

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 October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

2024/2025 School Projects Progress Report

School No. & 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 was submitted to TRF for use the surplus funds to purchase reusable menstrual product. Expect completion in March. Status: A progress report was submitted 16/11/2024.	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 ended in mid-October. However, Oswaldo arranged for the Director Gabriel, some of the students as well as alumni and parents to meet with us, Marian interviewed some on the students and the marimba band played for us. The mothers prepared a delicious lunch for us as well. It was a great day at the school.	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. The students are completing their 2 nd year.	Status: The project monitoring team of 8 Rotarians met with Luis, new Director of Education & 3 students at UVG. The music students entertained us and made short presentations on their school year. We had a very nice lunch and a tour of the school.	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 approved on December 4 th The next step is to confirm the funding of the clubs, provide wire transfer instructions and then to wire transfer the funds to TRF or the RC of Oeste GG bank account.	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste Support Clubs RC Healdsburg RC of Regina Eastview RC of Oeste D4250-DDF, D5550-DDF, D5130-DDF World Fund TRF RC Bakersfield West
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 Project Monitoring team visited the school and the children used the new audio equipment to entertain us with dancing and singing, demonstrating the surplus funds provided a great benefit to 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: The Project Monitoring team was impressed with completed washrooms at Pajalas School, Sector Barrios washrooms are nearing completion. On the training side, Alianza Joven is doing a great job. The principal was very impressed	RC of Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support Clubs: RC of Saskatoon North RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Encinitas RC Bakersfield West D5550-DDF

		on how the training was received by the students and parents. The children now understand the importance of good hygiene!!	D4250-DDF World fund-TRF Endowed Directed Gift Fund
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**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**

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: The Project monitoring team visited and was very impressed with the quality of construction. The two -level classrooms look great!! Remaining work includes, install of doors and windows. Classroom furniture will be purchased in January 2025.	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: The Project monitoring team visited & received a great welcome from the children, teachers & parent committee The two new classrooms are nearing completion with the roof installed. In January 2025, the windows will be installed, painting, & polishing the concrete floor. Desks, lockers for teachers and white boards for two classrooms have been purchased/	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. Carlos F. Novella Foundation donated 300 bags of cement.
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 & community support is providing skilled & unskilled labour and some materials.	Status: The Project Monitoring team received a warm welcome Construction is proceeding well with demolition complete and the construction of two new classrooms is 80% complete.	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: The Project Monitoring team received a warm welcome. Construction was completed, end of July. The new and refurbished washrooms and two new classrooms look great. The final report will be submitted soon.	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: The Project Monitoring team visited. The two classrooms and kitchen were completed at the end of September. Classroom furniture and white boards to be added in January before school opens. 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

Five school construction projects (continued)

Los Brisas School Construction - construction of two new classrooms and a kitchen. Cost Estimate: \$53,000 US

Two new classrooms

new kitchen

inside new classroom

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

Status: Construction is 95% complete

Host Club: Rotary Club of Gualan

International Club: Rotary Club of South Eastman



Two classrooms on two levels



interior of the 2nd level classroom

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

Status: Construction is 90% complete.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Guatemala Norte

International Club: Rotary Club of Kenora



Note: The Carlos F. Novella Foundation donated 300 bags of cement (the value is approx. \$6,000 US) for the construction of the Hector Barillas Orantes School.

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

Status: two of the four classrooms are 80% complete and the demolition of the old school is complete and site is prepared for the other two classrooms and washrooms.

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 approx. value of \$27,000 US.

Status: construction is planned to start in November



Two partially constructed classrooms

site for additional classrooms and new washrooms

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:The construction of two new classrooms, new and refurbished washrooms with water tank, new wash stations and roof over the stage and playground area was completed in July 2024. This was the 1st school to be completed in \$100,000US match with the RC of Milwaukee, RC of vista Hermosa and Ripple Effect Program

Host Club: Rotary Club of Nueva Guatemala International Club: RC of Moose JawWakamow



Warm welcome from students.
Two new classrooms(at back) and roof over play area.



New washrooms and water tank



New toilet



new wash station

New Projects 2024/2025

School Number and Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host-support clubs
Nueva Esperanza	Construction of two classrooms	School visit 2024 Planning stage No funding	RC of Gualan To be determined
Las Carretas School	Drill a well and provide a water purification system and 2 level building for equipment. Cost Estimate is \$14,000 US.	School visit 2024 Planning stage No funding	RC of Gualan To be determined
Varones school	Roof over playground	School visit 2024 Planning stage No funding	RC of Gualan To be determined
Barrios El Ponzon	Construction of three classrooms	School visit 2019 Planning stage No funding	RC of Los Amates To be determined
Dr.Roberto Molina	Roof over playground Estimated REP cost \$32,000 US	School visit 2024 Planning stage No funding	RC of Quetzaltenango To be determined
San Isidro Robles	Replace submersible pump in well Refurbish washrooms Ensure community sewer to school is repaired before school opens in January 2025.	Club to replace submersible pump.	RC of Coatepeque To be determined
A Gol for Guate I and II	-FUNSEPA to prepare a budget to upgrade/repair computers and re-training/training to teachers in approximately 35 schools. The goal is to have all the computers working and teachers trained in early 2025.	Planning stage No funding	RC of Oeste RC Regina Eastview ??
New school to be proposed by President.	Construction of two classrooms.	Planning stage No funding	RC of Quetzaltenango To be determined

Ripple Effect Scholarship Program



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. Even though school was closed, the Director, some students and alumni all came to meet us and made some very good presentations. Marion was able to interview some of the students and alumni. The mothers prepared a delicious lunch. 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 \$185 Canadian and the high school cost is \$745 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 three students have completed the 2nd semester of 1st year of the 2024 school year. The three students are majoring in Music are focused on their studies and the marks of three of the students are very good. The fourth student graduated in 2024 with a major in working with children with

disabilities.

The total cost for 3 Teacher Scholarships is \$3,300 US or approximately \$4,500 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!

University of Valle del Guatemala (UVG) 2025 Scholarship Recipients



Erick Gudiel Xocop

Major: Music



Santos Cristina Vesques Choror

Major: Music



Catarina Nohemi Perez

Major: Music



presentation to group

Public Relations/Social Media

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

The Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) met once in the 2nd quarter a zoom meeting on October 24 and one CREC/GREC zoom meeting on December 4th. Also, the REP Project Monitoring team met twice with Guatemalan Ripple Effect Committee (GREC) in November.



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

- REP Project Monitoring trip Team -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.

University of Valle del Guatemala-Sololá Campus- volcanos in the background



A highlight of the trip is meeting the beautiful children and being entertained with their wonderful dancing, singing and musical talents.





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 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"

Happy New Year!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

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