

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 July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

Breaking news!! The Ripple Effect Program has been offered the opportunity to match \$100,000 US with the RC of Milwaukee for 5 school construction projects in the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. The Canadian Ripple Effect Committee has accepted the offer. The schools will be identified in the next two months. **It is going to be a busy year of fundraising and construction!!**

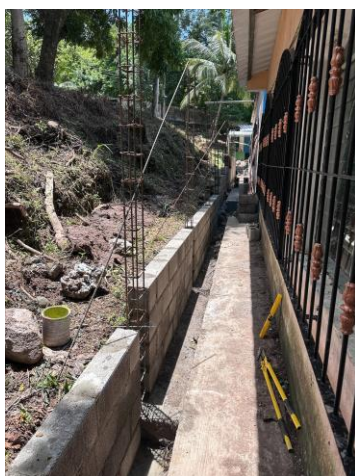
2023/2024 School Projects Progress Report

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 training in the last two schools is nearing completion. Status: Progress report accepted 28/08/23. Next report due 28/08/24	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
2.132.1 Colpech School WCSF District Grant	To upgrade electrical, replace the existing asbestos roof with new lamina, provide classroom security and furniture for the computer classroom. Cost estimated is \$3,000 US.	Status: the project is complete. Final report for the District Grant has been submitted and approved. District Grant payout is being processed	RC of Kenora RC of Huehuetenango D5550 WCSF District grant
2.0.14 Santo Domingo Xenacoj Scholarships	28 Middle school and 15 High School Scholarships are provided by the REP for the 2023 school year. RC of Vista Hermosa the host club also provides an additional 5 Scholarships for High School students.	The students are enjoying the 2023 school year. Scholarship newsletter will be e-mailed to all Rotarians in the District in October. Status: Club to Club agreement for 2024 school year has been signed.	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	Status: The 4 students completed the 1 st semester of their 3 rd year. There averages are very good ranging from high 70's to high 80's. The 2 nd semester invoiced has been paid.	University del Valle de Guatemala. RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine Support: RC Winnipeg Assiniboine, D & N Morris, E. Thompson Foundation Ashley Nordlund.
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. RC of Meewasin has identified a new primary contact and new committee members in September. Brenda from RC of Los Amates is working on the report.	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 classrooms and washrooms Cost is \$44,132 US GG was amended to include the construction of a kitchen with the surplus funds.	Status: Final report approved and Global Grant is closed 10/05/23.	RC Coatepeque-Colomba RC Saskatoon Riverside Support: D5550 -DDF RC Saskatoon RC Saskatoon Meewasin, RC Saskatoon Nutana, RC Saskatoon North, RC Brandon

2.148 GG # 2351655 WINS in Schools	Water and sanitation, health and hygiene in 7 schools. The project will directly benefit approximately 1,400 students. Cost estimate is \$97,000.00 (USD)	Status: GG draft application was resubmitted on May 23. The GG was authorized on June 27 and is under review by TRF. TRF requested GG bank account number and other Information from RC of Retalhuleu.	RC of Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support Clubs: RC of Saskatoon North RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Encinitas US Endowment Direct Gift-Guatemala D5550 DDF World fund
2.144 GG # 2456616A Goal for Guate III	20 school computer project, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US	Status: the draft Global Grant is expected to be resubmitted in October.	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste Support Clubs RC Healdsburg RC of Regina Eastview RC of Oeste D4250-DDF D5550-DDF World Fund TRF Endowment direct gift fund -Guatemala
2.101.2 Dona Maria	Replace/ reinforce the retaining wall that is going to collapse into a classroom	Status: Project is progressing well and should be complete by the end of October.	RC of Gualan RC of Kenora Support Clubs: RC St. Boniface/St. Vital RC Winnipeg Charleswood Member donations RC of Kenora
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 for the new washrooms have been approved. Club to Club Agreement is signed. Construction is scheduled to begin when school is out in late October or November.	RC Nordeste RC of South Eastman Support Clubs: RC of Regina Eastview RC of Brandon RC of Charleswood Saskatoon Clubs
2.100.2 San Isidro Robles	Construction of rear perimeter wall on the edge of a cliff. Safety hazard for children. The Municipality has started construction the 1 st week of October on the front perimeter wall and entrance gate to the school as part of our agreement.	Status: Budget is approved and plans have been requested. A zoom meeting was held in August to discuss the project. Club to Club Agreement is being reviewed	RC of Coatepeque-Columba RC of Kenora Support Clubs: RC of Dryden RC of Brandon Doug and Gloria Archer Foundation

New Projects for the Rotary Year 2023/2024

School Number & Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host Club
2.118.1 Otto Rene Castillo School (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. Not Funded	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. Not Funded	RC of Gualan RC to be determined



Dona Maria Retaining Wall Construction



San Isidro

NEW Projects

**Proposed Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools Global Grant
for 7 schools-directly benefitting over 1,400 students**

Cost Estimate is \$97,5 00 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, new toilets
Clean drinking water



Pajales School - 500 students & 20 teachers
Only 6 working toilets.
Need 6 – 8 more toilets



School Cabanas Sector Lopez-122 students

Only 3 working toilets

One for boys, one for girls and one for teachers. Needs more toilets and washstations.



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 opened 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 2024 school year. Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs, Rotarian's and friends are encouraged to support this great program!**



November 6, 2022 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: Second semester classes for the four 3rd year students in August. The student's marks for 1st semester were very good!!

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

Fundraising is ongoing for the Teacher Scholarship recipients for the 2024 School Year.

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



November 2022- Deb and Gord
With the four Scholarship recipients.



REP Certificate of Appreciation presented to President Warren Thompson President of the RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine. John Saunders(left) and Warren are Co-project Managers of the Teachers Scholarship Program.

Public Relations/Social Media

Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – [Ripple Effect Program](#) has 491 members
Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) had two zoom meetings, one CREC/GREC meeting and one CREC meetings in the 1st quarter of the Rotary Year.
Also, the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow/RC Nueva Guatemala and RC of Regina Eastview/RC Retalhuleu, RC of Kenora. RC of Coatepeque-Colomba and RC of Nordeste/RC of South Eastman have had zoom meetings on their respective Global Grants and school projects

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.

- 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. Since April 1,2023 the RC of Charleswood and RC of Regina Eastview received an excellent presentation from Diana Brown, a member of the Guatemalan Ripple Effect Committee, a member of the RC of Guatemala Oeste and District Governor Nominee for 2025/2026.
- Since April 1,2023, Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee have presented the REP

Certificate of Appreciation to 16 clubs: RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine, RC of Sioux Lookout, RC of Kenora, RC of Regina Eastview, RC of Regina Industrial Parks, RC of Regina, RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow, RC of Moose Jaw, RC of Weyburn, RC of Assiniboia, RC of Estevan, RC of Melfort, RC of South Eastman, RC of The Pas, RC of Dauphin and RC of Winnipeg Downtown.

- Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee will be presenting more Certificates of Appreciation to recognize supporting clubs in the 2nd quarter of the 2023/2024 Rotary Year.



REP Certificate of Appreciation Presentation
To President Krista Friesen of RC of South Eastman
Project Manager Georg Penner and committee
member and PP Cornelius Petkau



REP Certificate of Appreciation Presentation
to PDG Gailmarie Anderson and PP Mona
Graham of the RC of Melfort by Marian
Kettlewell and Glenn Hagel

Fundraising Activities

Ripple Effect Motorcycle, Saturday July 22

The 13th Annual Ripple Effect Ride, 3rd year of naming this **The Floyd Manz Memorial Ride**:

The eight riders all complete the 400 km ride under beautiful blue skies. The riders enjoyed great fellowship. Their breakfast was provided by David and Marian Kettlewell of the Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow at their home. With continued great support from our donors, **over \$16,000.00 was raised for District 5550 Ripple Effect Program** of building schools and improving literacy in Guatemala. **A big thank you to all who donated funds in support of the riders and to Marian and David who provided breakfast!! Thanks to Peter Neufeldt and Doug Mortin for organizing this amazing event.**



Breakfast at Marian and David Kettlewell's home



The Ripple Effect Riders

Giving Tuesday is November 28 -our next fundraising activity. Stay tuned for more information.

A big thank you to all the clubs, Rotarian's and friends of Rotary who have supported the Ripple Effect Program. It is very much appreciated and we look forward to your continuing support in the Rotary Year 2023/2024.

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