

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, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Update: The Canadian Ripple Effect Committee has identified the five school construction projects to be included in the \$100,000 US match with the RC of Milwaukee. As part of the agreement, the school construction projects will be completed from the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

This is a great opportunity for your club to be part of this amazing initiative to provide much needed classrooms to overcrowded schools, washrooms and wash stations to improve health and hygiene and formal kitchens to improve nutrition as we all work together to provide educational opportunities for children living in challenging environments.

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 & training is completed at 24 schools A request to TRF to use the surplus funds to purchase reusable menstrual products has not been decided. 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 from 8 US Districts, 9 US Clubs
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.	Status: Club to Club agreement for 2024 school year has been signed. A request for a list scholarship recipients for the 2024 school year has been made.	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 del Valle de Guatemala in Sololá. 3 young women and one young man	Status: The 4 students completed their 3 rd year. A request for the student's final marks for 2023 and invoices for student registration for 2024 has been made.	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, boys' and girls' washrooms and biodigester septic system. Budget \$61,000 US	Status: next report due 19/07/23. Report is overdue. 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
2.148 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 application submitted on June 24. TRF requested additional information, provided by the Rotary Club in Nov. TRF responded on Nov 28 identifying 5 specific areas that required	RC of Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support Clubs: RC of Saskatoon North RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Encinitas US

		more information. The club is working on the response. Fully Funded.	Endowment Direct Gift-Guatemala D5550 DDF, World Fund TRF
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 RC of Guatemala Oeste has an outstanding report with TRF and is unable to proceed (not related to REP). We are hopeful the situation will be corrected in January 2024. Fully Funded	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
2.101.2Dona Maria	Replace/ reinforce the retaining wall that is going to collapse into a classroom	Status: Project was completed under budget. The surplus funds will be used to repair a leaking wall as well as repairs to the perimeter wall. Total cost: Q15,965	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: The funding for the project was received at the end of November. A meeting was held with the Principal, cocode and a member of the community on December 28. It was decided to start construction the first week of January.	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 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: Funding for the project was received in mid- December. Construction will start the week of January 8 to 12 th January 2024.	RC of Coatepeque-Columba RC of Kenora Support Clubs: RC of Dryden RC of Brandon Doug and Gloria Archer Foundation

\$100,000 US match with the RC of Milwaukee!

January 1,2024 to December 31,2024

Five school Construction Projects

School Number & Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host Club
2.118.1 Otto Rene Castillo School (La Cienega)	Construction of two classrooms plus student desks, teacher desks, lockers, and whiteboards. Cost estimate is under review: approximately \$40,000 US	Status: EWB-Guatemala is finalizing drawings and budget Not fully Funded	RC of Gualan RC of South Eastman Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee
2.145 Héctor Barillas Orantes School	Construction of 2 classrooms and furniture, kitchen and guard house.	Status: EWB- Guatemala needs to finalize the budget and drawings. Not fully funded	RC of Guatemala Norte RC of Kenora Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee
2.147 Cantón Panabaj School	Construction of 4 classrooms and bathrooms	Status: EWB- Guatemala needs to finalize the budget and drawings. Not fully funded	RC of Vista Hermosa RC St. Boniface/St.Vital Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee
2.143 Los Cedros School	To provide two classrooms with furniture, washrooms, an elevated water tank and metal support structure for water supply to sanitary services, concrete floor, and hand washing station for hygiene and health improvement. Estimated Cost: \$43,500 US	Status: EWB- Guatemala needs to finalize the budget and drawings. Fully Funded	RC of Nueva Guatemala RC Moose Jaw Wakamow Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee RC Melfort RC Weyburn RC Moose Jaw RC Estevan
2.146 Sector Las Brisas School	Construction of 2 classrooms and furniture and a kitchen. Estimated cost: \$49,000US	Status: EWB- Guatemala needs to finalize the budget and drawings. Fully Funded	RC of Retalhuleu RC of Regina Eastview Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee

\$100,000 US Match with the RC of Milwaukee!

Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Héctor Barillas Orantes is located in the Municipality of Villa Canales in the Department of Guatemala not far from Guatemala City.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Guatemala Norte

International Club: Rotary Club of Kenora

Project Description: The school needs refurbishing as well as two new classrooms and a new kitchen. The school population is growing and needs two new classrooms to accommodate all the students who are registering for school in January 2024. 450 students are registered at this school.

Cost Estimate: \$40,000 US



This is the classroom being used as a kitchen, you can see the soot in the walls and the smoke contaminates the classrooms next to it. The eaves are not closed, so they have doves nesting there.

Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Otto René Castillo is located in the community of Barrio La Ciénega in the Municipality of Gualan in the Department of Zaccapa.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Gualan

International Club: Rotary Club of South Eastman

Project Description: The project is the construction of two new classrooms and to equip the classrooms with furniture. Classrooms are over crowded and students registering for school are turned away

Impact: This would impact 201 students

Cost Estimate: \$ 40,000 US



Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Canton Panabaj is located in the Municipality of SANTIAGO ATITLÁN in the Department of SOLOLÁ

Description of Project: The project is the construction of four classrooms and to equip the classrooms with furniture and new washrooms and wash stations to improve health and hygiene

Host Club: Rotary Club of Vista Hermosa. **International Club:** Rotary Club of St. Boniface/St. Vital

Impact: This would impact 277 students

Cost estimate is \$57,000 US. The municipality and community have committed to provide the labour and some materials for an approximate value of \$17,000 US.



Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Sector Las Brisas is located on a parcel of land in Santa Fe in Municipality of Retalhuleu in the Department of Retalhuleu approximately 21 kilometers from city of Retalhuleu.

Description of Project: The project is the construction of two new classrooms with a capacity for 35 students each and a kitchen where the mothers can cook meals for the kids.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Retalhuleu

International Club: Rotary Club of Regina Eastview

Impact: This would impact 100 students in a quickly growing school and a formal kitchen would allow the mothers to provide nutritious meals for their children.



Outdoor Kitchen



Classes Outdoors

Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Los Cedros is located in the municipality of Villa Nueva, in the Department of Guatemala.

Description of project: To provide new two classrooms with furniture, washrooms and hand washing station for health and hygiene improvement and an elevated water tank and metal support structure for water supply.

Impact: This would impact 440 students, 234 of whom are girls and will enable the school to admit new students.

Estimated Cost: \$43,500 US

Host Club: Rotary Club of Nueva Guatemala **International Club:** Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow

This is the school where we should put the elevated tank, cement floor and hand washing station



Location for 2 new classrooms

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.

Status: A request has been e-mailed to the RC of Vista Hermosa to provide a 2023 graduation picture and an update on the 2023 students. Also, to provide a list of students selected to receive Scholarships in the 2024 school year.

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!**

President Susan Paola Rojas and Project Manager Oswaldo Ruano signing the Club-to-Club Agreement for the 2024 school year



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: A request has been sent to the University to e-mail the marks of the 2nd semester for the four 3rd year students. It is expected two students will register for 4th year (English program), one will register in 3rd year to complete one course and one will graduate. We are planning to sponsor one new 1st year student in addition to continuing to sponsor the other 3.

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!

Gord LeMaistre, Angelica Miranda, Jessica Juracan, Neythan Petzey, Maria Chom, Deb LeMaistre



Public Relations/Social Media

Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – [Ripple Effect Program](#) has 511 followers
Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) had two zoom meetings and one
CREC/GREC meeting in the 2nd quarter of the Rotary Year. Also, the RC of Moose
Jaw Wakamow/RC Nueva Guatemala 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, Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee have presented the REP
Certificate of Appreciation to 23 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, RC of Winnipeg West, RC of Winnipeg St.
Boniface/St. Vital, RC of Winnipeg A.M, RC of Winnipeg Charleswood, RC of Selkirk, RC of Gimli, RC of
Dryden
- Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee will be presenting more Certificates of Appreciation
to recognize supporting clubs in the 3rd quarter of the 2023/2024 Rotary Year.



REP Certificate Presentation to Co-President Lee-Ann Benson
and Canadian Ripple Effect Committee Secretary Joanne
Misner Rotary of Club of Dryden



REP Certificate of Appreciation Presentation
To Past President Ken Krebs of RC of Gimli



REP Certificate of Appreciation Presentation
President David Thorne and members of the RC of Selkirk

Fundraising Activities

Giving Tuesday -The Ripple Effect Scholarship raised \$1,350 from 14 donors. A big thank you to all the donors and to Marian for organizing this fundraising event.

\$100,000 US match with the RC of Milwaukee and \$100,000 US match with the Ripple Effect Program- A minimum of \$200,000 US will be invested in five school construction projects in Guatemala-**Every dollar will be matched one for one!! More information to come!!**

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"

Happy New Year!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Co-Chairs

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