

REPORT TO DISTRICT 5550 WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DISTRICT 5550 INC.

Ripple Effect Program – Quarterly Impact Summary (Jan–Mar 2026)

The Ripple Effect Program continues to transform education in Guatemala through school construction, water and sanitation initiatives, technology, and scholarships—impacting thousands of students.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

- 24 schools completed, benefiting 4,498+ students
- Additional 7-school project near completion
- Focus on clean water, hygiene education, and sanitation
- New project launched for 243 students and families

Technology & Education Access

- 16 schools equipped with 256 computers and 16 servers
- 4,000+ students impacted
- 192 teachers trained and certified •

Ongoing maintenance and community engagement

School Construction Projects

- Multiple projects completed or near completion
- Some projects 100% complete; others ~95% complete
- Includes classrooms, washrooms, kitchens, water systems
- Strong community contribution of labour and materials

Scholarship Programs

- 43 students supported in 2026 (28 middle, 15 high school)
- Approximate cost: \$15,000 CAD
- Graduates now employed or running businesses
- three University scholarships also supported

Funding & Partnerships

- \$100,000 USD donation matched (total \$200,000 USD impact)
- Strong collaboration across Rotary clubs and partners
- Ongoing fundraising for future initiatives

Program Impact

Students now benefit from safe learning environments, clean water, modern technology, and continued education opportunities—creating long-term community transformation.

Bottom Line: A powerful model of sustainable global impact through collaboration.

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