

**Excerpt from Rotary WebFriend email sent to Balls Creek Elementary School  
Newton, North Carolina**

*Greetings from México,*

*I hope that your studies are going well, as the school year is drawing to a close.*

*Some of you have asked me about earthquakes and volcanoes here in Mexico. I have asked around and am told that the last large earthquake in Mexico City was thirty years ago. It might be fun to further research this via the Internet. In addition, it has been said that many people are moving from Mexico City due to fear of earthquakes and volcanoes. However, Mexico City remains the second largest city in the world. I am also told that there are “twin volcanoes” about two hours from Cuernavaca, the capitol of Morelos, near the pueblo (small town) of Ameca-meca. One of the volcanoes is active and the other is inactive. The names of the volcanoes are in Nahuatl, the second official language of Mexico. The first, inactive volcano is Iztaccihuatl (ees-tack-swee-waddle), and the second, active volcano, is Popocateptl (Poh-poh-kah-tay-petal). The active volcano is called Popo (poh-poh) for short; which is Spanish means poo-poo. I guess if I lived near an active volcano, I might give it a nickname like that. ☺*

*From what I understand, the Aztec Indians had a story about some men who went off to war, and the wives of two of the men didn't believe that they were really at war. They were gone so long that the wives died of sadness. One of the women is the inactive volcano and the other is the active volcano. The actual formation of the inactive volcano looks like a sleeping woman. If you all find out any further information about the volcanoes, be sure to let me know. I plan to research it myself at a later date. Since the volcano is active, they no longer allow tours near the volcano, so I don't have pictures.*

*I am attaching a picture of ...*

