

REPORT TO DISTRICT 5550 WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DISTRICT 5550 INC.
Quarterly Report - an overview of the Ripple Effect Program Accomplishments
For the period January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026

2025/2026 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. Status: The GG final report was submitted in January 2026 and approved. GG was Closed 22/02/2026	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 2026 school year. Host club RC of Vista Hermosa also provides an additional 5 Scholarships for High School students. RC of Vista Hermosa has award a three- year University Scholarship to a deserving student. The student is starting 3 rd year.	Status: The 2026 school year started in January. The Club- to- Club Agreement for 2026 school year has been signed and the list of 2026 Scholarship recipients has been received.	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. Majoring in Music.	Status: The 2026 school year began in mid-January with three students registered. Two in third year and one in 2 nd year.	University del Valle de Guatemala/ RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine Support: RC Winnipeg Assiniboine, D & N Morris, E. Thompson Foundation, Ashley Nordlund and Weyerhaeuser
2.144 GG # 2456616 A Goal for Guate III	16 school computer project, 256 computers, 16 servers, teacher training and tech support. Directly benefitting over 4,000 students. Budget \$88,820 US	Status: Equipment deployment is 100% complete with 256 computers and 16 servers installed in 16 schools. Teacher training is complete. Monitoring, evaluation and support will continue. Interim report submitted 24/01/26 was approved in early February. Next Progress report due 03/02/2027	RC Regina Eastview/ RC of Guatemala 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 WASH in 7 Schools	Provide infra- structure improvements to washrooms in 7 schools as well as water, sanitation, health and hygiene training to the students. The project will directly benefit approximately 1,400 students. Cost estimate is \$97,570.00 (USD)	Status: The training of teachers, students and Parent committees is now complete. The Club has started preparing the final report. Next report due 18/09/2026	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
2.149 Montecristo School and one other school	WASH Education Program Santa María Visitación is a municipality in the Department of Solola with 87% of the population being Indigenous. Beneficiaries: 243 students (134 girls) as well as parents will be trained.	Promote the consumption of clean, safe water through the installation and use of classroom water filters. ● Encourage regular and proper handwashing as a preventive health measure. ● Promote healthy eating habits	RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow RC of Nueva Guatemala Support Clubs: RC of Estevan, RC of Melfort, RC of Moose Jaw, RC of Weyburn

	Estimated Cost: \$15,600 US	based on local foods and understanding the digestive system. • Develop environmental awareness through playful and creative activities. • Train teachers and engage parents to sustain WASH practices beyond the project duration. Status: Project started in March 2026	
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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: 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 final report has been submitted and accepted by the RC of Milwaukee.	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 \$73,000 US Municipality and community support is providing skilled and unskilled labour and some materials.	Status: Construction of four classrooms is 95 % complete and the washroom module has not been started. Project is delayed due to the ongoing unstable political situation in Santiago.	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: \$49,000 US	Status: Construction is 100% complete. Final Report has been submitted and approved by RC of Regina Eastview and CREC. Next step is to submit the Final report to RC of Vista Hermosa-Julio and RC of Milwaukee.	RC of Retalhuleu RC of Regina Eastview Support Clubs: RC of Milwaukee, RC of Retalhuleu, RC of Regina Eastview

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

Status: two of the four classrooms are 100% complete, fully furnished with white boards and desks and being used by the students. The construction of the other two classrooms are 95% complete. (see photo below). The Rotary Club is going to work with the Parent Committee and school to install the tile floor. The plan is to have the two classrooms ready for use by the students in May or June. Construction of the washroom module has not started and is the responsibility of the Municipality and will begin when the Municipality is in control of the administration and the political situation is stabilized.

Host Club: Rotary Club of Vista Hermosa.

International Club: Rotary Club of St. Boniface/St. Vital

Cost estimate is \$73,000 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 95% complete



WASH in 7 SCHOOLS GG 2235050

Host Club: RC Retalhuleu

International Club: RC of Regina Eastview and significant partners RC of Saskatoon North and RC of Moose Jaw Wakamow

Status: This project, which included enhancement of water, sanitation and hygiene in seven schools as well as construction/ refurbishing of existing washrooms was completed in June 2025. Initial WASH training for school staff and students was completed in early September 2025. The final evaluation and retraining of teachers is now complete.

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Host Club: RC Guatemala Oeste

International Club: RC Regina Eastview

and significant partners RC Bakersfield West (USA), RC of Healdsburg (USA):

Description: The project is equipping 16 school computer classrooms at 16 schools with 256 computers and 16 servers as well as teacher and student training and tech support.

Cost estimate: \$88,820 US

Status: The installation is 100% complete with 256 computers and 16 servers installed in 16 schools. Teacher training is now complete and has certified 192 teachers across 16 schools as well as student training. A maintenance program trains teachers in preventive maintenance and certification of local technicians is in process. Community involvement includes parent technology committees and a student digital leader program.



Student enjoying his computer class



computer classroom

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New Projects 2025/2026 and 2026/2027

School Number and Name	Description	Status	Lead/Host-support clubs
2.112 Colonia Mofang	Construction of two classrooms. Estimated cost: pending	Status: new project in the planning stage. Fundraising is on going	RC of Gualan To be determined
2.145.2Hector Orantes Barillas school	Construction of a school library The library classroom is 84 square meters. This project is designed to strengthen literacy, improve academic performance, and expand access to educational resources for the students. Estimated Cost is \$27,073. US	Status: The project team has submitted drawings and preliminary budget for the school library that is currently under review. Fundraising is ongoing for this project.	RC of Guatemala Norte RC of Kenora Support clubs to be determined
Las Carretas School	Drill a well and provide a water purification system and 2 level building for equipment. Estimate is \$14,000 US	School visit 2024 Planning stage Fundraising is ongoing	RC of Gualan To be determined

District Conference in Neepawa-May 8th and 9th

Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee are inviting you to please stop by the Ripple Effect Program booth and say hello. We will be happy to talk to you about our amazing District 5550 Ripple Effect program and show case our past successful school projects and talk to you about our new school projects coming up. **The Ripple Effect Program is "making a difference" and changing lives by providing enhanced educational opportunities for children living in challenging environments in Guatemala.**

Ripple Effect Scholarship Program



4250 DG visit 2025 with students – DG Diana Brown



Graduation 2025 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 2026 school year begins in mid- January 2026.

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.

Oswaldo the Project manager for the RC of Vista Hermosa provide the following information on some of our 2025 graduates:

Bryan Roberto Sian Aquino: Works in a clothing manufacturing workshop.

Jose Antonio Lorenzo Rac: Works at a water purification plant.

Maydi Aracely Bajxac López: Started her own business with a consumer goods store.

Luz Fabiola Blanco Lucas: Works at a plant nursery.

Francisco Alberto España Pérez: Is now a firefighter.

Oswaldo quote:

“Thanks to the scholarship program, these young people have jobs and a better future”

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) 2026 Scholarship Program

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

Status: The 2026 school year started in mid-January with three students awarded scholarships.

The 2nd semester marks for 2025 are as follows:

Erick-88.6 % outstanding!!

Cristina- 81.7 % very good average however failed one course due to family circumstances.

Catarina-46 % disappointing. Failed all four courses due to extraordinary family circumstances.

Fundraising is ongoing for the Teacher Scholarship recipients for the 2026 School Year.

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

2026 Scholarship Recipients



Erick Gudiel Xocop
Major: Music
2nd semester 88.60%



Santos Cristina Vesques Choror
Major: Music
2nd semester 86.70
Failed one course



Catarina Nohemi Perez
Major: Music
2nd semester 46%
failed all four courses

Public Relations/Social Media

Ripple Effect Program Facebook group – Ripple Effect Program has 521 followers.

The Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC) met twice in the 3rd quarter and CREC/GREC also met once in March

Members of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee welcome all opportunities to do a presentation at your club.

RC of Kenora-Gord and Deb LeMaistre, RC of Dryden-Joanne Misner, RC of Winnipeg Charleswood-Ed Thompson, Tim MacKay and Jeanette Montufar, RC of Regina Eastview-Peter Peters, Peter Neufeldt, Doug Mortin, RC Moose Jaw Wakamow-Glenn Hagel, Marian Kettlewell RC of Winnipeg Assiniboine- Warren Thompson RC of Saskatoon Wayne Palmer.

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