

REPORT TO DISTRICT 5550 WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DISTRICT 5550 INC.
 Quarterly Report - an overview of the Ripple Effect Program Accomplishments
 For the period April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

In the 2024/2025 Rotary Year, the REP invested over \$476,493 Canadian in education in Guatemala directly benefiting over 3,000 students and teachers.

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 4,498 students. Budget \$317,750	Status: Construction & training has been completed at 24 schools. The surplus funds were used for menstrual hygiene education program in Huehuetenango for 332 students. The training was completed 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 began in mid-February. Oswaldo provided a budget and list of students and photos of the scholarship recipients for the 2025 school year. The funds have been wire transferred for the 2025 school year.	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. 2 young women and one young man are enrolled in 2 nd year.	Status: The school year began in January 2025. Three students have been awarded scholarships. The funds were wire transferred at the end of February. The 1 st semester ended June 30 th .	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	The great news is that GG #2126029 was approved on December 4 th . The installation of computers and the training of students began in late February 2025.	RC Regina Eastview RC of Oeste Support Clubs RC Bakersfield West RC of Regina Eastview RC of Oeste D4250-DDF D5130-DDF D5550-DDF World Fund TRF
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 construction and training is complete in four schools. In March, construction started at Sector Aguilar school and then will move to Espana and Tierra Blanca. Construction is expected to be complete in two months and health and hygiene training in July/August.	RC of Regina Eastview RC Retalhuleu Support Clubs: Endowed Directed Gift Fund RC of Saskatoon North RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Encinitas US RC Retalhuleu RC Regina Eastview D4250 – DDF D5550 - DDF

**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: Construction is 100% complete. Final financial report has been submitted and accepted by the RC of Milwaukee.	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, providing classroom furniture for the students and teachers and a kitchen. Estimated Cost: \$41,000 US	Status: Construction is 100% complete. The project was under budget by \$11,000 US due to all the donations received from local companies and a big donation of cement from the Carlos F. Novella Foundation. The refurbished and equipped new kitchen is complete. A preliminary financial report was received on June 30 th .	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 and community support is providing skilled and unskilled labour and some materials.	Status: Construction of two classrooms equipped with furniture and white boards is complete. Construction is 80% complete on the other two classrooms and washrooms.	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 is 100% complete The final financial report is approved and accepted by the RC of Milwaukee.	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, a kitchen and a concrete structure to support a water tank as well as upgrading the water supply pipelines. Estimated cost: \$53,000US	Status: Construction is 100% complete. A preliminary financial report has been received. Final financial report is due.	RC of Retalhuleu RC of Regina Eastview Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC of Retalhuleu, RC of Regina Eastview

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

Status: Construction is 100% complete and the classrooms are fully furnished with desks and whiteboards. The refurbished kitchen is 100 % complete.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Guatemala Norte **International Club:** Rotary Club of Kenora

New refurbished kitchen and equipment



Classroom furniture



two new classrooms

Canton Panabaj School 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 new classrooms and a new washrooms with one fully accessible toilet and wash stations and health and hygiene training.

Status: two of the four classrooms are 100% complete and fully furnished with white boards and desks. The construction of the other two classrooms and washrooms are 80% complete. (see photo below). It is estimated the project will be complete in two months.

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.

Two classrooms are 80% complete



New Projects 2025/2026

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.	RC Club of Coatepeque 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	To be determined
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



School marimba band



Mothers preparing lunch for us on our school visit in November

The Ripple Effect Scholarship Program is administered by the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow. The Project Manager is Marian Kettlewell of the RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow. **Status:** The 2025 school year started in mid-February and is progressing well. 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 \$16,000 Canadian.

Fundraising is ongoing for REP Scholarship recipients for the 2026 school year. Rotary & Interact Clubs, Rotarians and friends are encouraged to support this great program!

University of Valle del Guatemala (UVG) 2025 Scholarship Program

The Ripple Effect Teachers Scholarship Program is administered by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Assiniboine. The Project Managers are DGN Warren Thompson and Grant Buchanan.

Status: The school year started in mid-January 2025. The three students are registered in 2nd year majoring in Music however one of the students is completing a few 1st year courses as well. The 1st semester ended on June 30th. The total cost for 3 Teacher Scholarships is \$3,300 US or approximately \$4,650 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!

2025 Scholarship Recipients



Erick Gudiel Xocop
Major: Music



Santos Cristina Vesques Choror
Major: Music



Catarina Nohemi Perez
Major: Music

Public Relations/Social Media

Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – Ripple Effect Program has 517 followers.

The Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) met once in the 4th quarter a zoom meeting on April 30th and three CREC/GREC REP Strategic Plan zoom meetings in April, May and June.

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 e-mail glemaistre1@hotmail.com



Respectfully Submitted,

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