benefitting over 1,400 students

Cost Estimate is \$114,000 US. Fully Funded

Host Club: Rotary Club of Retalhuleu

International Partner: RC of Regina Eastview

Sector Aguilar School - 253 students & 16 teachers

Only 3 working toilets

Needs new septic system, wash stations,
Clean drinking water

Pajales School - 500 students & 20 teachers

Only 6 working toilets.

Need 6 – 8 more



School Cabanas Sector Lopez-122 students



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

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, Interact 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: Three of the students did very well with averages of 83%, 87% and 89.5 %. One of the students struggled and will need to repeat four 2nd year courses. The reason was due to the poor health of her mother and grandmother. The student needed to take a full-time job to support the family as well as caring for her mother and grandmother and was not able to dedicate the necessary time to her studies. Her plan is to take three 3rd year courses this year and graduate in 2024.

The 2023 school year began in February with all students attending classes in person. The four students are in the 3rd year of their studies.

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

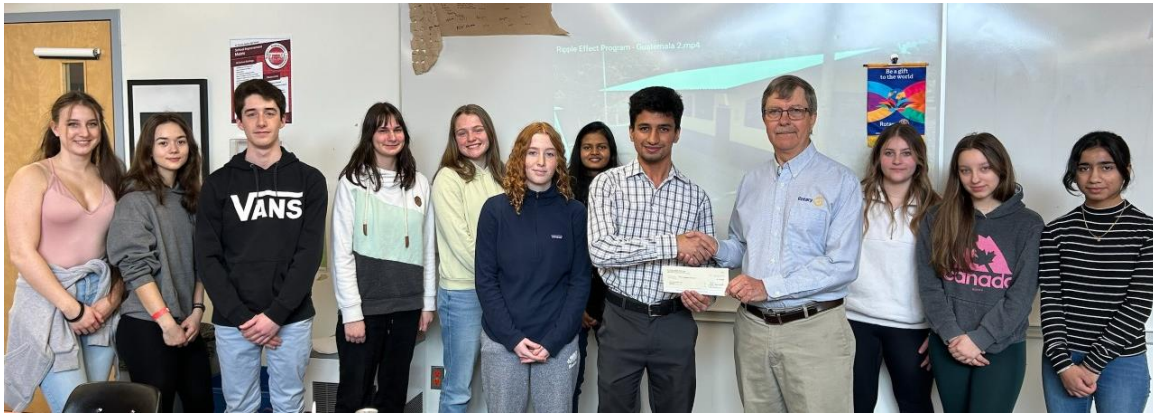
Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – [Ripple Effect Program](#) has 441 members

Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) had three zoom meetings, one CREC/GREC meeting and two CREC meetings in the 3rd quarter of the Rotary Year.

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 at the District Conference in Saskatoon. Please drop by our booth and say hello, we would love to see you.

- 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. Diana Brown a member of the RC of Guatemala Oeste and member of the Guatemalan Ripple Effect Committee (GREC) is presenting by zoom on Monday April 3 at the RC of Charleswood evening meeting.
- Gord and Deb will be making an in-person presentation at the RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine on Thursday April 20. Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to the club President for their support of the Ripple Effect Teachers Scholarship Program.
- Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee will be presenting more Certificates of Appreciation to recognize supporting clubs in 2023.

Interact Club of Kenora



President Akbar and other members of the Interact Club of Kenora is presenting a cheque to Rotarian Gord LeMaistre for \$650 for the Ripple Effect Scholarship Program. A big thank you to the Interact Club for their continuing support of the REP Scholarship Program for the 3rd consecutive year.

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”

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

