

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, 2024 to March 31, 2024

Update: The Canadian Ripple Effect Committee has identified the five school construction projects to be included in the \$100,000 US donation by the RC of Milwaukee and matched by the Ripple Effect Program Your donation will be matched \$ for \$. As part of the agreement, the school construction projects will be completed from the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Two of the projects are already fully funded, however the remaining three projects are only partially funded. Donations to these projects will be matched \$ for \$ by the Milwaukee Gift. This is a great opportunity for your club to be part of this amazing initiative to provide: i) much needed classrooms to overcrowded schools; ii) washrooms and wash stations to improve health and hygiene; and, iii) 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 Xenecoj 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. This year the RC of Vista Hermosa will award a University Scholarship for the 1 st time to a deserving student for a three year undergraduate program.	Status: Club to Club agreement for 2024 school year has been signed. The list of scholarship recipients for the 2024 school year has been received. The wire transfer of funds for the students is expected to be sent in the coming weeks.	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: Three students graduated in March 2024 and one student's is completing their 3 rd year. Three new students were awarded scholarships for 1 st year studies.	University del Valle de Guatemala and 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 reached an agreement with RI for unspent funds use.	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
2.144 GG # 2456616A Goal for Guate III	20 school computer project, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher	Status: The RC of Guatemala Oeste has an outstanding report with TRF on file	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste Support: RC of OESTE Quarterly Report- March 31, 2024

	training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US	unable to proceed (not related to REP). In March the RC of Oeste, announced the outstanding report should be finalized and approved by TRF. This would allow the GG to be submitted.	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 was completed under budget. The surplus funds have been spent to repair a leaking terrace as well as repairs to the perimeter wall. Final financial report needs to be completed for the surplus funds.	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: Construction is complete and the washrooms look really good. Final financial report needs to be completed for the surplus funds.	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: The Municipality completed the front perimeter wall and concrete playground equipped with basketball nets and soccer goal posts. The club has started construction on the rear perimeter wall and is progressing well.	RC of Coatepeque-Columba RC of Kenora Support Clubs: RC of Dryden RC of Brandon Doug and Gloria Archer Foundation

**\$100,000 US donation by the RC of Milwaukee
will be matched by a \$100,000 US donation by the Ripple Effect Program
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: Budget and drawings have been prepared for review. Not fully funded. Need to raise \$13,650 US	RC of Gualan RC of South Eastman Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee. RC of Burlington North, RC of Gualan, RC of Brandon, Doug and Gloria Archer Foundation
2.145 Héctor Barillas Orantes School	Construction of 2 classrooms and furniture, kitchen and guard house.	Status: Budget and drawings have been prepared for review. Not fully funded Need to raise \$13,000US	RC of Guatemala Norte RC of Kenora Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC of Kenora, RC of Guatemala Norte, RC of Dryden
2.147 Cantón Panabaj School	Construction of 4 classrooms and bathrooms	Status: Preliminary budget and drawings have been submitted for review. Not fully funded Need to raise \$16,500 US	RC of Vista Hermosa RC St. Boniface/St.Vital Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC Vista Hermosa, RC of Charleswood, RC of Saskatoon Nutana, RC of St.B/St.V
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: Construction started on March 11 and is proceeding well. Approximated completion date is May 20. Fully Funded	RC of Nueva Guatemala RC Moose Jaw Wakamow Support Clubs: RC of Nueva Guatemala, RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow, RC of Milwaukee, RC Estevan, RC Melfort, RC of Moose Jaw, RC of Weyburn
2.146 Sector Las Brisas School	Construction of 2 classrooms and furniture and a kitchen. Estimated cost: \$49,000US	Status: Club to Club agreement is in process of being reviewed and signed 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 overcrowded and students registering for school are turned away

Impact: This would impact 201 students

Cost Estimate: \$ 40,000 US



Escuela Oficila Rural Mixta Canton Panabaj is located in the community of Canton Panabaj, 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.



Ripple Effect Scholarship Program 2023 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: The RC of Vista Hermosa has provided a list of names and photos the scholarship recipients for 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 2025 school year.**

Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs, Rotarian's and friends are encouraged to support this great program!

Kenora



High school Interact Club meeting where they presented Gord LeMaistre a cheque for the Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund

Teacher's Scholarship Program

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: The Graduation ceremony was held on March 9th. Three students supported by the REP Scholarship Program graduated with a Degree in Education. (photo below) The 4th student is completing her studies this year and will graduate in March 2025. The University selected three new 1st year students for the 2024 school year that have been approved by the Project Managers and members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC)

Total cost for 4 Teacher Scholarships is \$4,500 US or approximately \$6,000 Canadian. **Fundraising is ongoing for the Teacher Scholarship recipients for the 2025 School Year.** Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and friends of Rotary are encouraged to support this program!



2024 Graduation Ceremony
Neythan Villatoro, Maria Cuy and Jessica Ramos

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 3rd 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 and RC of Saskatoon Meewasin
- Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee will be presenting more Certificates of Appreciation
to recognize supporting clubs in the 4th quarter of the 2023/2024 Rotary Year.

District Conference in Moose Jaw

Ripple Effect Presentation and booth- members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee are inviting you to
attend our presentation on Saturday afternoon and to drop by our booth anytime during the conference to say hello
and chat.

The theme of our presentation is “**Building Hope in and With Communities**”, we have a special guest from
Guatemalan Rotarian Diego Furlan who has first hand knowledge of the impact our projects are having on
Creating Hope for brighter future through education. Gord and Deb and Marian will also share stories of hope and
inspiration. In our 25-year history, our end goal has been to build hope in the hearts of students, their families, and
communities. On behalf on the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee, we look forward to seeing you at the District
Conference.

Fundraising Activities

1) Rotary Ripple Effect Ride- the 14th Annual Motorcycle Ride is in the planning process so stay tuned for
more information in the coming month.

2) \$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, Rotarians 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,

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