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Rotary Club of Lander, Wyoming
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Dear Lander Rotarians,

Thank you for the opportunity for an after-meeting with interested Rotary and Interact members on June 27. "The junior high school library construction project in Mexico that we presented is near completion, and it is time for a progress report.

The enclosed photo history shows the progress over the last two months since ground-breaking. We have met every weekend with the principal and are impressed with his management of this project. A listing of weekly outlays is enclosed, A final accounting with receipts for all expenses by budget categories is in preparation.

We are happy to report that the library will be ready for the 13th anniversary celebration of the founding of the junior high school in October 5, 2018. A sign above the door will read "LIBRARY Professor Jaime I. Cano Amaya – October 1, 2018" It was your new president Joe Quiroz and his commitment to seek funding from the Rotary district and our Canyon Scholars board of directors commitment to advance funds for early constructin that has made this possible.

Professor Jaime has made it possible for 65 of the school's students to receive scholarships with Canyon Scholars, some with Lander Rotary Club as sponsor. It was his dream to have a 3 sports court that two Lander Rotarians, Jack States and Bob Spengler, helped make reality. Jaime has served as teacher, and for a time as principal, for 12 of the school's 13 years. Now he is being forced to resign without a pension due to the educational reform authored by the outgoing Mexican president Pena Nieto, due to his lack of all the formal education requirements for teachers.

The newly elected Mexican president Andres Lopez Obrador has vowed to repeal the reform, and Professor Jaime remains on the job pending the actions of the new administration and congress. Regardless of this outcome the community is behind Professor Jaime, as is the current principal Professor Pedro.

As you can see by the enclosed spending report, costs have overrun the budget by \$1,300 due largely to overlooked budget items. If it is not too late to submit your request to the district for \$6,000 instead of the \$4,700 we estimated in June, it would make Lander Rotary the sole financial sponsor of the library. We would welcome the presence of a Lander Rotary representative at the library dedication and anniversary celebration on October 5, 2018. We will cooperate in facilitating travel and hospitality arrangements.

A 220 page book is being prepared for publication in time for October 5. The book is a documentary record of the development of the school from one room in a carpenter shop to the 7 classrooms, computer room, office and now library complex. If Lander Rotary would like to sponsor the printing costs of this anniversary edition, the cost is estimated at \$815. While in Spanish, the book is replete with pictures. Professor Jaime's biography and photos of his work as an artist will also be on display in an album placed in the new library.

School has now started in this community of Cusarare, Chihuahua. Due to the apple harvest in this apple growing region only 30 of the 120 enrolled students were in class this week. Student paid labor is important for family income of these Tarahumara people. Full attendance is expected in September.

We will be in Madison, Wisconsin for a going away party for our U. S. Coordinator Jack Westman

and installation of his replacement Tom Pierce on August 29. After September 2 you can reach me at 011 52 625 585 1031 or by email at canschol@hotmail.com.

Thank you for joining us in making the future brighter for our young neighbors to the South.

Sincerely, *Ren*

Ren Svano, President

Canyon Scholars, Inc.

P.S. Another cost unanticipated in the budget and unrecognized until now is \$475 for a student walkway alongside of the building running the full length of the library. Due to the lay of the land the cement walkway needs a curb to allow bleeding when it rains. If the club can change the request to the district, the new total would come to \$6,475