

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 April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

In the 2023/2024 Rotary Year, the REP invested over \$175,000 Canadian in education in Guatemala directly benefiting 1,000's of students and teachers.

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	Status: 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 2024 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: The school year in Guatemala is past the half way point for the 2024 school year.	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 1 st semester is now complete and expect to receive the 1 st semester marks later in July	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, new kitchen and biodigester septic system. Budget \$61,000 US	Status: Final report submitted in 29/05/24 and are waiting to hear back from TRF to see if the final report is approved.	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 # 2456616 A Goal for Guate III	20 school computer project, 320 computers, 20 servers, teacher training and tech support. Budget \$99,000 US	Status: The plan is to submit the GG in the first quarter of the 2024/2025 Rotary Year.	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
2.136 Xecoxol School	Construction of new washrooms for children in kindergarten, primary school and teachers.	Status: The final financial report has been submitted and approved. The project was under budget and has a	RC Nordeste RC of South Eastman Support Clubs:

	Cost estimate is \$20,000 US Note: existing washrooms refurbished by community and parents.	surplus. The club is working with the teachers and Director to determine how to spend the funds wisely to meet the needs of the students.	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 completed a concrete playground for soccer and basketball and a front perimeter wall and entrance gate to the school as part of our agreement.	Status: The rear perimeter wall is now complete and the final report has been submitted and approved. The club is working with the teachers and Director to spend the small surplus to meet the needs of the students.	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
2.118.2 Otto Rene Castillo School (La Cienega)	Construction of two classrooms. Cost estimate is \$37,000 US.	Status: Club to Club Agreement is signed and the project is fully funded. The wire transfer of funds was received on July 9th . Construction is scheduled to start on July 15 th .	RC of Gualan RC of South Eastman Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee. RC of Regina Eastview, RC of Burlington North, RC of Gualan, RC of Portage La Prairie, Art Beselt, Jeanne Woolhouse, plus many Rotarians.
2.145 Héctor Barillas Orantes School	Construction of 2 classrooms and furniture, kitchen and guard house. Estimated Cost: \$41,000 US	Status: Club to Club agreement is signed and the project is fully funded. Wire transfer of funds received May 3rd . Construction started in mid-June.	RC of Guatemala Norte RC of Kenora Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC of Kenora, RC of Guatemala Norte, RC of Dryden, Doug and Gloria Archer Foundation, RC of Brandon, RC of Gimli, RC of Charleswood.
2.147 Cantón Panabaj School	Construction of 4 accessible classrooms and new bathrooms with on fully accessible toilet Estimated cost is \$77,000 US Municipality and community support is providing skilled and unskilled labour and some materials.	Status: Zoom meeting was held on July 3 rd to review budget plans and funding to date. Tentative date to start construction is November 1 st . Not fully funded Need \$10,000 US	RC of Vista Hermosa RC St. Boniface/St. Vital Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC Vista Hermosa, RC of St. B /St. V, RC of Saskatoon Nutana, RC of North Bay, RC of Saskatoon North, RC of Kenora
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 and new washrooms. Estimated Cost: \$43,500 US	Status: Construction is expected to be completed by mid-July. This will be the 1 st school to be completed with the \$100,000US match with the RC of Milwaukee/RC of Vista Hermosa	RC of Nueva Guatemala RC Moose Jaw Wakamow Support Clubs: RC of Nueva Guatemala, RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow, RC of Milwaukee, RC of Estevan, RC of Melfort, RC of Moose Jaw, RC of Weyburn
2.146 Sector Las Brisas School	Construction of 2 classrooms and a kitchen. Estimated cost: \$53,000US	Status: Club to Club agreement is signed and the project is fully funded . Construction started in Mid-May.	RC of Retalhuleu RC of Regina Eastview Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC of Retalhuleu, RC of Regina Eastview

The 2023/2024 Rotary Year was a busy year.

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

Los Cedros School Construction -construction of two new classrooms with desks, white boards, washrooms, wash stations and a water tower.

Cost Estimate: \$41,000 US

Status: Construction is progressing well, with a completion date of July 8. This will be the 1st school to be completed in \$100,000US match with the RC of Milwaukee.

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

New classroom



new washrooms



100,000 US Match with the RC of Milwaukee!

Only one school left to Fund

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 accessible new classrooms, new washrooms with one fully accessible toilet and wash stations and health and hygiene training.

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 \$77,000 US. The municipality and community have committed to provide the skilled and unskilled labour and some materials for an approximate value of \$27,000 US.

Remaining to fundraise: \$10,000 US



Update on 2023/2024 Projects

1) San Isidro Robles School - RC of Kenora/ RC of Coatepeque and the Municipality

Construction of a perimeter wall around the school, new front gate and a new concrete pad for basketball and soccer. The Municipality funded and built the new concrete pad and front wall.

Estimated Cost: \$14,700 US. Fully funded.

Status: The final financial report and supporting documents have been submitted and approved.

New rear perimeter wall



New concrete pad for soccer, basketball



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 of the scholarship recipients for the 2024 school year. The students have now passed the half way point of 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 \$14,500 Canadian.

Fundraising is ongoing for REP Scholarship recipients for the 2025 school year.

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

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 four students have completed the 1st semester of the 2024 school year. The University staff is in the process of e-mailing the 1st semester marks and preparing an invoice for 2nd semester tuition.

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 met June 12th in the 4th quarter of the Rotary Year.

The RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow/RC Nueva Guatemala have had zoom meetings on their respective Global Grants and school projects. Also, the RC of Kenora and RC of Guatemala Norte and RC of Regina Eastview and RC of Retalhuleu had a zoom meeting to discuss their respective 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.

- 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.
- All the Certificates of Appreciation to recognize supporting clubs have now been distributed.

District Conference in Moose Jaw

Ripple Effect Committee plus our special guest speaker Rotarian Diego Furlan, Guatemala



From left to right: PDG Peter Neufeldt, Glenn Hagel, Marian Kettlewell, Deb LeMaistre, Brian Cocks, Darlene Cocks, PDG Ed Thompson, PDG Peter Peters, Diego Furlan RC Nueva Guatemala, Gord LeMaistre

The Ripple Effect Booth was a very busy place as many clubs were presented with the Ripple Effect Program Certificate of appreciation





Fundraising Activities:

Rotary Ripple Effect Ride Saturday August 17- This is the 13th year of the Ripple Effect Ride and the 3rd year of naming this The Floyd Manz Memorial Ride. We have seen the positive impact of the Ripple Effect Program happen over and over again:

David and Marian Kettlewell are hosting the riders for breakfast.

For more information contact Peter Neufeldt at pwneufeldt@accesscomm.ca or Doug Mortin at dougmortin@myaccess.ca

2024 Project Monitoring Trip to Guatemala- confirmed dates - November 4th to November 15th

If you are interested, please contact Gord LeMaistre.

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 2024/2025.

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