

# **ROTARY DISTRICT 5580**

## **WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE FINAL REPORT**

### **PART A – PROJECT**

D5580 Project #: 10.3.15 Rotary Club Name: Rotary Club of Brainerd

Project Location: LaVictoire, Haiti

**Brief Project Description and Objectives:** This report serves as the World Community Service Final Report for a matching grant that resulted in the building of a public secondary school in LaVictoire, Haiti. The project was undertaken by a partnership between three Rotary clubs, one in District 5580 (Brainerd) and two in District 5950 (City of Lakes/Minneapolis and Hutchinson), and supported by several other Rotary clubs in these two districts as well as other districts (including a donation from a Rotary Club in Germany). The project was initiated in late 2008 with a fund-raising effort. Total funds raised by this Rotary Club were \$18,000. In February 2010, Rotary International District 5580 acted favorably on an application from the Rotary Club of Brainerd, providing \$18,000 in matching funds. The project's budget was approximately \$213,000, including solar electrification and computer lab. However, \$153,000 was the actual amount of funds required for the basic school which were raised by the fall of 2010 so that the project was able to begin. The electrification/computer portion of the project will be addressed at some future period, since the priority is to continue to construct "basic" public secondary schools in various communities in the central plateau of Haiti. Construction began in the spring of 2010 and was completed in September 2010, providing classrooms, toilets, a well (to provide safe, clean drinking water) and library to serve approximately 400 students. The LaVictoire Public Secondary School was inaugurated on October 11, 2010 and officially opened on October 18, 2010. Approximately \$28,000 remained after all construction costs for the basic school have been paid. The three Rotary principal partners are continuing their fund-raising efforts with the goal to raise approximately \$300,000 for a second public secondary school in Ranquitte, Haiti (ground-breaking is planned for this summer).

### **PART B – FINAL REPORT PREPARATION**

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### **PART C – ACTIVITIES**

<b>List of Activities</b>	<b>Who Did It? (Name)</b>	<b>When?</b>
Rotary Partnership for Haiti is formed.	Representatives from Rotary Clubs in Brainerd, Hutchinson and Minneapolis	Summer 2008
Fund-raising initiated.	Rotary Partnership for Haiti	Fall 2008

District 5580 Matching Grant Award	District 5580 Grants Committee matched funds raised by Rotary Club of Brainerd	February 2010
Ground-breaking for LaVictoire School	Rotary Partnership for Haiti and Haiti Outreach, Inc.	Spring 2010
Construction is completed	Rotary Partnership for Haiti and Haiti Outreach, Inc.	September 2010
School is inaugurated	<b>Rotary Partnership for Haiti/Haiti Outreach</b>	October 11, 2010
School begins		October 18, 2010
First school year ends	Haiti Ministry of Education	Spring 2011
Second school year ends	Haiti Ministry of Education	Spring 2012

#### **PART D – DIFFICULTIES**

What difficulties were encountered during the project? We failed to raise sufficient funds to equip the basic school with solar power and a computer lab. However, we have also been unsuccessful in obtaining the assurances we need from the Haitian government that it will protect, maintain and upgrade-as-needed, the electrification and computerization. Therefore, even if we had been able to raise the additional \$50,000 in funds, we would not have added this amenity until such assurances would have been obtained. This issue is nearly resolved and we are hopeful we'll be able to initiate additional fund-raising to add this amenity to our first and the second (soon to be under construction) schools.

#### **PART E – CHANGES OCCURRING**

What changes have occurred in the lives of the recipients (target population) as a result of this project outcome? About 200 students have been able to continue their education beyond the 6th grade. As the school matures, it will be serving up to 400 students. Time will tell, but we're convinced that education is the key to improving the vitality of the country of Haiti, so we are hopeful that we'll make a contribution over time by building the intellectual capacity of Haiti's children so that they, when grown, will be able to break the cycle of poverty and create their own destiny.

#### **PART F – EXPERIENCE ACQUIRED**

What new experience, skills and understanding have been acquired by District 5580 Rotarians as a result of this project? First, we decided early into this project that more could be achieved through



partnerships than by the effort of individual Rotary clubs. So, the Rotary Partnership for Haiti was formed by the Rotary Club of Brainerd and two clubs from District 5950; without this partnership the project would not have been completed or it would have taken many years at best to complete. Second, we learned that it is critical to have a "local" presence in Haiti. We initially intended to partner with a Rotary club(s) in Haiti, but because of political reasons, we decided to partner with a not-for-profit organization from Minnesota with a long and positive track record in Haiti. Again, this partnership was the key to the successful negotiation with the Haitian people, especially its government officials. Finally, we embrace the philosophy of our partner, Haiti Outreach, Inc., which does not provide a "hand-out"; rather, they engage the citizens for which the school is being built, involve them in the planning and the construction of the school and work with them to make the commitments necessary to sustain the school.

#### **PART G – ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**

How has this project enhanced partnership and international fellowship among Rotarians? The three clubs that formed the Rotary Partnership for Haiti continue to work closely together in pursuit of additional schools in Haiti. A very strong bond has been created. A similar bond was created between these three clubs and our Haiti Outreach, Inc. partner. Finally, many Rotarians in Minnesota and in a few other states and in Germany have embraced our vision and provided monetary contributions for our initial school. In fact, the Rotary club in Germany has contributed at least \$20,000, thusfar, for the first and second schools.

#### **PART H – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

How has this project impacted the environment (physically, socially and/or culturally)? We believe that whenever people learn, they are empowered to change both themselves and their communities. The students have learned and will continue to learn how to lead their country. The adults in the community in which the school is built have learned that Rotarians around the world do what they say in their "Service Above Self" philosophy. And, those citizens have learned that, through partnerships, they can change their futures.

#### **PART I – LESSONS LEARNED**

What lessons have been learned with the completion of this project? First, it is clear that initiating a fund-raising effort in challenging economic times, regardless of the strength of the vision, takes more time than expected. Secondly, we learned that one should never underestimate the power of a single idea that has the potential to change the future. Thirdly, we learned not to underestimate the problems associated with "politics", even when the project is powerful.

#### **PART J – PUBLICITY**

How did you publicize this project? (Attach copies of newspaper articles or other media reports. You may also attach photos or submit them with this report for attachment by the District office.) An article was included in the Brainerd Dispatch about the Rotary Club of Brainerd's partnership with other Rotary clubs to build schools in Haiti. The district matching grant was acknowledged in this article. Unfortunately, no copies of the article were saved. Attached are some photos about the school and its inauguration.

**PART K – FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Convert foreign currencies to US\$**

**Itemized Expenditures**

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget (*)</b>
Basic School	\$153,038	\$154,135
Library, Electrification, Computers		<u>58,700</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$153,038</u>	\$212,835

(see detail attached)

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Total

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(\*) From originally submitted WCS Application

**Receipt of Funds****Convert foreign currencies to US\$.**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget (*)</b>
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District 5580 Rotary Club Funds

\$19,000

District 5580 WCS Funds

\$18,000

Host Country Rotary Club Funds

List Other Funding Sources in Rows Below

(see detail attached)

**TOTALS**

Amount of SURPLUS/DEFICIT

\$27,928

Foreign Exchange Rates Used: [Click here to enter text.](#)UNSPENT FUNDS ARE DEPOSITED AT: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(\*) From originally submitted WCS Application

Dated: 7/20/2012

Name of Preparer (from Part B): Richard Slieter



Signature of Preparer

# **School Building Budget vs Actual Analysis - La Victoire**

			<b>BUDGET*</b>	<b>ACTUAL*</b>
			<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
7 Classroom Building including labor	concrete with electrical conduit with latrine with paint plastered floor tin roof	SECOSA quote 2/10/10	97,875	97,600
2 Room Administration Bldg. with rc concrete 1 of rooms for computer lab/library	tin roof	separate building SECOSA quote 2/10/10	32,035	31,940
School Benches for 3 students Desk, Files, Chairs etc. for Office	\$83 each	20 per room x 8 rooms	13,280 600	11,820 0
			Furnished by school's budget	
Blackboards	\$255 each	9 rooms	2,295	2,050
Clean water well	with housing		8,050	9,628
<b>Subtotal - basic school</b>			<b>\$154,135</b>	<b>\$153,038</b>
Library Books and Shelves			3,500	did not do
Solar Panels, electrification	with inverter, batteries with satellite internet with guard house with shipping		43,700	did not do
Computers	with shipping	10 Apple Laptops	11,500	did not do
Subtotal Modern School Additions			\$58,700	
GRAND TOTAL			\$212,835	
* Includes 15% for Overhead Expenses by Haiti Outreach Note: Land was DONATED by the community				
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RAISED</b>			<b>\$180,966</b>	



# Donations for La Victorie School

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Anonymous (Joan Lompart)	\$1,500		Mary's
Eagan Rotary	\$2,000		
Keenans	\$200		Dale's
Littles	\$100		Dale's
Getsch	\$100		Dale's
Judy Nelson	\$100		Dale's
Dale	\$100		Dale's
Bransons	\$300		Dale's
Wally Faster	\$100		Dale's
James Gabe (on Karen's list)	\$100	7/25/2009	
Kevin, Peg Keenan	\$200	7/25/2009	Dale's
Robert, Suzy McCarty	\$100	7/25/2009	
Erik Minge	\$100	7/25/2009	
Lisa Moncrief	\$100	7/25/2009	
Doug, Ellen Schmitt	\$500	7/25/2009	
Susan Spiers	\$200	7/25/2009	
Tom, Elizabeth Tuttle	\$250	7/25/2009	Dale's
Rev. James Bruyere Jr. Trust	\$100	7/25/2009	
Susan and Loren Roe	\$50	7/25/2009	
Kimberly Spear/Michael Wilson	\$100	7/25/2009	
The Ritter Group	\$100	7/25/2009	Greg
Wm and Marilyn Stock	\$333	8/1/2009	
Larry Sorenson	\$75	8/24/2009	Greg's
Rachel, Jack Thibault	\$25	8/21/2009	add to Dale's
Olaf and Amy Minge	\$750	8/20/2009	
Patrick and Jean Joyce	\$1,000	9/2/2009	
Ray, Caryl Johnson	\$50	9/16/2009	Greg's
Bruce and Barbara Nelson	\$100	#####	Greg's
COL Rotary Foundation	\$15,000	#####	
Uptown Rotary	\$3,426	#####	
#5950 Rotary Foundation	\$40,006	1/10/2010	
Deep Freeze Dunk	\$20,270	1/23/2010	
Uptown Rotary - Wine and Choc	\$4,085	2/12/2010	
Old Westbury College - SUNY	\$263	3/8/2010	
Hutchinson Rotary Club	\$5,000	2/26/2010	
Hutchinson Rotary Foundation	\$100	2/26/2010	
Brian Brosz	\$20	1/27/2010	
NDMA	\$396	2/19/2010	
Linnea Klassen	\$20	1/27/2010	
Dean, Kimberly Winter	\$50	1/27/2010	
Wendling Insurance	\$25	1/27/2010	
Jason, Tiffany Schooler	\$50	1/21/2010	
(sent back to Uptown Rotary)	-\$4,085	March ?	
Brainerd and District Match	\$36,000	4/8/2010	
Another Club in Brainerd District	\$1,000	4/8/2010	
Uptown Rotary	\$7,846	4/15/2010	
Gallaghers	\$5,000	5/2/2010	
Old Westbury College - SUNY	\$243	5/20/2010	
Madison West Rotary	\$2,000	5/21/2010	
Rotary/Mary Daniels Matching	\$4,500	5/20/2010	
Charis Foundation	\$10,000	5/22/2010	
Uptown Rotary Club	\$465	6/1/2010	
Ft. Bragg Middle School	\$553	6/22/2010	
German Rotary	\$5,000	#####	
German Rotary	\$5,000	12/8/2010	
German Rotary	\$5,000	1/12/2011	
German Rotary	\$5,000	4/22/2011	
TOTAL Raised to Date	\$180,966		

**2010 Donations**  
\$116,046

## **Paid Out/COSTS/Basic School**

SECOSA 3/10/10	\$45,058
SECOSA 5/4/10	\$45,058
SECOSA 8/12/10	\$22,529
Desks, Blackboards	\$12,061
Well	\$8,372

Total Paid Before 15% overhead \$133,078  
15% Overhead - Haiti Outreach \$19,962  
**TOTAL COST BASIC SCHOOL \$153,040**

GOAL for Modern School \$212,835  
Amount Raised to Date \$180,966  
Balance To Raise \$31,869

# **PROJECT "LA VIKTWA "**

## **CONTRACT DOCUMENT**

Between:

1- Mr. DALE SNYDER, Executive Director and Neil VanDine Country Director representing Haiti Outreach , there after called " The OWNER",  
Identified by the No \_\_\_\_\_ And No \_\_\_\_\_ , for the first part; and

2- The Construction Company "SECOSA S.A" (Supervision, Design and Construction), representing there of by its General Director, Mr. JEAN-EMILE LAFERIERE, here after called "The CONTRACTOR"

Identified by the No 003-041-551-1, for the second part;

IT HAS BEEN AGREED the following.

- Considering that the "OWNER" has retained the services of the "CONTRACTOR" (SECOSA S.A) for the execution of the construction of a building "LA VIKTWA ", Haiti, and; has accepted the bid of the said "CONTRACTOR" for the works described in the bid Estimate of the project, which is part of this contract document, for the amount of

ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDREDFORTY FIVE and 66/100 DOLLARS (US \$ 112. 645, 66) as stipulated in the Estimate.

- Considering that the "CONTRACTOR" takes the commitment of completing at the satisfaction of the "OWNER" all the works involved in the Estimate, and of maintaining until the delivery of the project;

- Considering that the "OWNER" agreed to pay to the "CONTRACTOR" for the work involved, the amount indicated in this contract document, in the following manner:

a) A first payment of US \$ 45,058.26 representing 40 % of the global amount, at the signing of this contract;

b) A second payment of US \$ 45,058.26 representing 40 % of the global amount. During the installation of the concrete bloc elevation.

c) A third payment of US \$ 22,529.14 representing 20 % of the global amount, after the delivery of all the work involved in this contract, at the satisfaction of the owner.



The duration of the construction of all the work involved in this contract, shall not exceed Two and a half (2 1/2) months.

In witness, there of, the two parties have signed this contract, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on February 9,2010.

For the CONTRACTOR

For the OWNER

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Jean Emile LAFERIERE  
P.D.G. for SECOSA S.A.

For the OWNER

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NEIL VAN DINE  
Country Director  
Haiti Outreach.

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DALE SNYDER  
Executive Director

**Project 10.3.15 – Brainerd Rotary Club and Partners La Victoria, Haiti School**

