

R. I. District 5550
Rotary
 Ripple Effect Program



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REPORT TO DISTRICT 5550 WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DISTRICT 5550 INC.
 Quarterly Report is an overview of the accomplishments of the Ripple Effect Program

For the period July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

2024/2025 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 has been 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. Past 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 & 15 High School Scholarships provided by the REP for the 2024 school year. Host club RC of Vista Hermosa 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 in the last quarter of the 2024 school year. A face to face meeting is planned in November with the Director of the school, teachers, parents and students.	RC Moose Jaw Wakamow/RC Vista Hermosa Support: Rotary Year 2023/2024 RC Dryden RC of Neepawa RC Assiniboia RC of Kenora RC Regina Eastview RC Saskatoon North plus, many Rotarians and friends
2.125.6 Teachers Scholarship Project.	University del Valle de Guatemala in Sololá. 3 young women and one young man	Status: The 2 nd semester is nearing completion and 4 students are enrolled. 1 st semester marks were very good. A face-to-face meeting with the students is planned in November. DGN Warren Thompson and Kelly will be in attendance.	University del Valle de Guatemala and RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine Support: RC Winnipeg Assiniboine, D & N Morris, E. Thompson Foundation, Ashley Nordlund.
2.144 GG # 2456616 A Goal for Guate III	16 school computer project, 256 computers, 16 servers, teacher training and tech support. Budget \$88,820 US	Status: The great news is that GG #2126029 was finalized and authorized for submission to TRF on September 14, 2024. Since then, TRF has requested additional information that is being prepared for submission.	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 kindergarten, primary school and teachers. Cost estimate is \$20,000 US Note: existing washrooms were refurbished by community and parents.	Status: The surplus fund was used to purchase audio equipment for the school. This will improve the learning experience for the children. This project is now closed.	RC Nordeste RC of South Eastman Support Clubs: RC of Regina Eastview RC of Brandon RC of Charleswood Saskatoon Clubs
2.148 GG # 2351655 WINS in Schools	Water, sanitation, health and hygiene training in 7 schools. The project will directly benefit approximately 1,400 students. Cost estimate is \$97,570.00 (USD)	Status: Pajalas is the 1 st of 7 schools completed. The next school is Sector Barrios and El Corcho Sur. On the training side, Alianza Joven is doing a great job. (see photo below)	RC of Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support Clubs: RC of Saskatoon North RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Encinitas US

**The \$100,000 US donation by the Rotary Club of Milwaukee
Has been matched by a \$100,000 US donation
by the Ripple Effect Program
January 1,2024 to December 31,2024
Funding goal achieved!!**

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: Construction is nearing completion with 2 nd level now finished. Painting is expected to be completed soon.	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	The project is the construction of two new classrooms, sealing between the wall and the ceiling in the existing classrooms for pest control (rats and pigeons) and the construction of 46 meters of perimeter wall. Estimated Cost: \$41,000 US	Status: Construction is progressing very well and the walls are 80% complete.	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 one fully accessible toilet Estimated cost is \$77,000 US Municipality and community support is providing skilled and unskilled labour and some materials.	Status: Project is now fully funded. The Club to Club Agreement is signed as well as an MOU between the RC of Vista Hermosa and the Municipality. The wire transfer of funds will occur in October. Construction will start in November.	RC of Vista Hermosa RC St. Boniface/St. Vital Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC Vista Hermosa, RC of St. Boniface /St. Vital, 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 was completed at the end of July. Final financial report is being prepared.	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: Construction is 100% complete. Final Financial report is being prepared.	RC of Retalhuleu RC of Regina Eastview Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC of Retalhuleu, RC of Regina Eastview



Wash Global Grant Student Training at Pajalas School

2024-2025 Ripple Effect Projects

\$100,000 US Match with the Rotary Club of Milwaukee

Los Brisas School Construction - construction of two new classrooms and a kitchen

Cost Estimate: \$53,000 US

Status: Construction is complete

Host Club: Rotary Club of Retalhuleu

International Club: Rotary Club of Regina Eastview



Otto Rene Castillo - construction of two classrooms (2nd level).

Cost \$37,000 US

Host Club: Rotary Club of Gualan

International Club: Rotary Club of South Eastman



Two classrooms on two levels



Access from the existing school to the 2nd level

Hector Barillas Orantes School-construction of two classrooms and refurbishing existing classrooms and perimeter wall. Estimated Cost: \$41,000 US

Host Club: Rotary Club of Guatemala Norte

International Club: Rotary Club of Kenora

The walls are 80% complete and they expect to start on the roof, floors, doors and windows soon.



Note: The Carlos F. Novella Foundation donated 300 bags of cement (the value is approximately \$6,000 US) for the school construction

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

Cost estimate is \$98,000 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.

Status: construction is planned to start in November



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, a new front gate and a new concrete pad for basketball and soccer. The Municipality funded and built the new concrete pad and the front wall.

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



New rear perimeter wall



New concrete pad for soccer and basketball

Ripple Effect Scholarship Program



REP Scholarship Program Signing ceremony by the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow for the 2025 Club to Club Agreement with the RC of Vista Hermosa.

The Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund is administered by the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow. The Project Manager is Marian Kettlewell of the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow.

Status: The 2024 school year ended October 31. The RC of Vista Hermosa will provide a list of names and photos of the scholarship recipients for the 2025 school year soon. The cost for a middle school scholarship is \$160 Canadian and the high school cost is \$650 Canadian at current exchange rates. The 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 & 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 Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Assiniboine. The Project Manager is DGN Warren Thompson.

Status: The four students have completed the 1st semester of the 2024 school year. The students are focused on their studies and the marks of three of the students are very good.

The 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!



Graduation Ceremony in March 2024
Neythan Villatoro, Maria Cuy and Jessica Ramos

Status 2024 students

1st semester was completed at the end of June and 2nd semester will be completed at the end of November for the 2nd year students.



Erick Gudiel Xocop
Average 89.8 %



Catarina Nohemi Perez
Average 81.4 %



Angelica Maria Juracan
Average 76.7 %



Santos Cristina Choror
Average 89.2 %

District 5550 2024 Conference in Moose Jaw

The Ripple Effect Committee plus our special guest speaker Rotarian Diego Furlan from 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 Rotary Club of Nueva Guatemala**, Gord LeMaistre

Los Cedros School -RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow/RC of Nueva Guatemala

Project: The Project is the construction two classrooms, washrooms and wash stations and a water tower: Estimated Cost is \$41,000.

Status: Construction is complete. The final financial report will be submitted soon.

Grand opening of new classrooms and washrooms



Fundraising Activities REP-Motorcycle Ride

On Saturday, August 17th, our team of motorcycle enthusiasts left Regina at 8:30am travelling under partly overcast skies to Moose Jaw (MJ) to the home of David and Marian Kettlewell, members of the R C of Moose Jaw Wakamow. There we met Rotarians Gregg Bathgate, PDG Sonja Susut; (Gregg joined us for our ride from MJ.)

We enjoyed great fellowship and breakfast prepared and hosted by Marian and David. This breakfast sponsorship helped us realize an additional \$175.00 to our fundraising from unused registration fees. Thank you for your support as the riders enjoyed a delicious breakfast.

Total funds raised this year were \$14,155. Tax receipts have been issued by PDG Brian & Darlene Cocks and / or Wayne Palmer. Over the past 14 years, our ride and great supporters has raised \$148,625.00.

On behalf of the organizers Peter Neufeldt and Doug Morton of the RC of Regina Eastview a big thank you to all who donated funds in support of the riders!



Our Team of Riders

Public Relations/Social Media

Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – Ripple Effect Program has 511 followers.

The Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) did not meet in the first quarter however has a zoom meeting scheduled for October 24 and one CREC/GREC zoom meeting was held on September 18. The committee enjoyed our annual summer meeting break in July and August,

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.

2024 Ripple Effect Project Monitoring Trip to Guatemala-Nov. 2nd to Nov. 19th

- Participants-David and Marian Kettlewell of the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow, DGN Warren and Kelly Thompson of the RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine and Rotarians George Penner and Len Klassen of the RC of South Eastman.
- A busy itinerary has been confirmed with clubs in Guatemala.
- Ministry of Education meeting is confirmed.
- Canadian Embassy meeting-to be confirmed.

It is our pleasure to welcome Wayne Palmer District 5550 World Community Service Foundation Treasurer to our committee.

On behalf of CREC, I would like to thank Brian and Darlene for all their support, hard work, commitment and dedication as Treasurer over the past 16 years plus. It has been a pleasure working with you.

We are pleased to have Brian as the Assistant Treasurer to help with the transition.

Respectfully Submitted,

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