

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5470

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The Rotary District 5470 International Service Committee educates and nurtures Rotarians and clubs working in the seven Areas of Focus.

- ◊ It connects clubs
- ◊ It builds relationships
- ◊ It educates, assists, and may

help finance clubs' international project development and fulfilment efforts.



It also inspires Rotarians like you who chose to visit international projects and see first-hand how *Rotary Opens Opportunities*.

“Whatever Rotary means to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves”

– Paul Harris

In this newsletter, we'll continue to show more of our many global grants as well as upcoming projects .

Share your club's international projects and interest with District International Service Chair [Peter Jeschofnig](#) who will share with District clubs.

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# Manchichi Indigenous Midwife project, Panama

## By Dr. Nancy Kerr - Telluride RC

The **Telluride Rotary Club** has pledged \$3000 for the Manchichi Indigenous Midwife project. in Panama.and invites other Rotary clubs to participate in this project.



For indigenous women and children in Panama, the disparities in health access and health outcomes translate into alarmingly high mortality and injury. In fact, it is 3 times higher than average for indigenous women in Latin America. The “Ngäbe Buglé, with 156,747 inhabitants (2010 census), are among the most impoverished and least medically served in the country and highest of all the regions in the country. Lack of access to prenatal care has been identified as a main cause of injury and mortality and it’s more than 90% preventable. Approximately 40% of pregnant women receive no prenatal care and 60% of births occur at home.

The Manchichi program is based on Phalarope’s Ixchel Midwife Program successfully implemented in 8 rural Mayan communities in Guatemala. Attesting to the encouraging results, this Rotary

supported project has now expanded to 13 additional communities. The program is unique in that it focuses attention on the traditional midwives in these communities who become equipped and trained in the use of basic diagnostics and care. They learn how to identify signs, symptoms, and underlying causes that put the pregnant women and their babies at risk. These communities then have a corps of highly effective, community-based sentinels in constant vigilance for the health of mothers and infants.

The integration of traditional midwives into the health system has resulted in an effective mechanism to identify, support, and track high risk patients such that referrals to physicians can be made to allow for critical and timely intervention. The program also includes Cultural Competency training for clinical, administrative and students working at the Minister of Health hospitals and health centers to vastly improve interaction with both patients and midwives within the Indigenous culture.

Finally, the program has a Women and Child Health Education module to raise awareness on a plethora of health topics of importance to the community. The program is written at an appropriate comprehension level to allow training in both Spanish and in the native indigenous language. Topics include breast and cervical cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, colon cancer, nutrition, HIV, osteoporosis, diabetes, cardiovascular disease. All women who are pregnant through post-partum receive information about proper weight gain during pregnancy, premature labor, hemorrhage during pregnancy and postpartum. Building on the success of the Guatemala Midwife program, the Manchichi program will be implemented in 6 communities in the Ngäbe Buglé Comarca. All midwives in this communities will be trained, and all members of the community will be invited to participate in the health education program.



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Project Status—Need \$6,889

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# Training Healthcare Workers in Emergency Medicine Skills for the Democratic Republic of Congo

## By Dr. Margaret Loewen, Lamar RC

The **Lamar Rotary Club** has been supporting the development of emergency medicine skills in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) since 2016. Our club helped fund a pilot project that was undertaken by HandUp Congo, an Australian non-profit organization. The project went into one of the most remote areas in the country to teach healthcare workers how to prevent deaths with simple techniques and basic equipment.

As a result of that successful project, the well-respected Medical School at Université Protestante au Congo (UPC) has made plans to start training healthcare workers from key hospitals all over the country to give them a full year of training using the World Health Organization's course called Basic Emergency Care (BEC). This course is endorsed by the African Federation for Emergency Medicine and is supervised nationally by the Emergency Medicine Association of the DRC. The first six months will be sessions in the classroom and training lab on campus at UPC with the equipment that they will learn to use. The second six months healthcare workers will be spending time in hospital emergency departments in Kinshasa where the university is located, enabling them to practice their new skill set. The BEC course will be completed when the participating students pass a WHO certification exam. UPC has requested a preparation phase for the program first and then three years for training 20 exceptional healthcare workers during each of the three years that we want to support through global grants. Thus, there will be four phases required for the completion of this project and a total of 60 healthcare workers will be certified to train their co-workers in hospitals all over the DRC upon completion of this project.



The Global Grant application currently in progress (#2126694) will fund the first phase, to provide development of the project at UPC by a panel of experts in Emergency Medicine. Of note, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) will not allow any travel of personnel to occur from outside of the country. All the physicians who develop this project for UPC will need to be residing in the DRC. There will be meetings scheduled with our host country club, Kinshasa-Binza RC, who will be supervising the project through TRF. The expert panel will be training the team who will be teaching the courses and supervising the clinical experiences of the students. These leaders will need to be trained in the specific requirements of the BEC curriculum and they will also need to be trained to use the equipment that will be imported from South Africa and the United States. Fortunately, UPC has offices and classrooms ready to designate for this new program in their newest building on the Medical School campus. When this preparation phase is completed there will be an initiation of the leaders and trainers through required in-person meetings. When the program is ready to start accepting students, there will be an official launch of the Emergency Medicine Training Program involving the DRC's Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and the Ministry of Health and the Kinshasa-Binza RC.

# Training Healthcare Workers in Emergency Medicine Skills for the Democratic Republic of Congo (cont.)

By Dr. Margaret Loewen, Lamar RC

The goal of UPC is to sustain this program as a component of the Emergency Medicine Master's Degree that is planned for Congolese physicians who want to become specialists in this discipline. This university has a Family Medicine specialty which is the first of its kind in the DRC. The Emergency Medicine specialty will be the first of its kind when the university has developed this Master's program at the conclusion of the four phases of this Rotary Foundation project.

**OUR ASK:** Please help us raise a total of \$177,000 to fund the first phase of this global grant. We will need many clubs from different districts to support this effort. **It would be wonderful if we could get these pledges from all interested clubs by the end of May, 2021. If not possible, we will work on getting it ready for the next program year.** We will want to know if your club is interested in hearing more about this project. A presentation by Zoom or conference call can be arranged.

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Medical School, Building #1, at UPC campus in Kinshasa



Meeting at UPC in May, 2019; myself with another American Rotarian; Dr. Sam Mampunza with other UPC Administration staff; Dr. Muller Mundenga, Emergency Medicine specialist; and Kinshasa-Binza Rotarians

# HANWASH in Haiti

## D-7020 & D-6960 Need Project Partners

Former **Telluride** Rotarian **Jerry Grandey** is now a member of Naples Bay RC (4329) in D6960, Southwest Florida, and he is reaching out to our district for help with their HANWASH in Haiti Project.

"To further the goals of the Rotary HANWASH initiative, we would like to create access to Clean Water, Hygiene and Health Education at the Community, School and Household Level in southern Haiti through an approach that will focus on improving local systems, strengthening community participation, improving public health education, and increasing access to clean water and sanitation facilities. This will directly benefit students and households, or a total of 7,495 people living in the Cavaillon and Côtes-de-Fer communes at the following schools:

1. Presbytérale St. Jude de Pereno (175 students)
2. Presbytérale Sacré-Coeur de Platon (100 students)
3. Frères Unis of Ravine Sable (Primary & Secondary) (747 students)
4. Union des Formateurs Tête Source (Primary & Secondary) (477 students)



In addition, as identified in the Commune Action Plan, Hope for Haiti will engage Water For Life in the installation of two new wells and the decontamination of two wells in the Gros Marin community in the Cavaillon commune. This will benefit another 1,000 people (250 people per well). Haiti Outreach will be a partner in training a water management committee to ensure responsibility over usage and ultimate sustainability of this project. The combination of access to clean water through household filtration and through wells will improve the health of children, parents and grandparents in southern Haiti.

The project will be focused on four components with the following goals and outputs:

1. Public Health Community Education: Improve access to healthcare, the quality of healthcare, and hygiene education for children and adults living in four communities in rural Haiti. Hire, train and employ healthcare workers to disseminate critical health information and improve access to healthcare facilities. Health information will cover cholera, diarrhea, typhoid, Zika, and malaria, symptoms as well as focusing on transmission and prevention measures, especially preventing cholera transmission and decreasing transmission through point-of-use filtration system implementation.
2. Clean Water Access (Well Installation & Household Filtration) and Training: Increase access to clean water for drinking, cooking and personal use in Cavaillon and Cotes de Fer targeting Hope for Haiti partner communities to improve health and sanitation at the household level. Train a community led water management committee to ensure water access points are managed and operational. In Cotes de Fer, Hope for Haiti will examine the feasibility of a water catchment system to improve access to water in that community.
3. Latrine and Handwashing Station Construction: Increase access to child-friendly, gender segregated hygiene, and sanitation at targeted Hope for Haiti partner schools that have limited access to clean water and WASH resources to improve health, nutrition, education and the quality of life for participants.
4. World Handwashing Day: Integrate the international campaign to motivate and mobilize people around the world to improve their handwashing habits."

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# Water Sanitation and Hygiene Project for Honduras

## Lima RC & D6600 (Ohio) seek Project contributors

Moms understand how essential safe water is to raise and protect healthy families, yet millions of moms around the world lack access to it. In the Merendon Mountains of Honduras, we are trying to raise funding to build 300 plus Latrines. We still need \$150,000 with a budget of approximately \$300,000.

The primary issue the 9 communities have requested help to fix is with their water. Most people drink water from nearby streams. The area is mountainous and those folks who live in the lower altitudes receive water contaminated from higher up. Two diseases are ever present: Leishmaniasis, and Chagas. When you combine these diseases with ignorance of hand washing and the general pollution of drinking water, we have a case to build latrines and teach hygiene to the school children.



Usula and Lima Rotary Clubs completed a pilot project GG1524842. This project has proved to be a catalyst for improving the lives of the people of the Merendon. The Rotary Foundation sent a team to investigate the communities in 2014. They recommended this type of project. The result was a pilot project completed with 150 latrines. (GG1524842)

Our plans are to build a latrine where the communities choose who gets one, educate the people who receive them, teach hygiene to the school children, supervise the construction of the latrines and follow up with the families to help them understand the benefits of using the latrines. Each unit consists of two disposal pits each good for five years, a distribution box and a latrine.

The Merendon Mountains are located WNW of San Pedro Sula in the Department of Cortes, Honduras. Please send your pledge of Cash or DDF to GG2098718 % Lima Rotary Club, Post Office Box 1111, Lima, Ohio, 45802.

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# Global Grant for Marshyangdi School, Raniban, Nepal

## By Rob Cairncross - Rotary Club of Snowmass Village



**What:** This boarding school, serving 200 children from underserved villages in the Himalayas, lost lives and buildings in the 2015 earthquake. **Snowmass Village Rotary** teamed up with a cooperating organization, Friends of Marshyangdi School (FOMS), to help.

FOMS (<https://marshyangdischool.org>) raised the money to buy land and build an earthquake-safe campus that also enables the school to accommodate up to 400 students. Rotary is raising money for education supplies, teacher professional development, diet enhancement, and health-related needs.

**Causes:** Education and Health

**How your club can support:** contact Rob Cairncross [rob@sarick.com](mailto:rob@sarick.com) 970-618-6722



# Stop Human Trafficking

## By Peter Jeschofnig, Glenwood Springs Sunset RC

Rotary has been involved in the effort to stop Human Trafficking for quite a while and by various means:

There is a **Rotary Action Group against Child Slavery**: <https://ragas.online>

**Rotary: End Human Trafficking**: <https://rotaryendht.org>

**Rotarians fight Human Trafficking**: <https://rotariansfightinghumantrafficking.org>

**Rotary's Human Trafficking Summit: Educators Role in Preventing Human Trafficking** (April 2021)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AET6V2RujU>

**Rotary Club of Community Action Against Human Trafficking** <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/16195>

Our district has recently been contacted and made aware of the existence of another anti-trafficking organization:

**Love Justice International**: <https://www.lovejustice.ngo>

Love Justice adopted and made scalable the strategy called “transit monitoring and interception.” The strategy is to attack trafficking while it is in the process of occurring and before exploitation and enslavement. The staff monitors at border crossings, bus stations, train stations, and airports, and they look for signs of human trafficking. Love Justice currently operates in 19 countries throughout Asia and Africa, and they have intercepted over 34,251 people who were at risk of human trafficking.



As an organization, Love Justice International has resisted being defined by their current work: caring for orphaned and abandoned children and fighting human trafficking. Instead, they define themselves by their mission statement— fighting the world's greatest injustices. To date, they have:

- Provided COVID relief to over 108,000 families in danger of starvation by distributing essential food supplies and other crucial provisions.
- Implemented innovative ways to continue their anti-trafficking work, resulting in over 23,757 interceptions of people in danger of being sold into slavery.
- Assisted authorities in securing 958 arrests of traffickers.

The reality is that due to the economic fallout of COVID-19, the poor will be more vulnerable than ever to traffickers preying on their volatile circumstances. *"It is highly likely that the pandemic and the ensuing global economic consequences will only **increase the pool of at-risk persons** and the likelihood of their being deceived, exploited, and ultimately, trafficked in the mid-term" (Interpol report on COVID-19 impact on migrant smuggling and human trafficking)."*

Love Justice is trying to establish a closer relationship with Rotary districts and Rotary clubs. They had positive conversations with several Rotary clubs including the El Paso Rotary Club and are having talks with the leadership of D-5520. They are also talking with the Juarez Integra Rotary Club and have invitations to speak to two other clubs and one in central Mexico.

If your club is interested in a zoom or in-person conference to learn more about this issue – and Love Justice's unique solution - contact **Katia Barsse-Blom**, International Ambassador 915.245.6842 [kbarsse-blom@lovejustice.ngo](mailto:kbarsse-blom@lovejustice.ngo)

# Winning for Twinning

## By Pat Love, Pagosa Springs RC

I came to Rotary “later in life” just as I was winding down a career that included many years of international service. Tired of long-distance travel, feeling enormous gratitude for the opportunities I’d had in many countries, I was eager to put my energy into making a difference in our local community. With enthusiasm, I volunteered for committees; helped raise money for local causes; took on leadership roles; and recruited new members by telling them they too could make a difference in the town we love.

But, as you are no doubt aware, Rotary isn’t a one-way street; you get back far more than you give. My meager investment afforded me great personal satisfaction; a deeper feeling of belonging; and greater knowledge of our local community—but it also gave me something I wasn’t expecting: a humble awareness of Rotary’s magnanimous international impact. I learned that, not only has The Rotary Foundation made polio an all but distant nightmare, but it has fought other diseases; provided clean water; saved mothers and children from poverty; supported education; and promoted peace.

The information I’ve learned about Rotary’s powerful international impact didn’t come cheap, nor did it reinforce my comfortable, myopic view of service. As I grew more uncomfortable with my international inaction, I laid the blame mostly at the feet of David Smith. Seriously, how long can you listen to his inspiring stories of bringing the very first microscope to science teachers in the poorest parts of the world without wanting to help out? How many pictures can you see of happy faces knowing they don’t have to carry water for miles every day to keep their families alive, without wanting to support more of these efforts? So, when David presented the idea of “twinning” with a club in Niamey, Niger, I eagerly volunteered to help make that happen.



Rotarian DJIBO Hamani, Niamey-Gaweye Rotary Club, introduces Rotarian David Smith, Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, to a rural school in Niger.



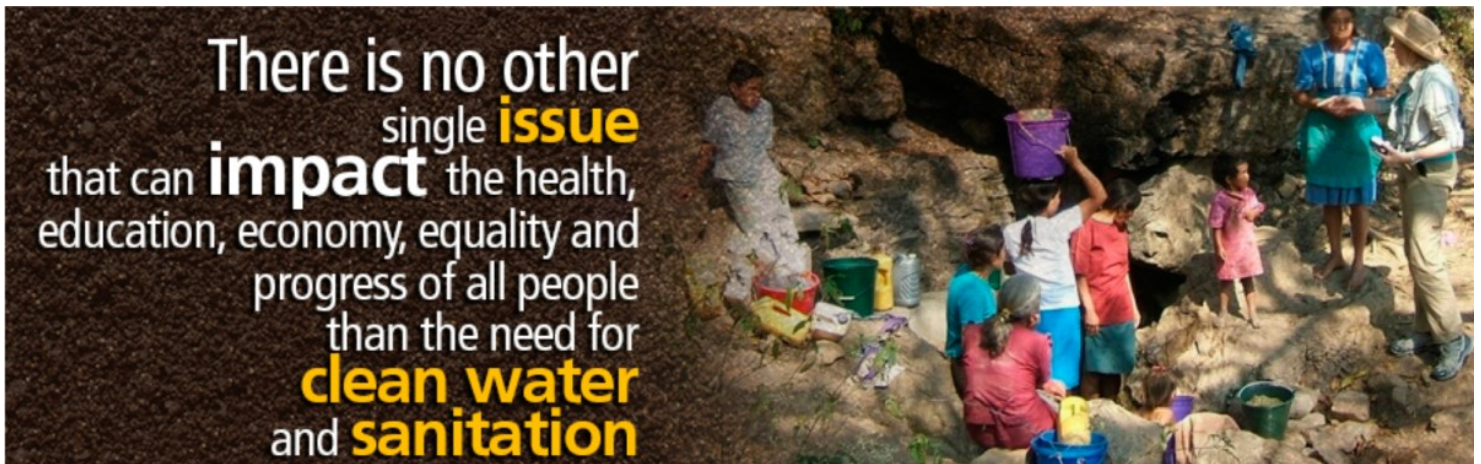
High school teachers in Niamey, Niger study the optical properties of double convex lenses in a teacher training workshop organized by the Niamey-Gaweye and Pagosa Springs Rotary Clubs.

Thanks to a reluctant knowledge of Zoom, having an active “twin-club” relationship with members of the Niamey-Gaweye Rotary Club in Niger has never been easier. Of course, we can still (someday) travel with David as he continues his kind, quiet, altruistic journeys; or we can develop personal relationships with the Niamey members without ever leaving home, or our pajamas! And because the Niamey-Gaweye Club offers service to remote, outlying villages, even a meager investment on our part can have impact in a part of the world rarely receiving support.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, look at the rapt attention of the men in David’s 2017 Teacher Training Workshop; or the joyous look on the children’s faces inspired by a visit from Rotarian DJIBO Hamani in a rural school. Among the thousand words these pictures inspire, is the reminder that local and international service are not mutually exclusive, and that winning can be as simple as twinning.

# WASH Rotary Action Group Virtual Summit

## June 3 – 4, 2021



Learn how your club can help address the urgent need for improved WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene, cleaning and waste management) at health care facilities.

Register today for the WASH Action Group Virtual Summit

Link for the June 3, 2021 5pm (MT) registration: <https://www.wash-rag.org/page/wws13>  
or

Link for the June 4, 2021 9am (repeat) registration: <https://www.wash-rag.org/page/wws13>



# Dolores Rotary Club's El Salvador Project getting started

## By David Nuttle, Dolores RC

Dear Rotarians,

You have a new opportunity to assist your fellow man at a critical time ----

**Problems Addressed:** A reported 820 million people, of the world's current 7.8 billion, are on the brink-of-starvation (U.N., World Bank, and USAID data). The U.N. Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) indicates that the 440,000 plus smallholder farmers who typically produce most food crops for the said starving populations are generally too poor to purchase the fertilizers needed to help sustain soil fertility and good crop yields. Thus, less food is available and food prices are higher. As a result, the poor are consuming more cheap "bush-meat" thereby being infected, more and more, by zoonotic diseases. It has now been scientifically proven that the deadly Ebola virus was caused by tribes in the Congo consuming fruit bats.

**Solution Under Development:** Dolores Rotary in cooperation with the NGO Needful Provision, Inc. (NPI) has created an innovative biochar kiln for use by smallholder farmers in making their own biochar that may be bio-activated w/ soil microbes and critical nutrients to make a soil additive. This biochar when added to soils at a small rate greatly increases soil fertility and crop yields long-term for very little cost. The Intl. Biochar Institute (IBI) has scientifically proven this beneficial result for soils. NPI has organized an effort, with extensive local support, to demonstrate this technology on 30 poor smallholder farms in the nation of El Salvador. Once our technology is proven, El Salvador's coffee mill and coop, known as Cuzcachapa, will manufacture our biochar kilns and rent them to local farmers along with supporting items and coffee-bean hulls that make an excellent biochar. Cuzcachapa will do all of this at their expense to sustain our effort to assist smallholder farmers there to solve their soil fertility problems and help provide food security for that nation.

**Global Expansion of Efforts:** Rotary Foundation is now providing "Scale" grants for \$2 million (as reported in Rotary Magazine for May 2021). Our team --- to include NGOs, a host Rotary Club, two El Salvadoran government units (within their Dept. of Agriculture), matching funds upon final approval from the Inter-American Foundation, plus an in-kind technologies match from NPI ----- plans to seek a Rotary Scale grant. This grant and matching grants totaling \$6 million will support the start and operation of an international barter trade center to help smallholder farmers worldwide acquire our biochar kilns and supporting materials using barter. NPI has helped to start such barter trade in Africa and will add technology to manufacture 15 self-help items, all produced in El Salvador, for use as part of a barter trade effort designed to provide any and all smallholder farmers with items needed to improve their well-being and profitability for their farms. (A list of trade items & proven barter concepts will be provided upon your request).

**Action Request:** Please ask your club to consider donating some of the funds needed as indicated above. In doing so, you will be helping to prevent hunger in El Salvador as well as doing so, worldwide, in the next few years. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

David Nuttle ([npiinc2000@aol.com](mailto:npiinc2000@aol.com)) Tel. 1-918-868-7090 (cell)

Member & Technical Advisor, Dolores Rotary Club for Renee King, President & David Sandford, Global Grant Chair.

P.S. For those of you who have already advised that your club has no funds for support of subject effort(s), this email is a project update.

# Looking for an International Project? Looking for a Host club Partner?

## David Smith, Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Does your club want to join The Foundation in reducing deep poverty but you do not know where to start? Providing financial support for a Global Grant project that is ready to go, but needs some additional support, may be a good choice.

The Rotary Club of Manati, Puerto Rico has joined with the Rotary Club of Carpachay, Argentina to provide training equipment for a new "Perinatal Training Center" in the Santa Rosa Hospital. This hospital is located in the Municipality of Vicente López, which is a region in the northern part of Buenos Aires.

The "Perinatal Training Center" is a fundamental tool to improve pre and postpartum care of pregnant women and newborns. Its greatest impact will be the decrease in Maternal and Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality. The Training Center will start training using human models to simulate the real world. Funding from this Global Grant will be used to purchase the required human models and to provide training in their use.

The application is written, but needs additional funding. When matched with District and Foundation funds, \$5,000 in club funds from our district will likely fund the project.

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Is your club thinking about starting a new Global Grant project in Puerto Rico or Argentina? Both of these clubs may be interested in other Global Grant projects and willing to serve as the Host Club.



Simulators used to train students in perinatal care

# A Ride for Shelter: Colorado Cyclist to Bike 3,800 Miles to Support ShelterBox Charity



Jesse Pine, son of Glenwood Springs Rotarian Pam Pine, is embarking on a major cycling trip to raise funds and awareness for ShelterBox.

Jesse Pine has been training since March to prepare for the bike ride of his life. Beginning June 20th, he will embark on a 3,800 mile – 65-day bike ride to raise awareness for ShelterBox, an international charity aimed at providing shelter and supplies to families and people displaced by disasters and conflict around the world.

The Ride for Shelter event will kick off in Nevada and take him through California, Oregon, Washington, British

Columbia, the Yukon Territory of Canada, and end in Alaska as he hopes to raise \$100,000 in support of the ShelterBox mission. The 3,800-mile bike ride is longer than traveling from Key West Florida to Seattle.

ShelterBox has supported hundreds of disasters and conflicts around the globe, including the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Syria, the 2010 Haiti Earthquake, the 2004 Boxing Day Indian Ocean Tsunami, and impacts from two hurricanes in Honduras in 2020. "We are helping displaced people recover from all types of events and what Jesse is doing to support ShelterBox will make a big difference in how we can respond to future disasters and crisis," said ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray. ShelterBox recently surpassed providing support to 2 million people since its start in 2000. "More and more people are becoming displaced around the globe from both disasters and conflicts and the donations we receive from this and other giving opportunities will help provide shelter and resources to those who need it the most," said Murray.

In preparation for his trip, Pine has been training weekly on nearby terrain in his home state of Colorado. His goal has been to bike at least 90 miles per week and surpass 2500 feet in elevation to prepare for the conditions he will encounter during the two-month long bike ride. "I will be biking through mountainous and coastal terrain and gaining as much as 4,500 feet in a single day and some days will travel up to 95 miles, but on average about 70 miles per day," said Jesse. "I know a lot of people will be sponsoring and cheering for me along the route," he said. ShelterBox is the official Project Partner of Rotary International and Jesse will be supported by Rotary Clubs who will be raising donations and sponsoring events as he travels through their communities. "We are excited that there are many Rotarians in Northern California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska where we will be able to promote and encourage support for Jesse," said Bill Tobin, ShelterBox USA's Rotary Relations Manager. "Seeing the ShelterBox operation in person including all the preparation and support that is required to respond to these disasters around the globe was very inspiring," said Jesse after visiting the ShelterBox Headquarters during a previous trip to the United Kingdom. "I have a lot of empathy for those who suffer from these events and end up displaced in need of shelter," he said.

Visit the Ride for Shelter <<https://www.shelterboxusa.org/rideforshelter>> page on the ShelterBox USA website to donate and learn more about the event.

# A Ride for Shelter: Colorado Cyclist to Bike 3,800 Miles to Support ShelterBox Charity (cont.)

## About Jesse

Jesse was born and raised in Colorado. In his early teen years, he learned the joys of the Colorado outdoors. His parents supported charities for many years. His mother has supported ShelterBox for over ten years through her role as a Rotarian in Glenwood Springs and his late father supported charities back in his hometown in Iowa and in Glenwood Springs. His stepfather is involved with the local Kiwanis Club. Watching his parents serve over the years motivated Jesse to become involved in charitable causes.

For additional information, or to request an interview with Jesse Pine, please contact ShelterBox **USA Communications-PR Manager Greg Padgett** at 678-977-9375 or at [GPadgett@ShelterBoxUSA.org](mailto:GPadgett@ShelterBoxUSA.org).

## About ShelterBox

Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided shelter, warmth, and dignity following more than 300 disasters in nearly 100 countries. In April 2021, ShelterBox surpassed providing support to 2 million people since its beginning. ShelterBox responds urgently to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami, or conflict by delivering boxes of essential shelter, aid and other lifesaving supplies. Each iconic green ShelterBox contains a disaster relief tent for an extended family, blankets, a water filtration system, emergency lighting, and other tools for survival. The organization was nominated in 2018 and 2019 for the Nobel Peace Prize in acknowledgement of its work in some of the world's most extreme conflict zones. ShelterBox USA is based in Santa Barbara, California.

ShelterBox is an official Project Partner of Rotary International. Tax deductible donations to the organization can be made at [www.ShelterBoxUSA.org](http://www.ShelterBoxUSA.org) or by calling (907) 854-0901.



# An Easter Egg Story from Ethiopia

## By Magali Combe , East Colo. Springs RC

This morning of April 28, 2021, the sky is a lead gray over Addis Ababa. Rain is looming and large, plump clouds float in the puddles left by the previous day's downpours. Has the wet season already begun? What hasn't begun yet, though, in Dukem, an hour's drive from Addis, is the completion of the distribution of 22,000 Easter eggs to families in need!

Yet, when we arrive at the kebele (Neighborhood's authority office) , Tesfaye, Becky and I, a whole crowd



is already waiting, scattered between the gray buildings. Women of all ages, their children on their backs or playing at their feet. Men all dressed up in their most beautiful jacket, or their bright white gabi (shawl) . Sitting on the porch steps, standing along the walls, in clusters on the waterlogged lawn that leads to the main office, they wait patiently, the elderly leaning on canes or prayer sticks.

They're waiting, but nothing's coming. Except us!

So, they all greet us with smiles that sometimes can only be seen through the wrinkles staring at the corner of their eyes, because of the mask that hides their face. Smiles and many polite “Neguma, Akkam jirtu!” (Hello, God bless you! ) . Some nod, others bow with gratitude and dignity. No pathos, here. No tension. We feel truly welcomed. Welcomed and accepted.



Tesfaye, the “master craftsman” that everyone obviously expected, directly starts to organize the Kebele employees, to speed up the distribution of eggs (which have not even been packed!), with a calm that forces our impatient and eager Westerners’ respect! Meanwhile, Becky and I listen to the pains and suffering of these people whose scars are as numerous as their smiles. Tigist has just been the victim of a stroke that’s left her hemiplegic for three days. Her employer has fired her, she can no longer take care of her household, her two children are hungry. Becky asks Yohannes, who took us to Dukem this morning, to take her to the city's Medical Center for diagnosis. Verdict: Tigist suffers from hyper-tension and needs to go to the hospital in Bishoftu to be treated and hope to regain mobility on her right side. Yohannes then takes her home to prepare her belongings, with her twenty eggs and enough money to cover the costs of transportation and a few days of hospital. Powerless to do more, we wish her a speedy recovery.



# An Easter Egg Story from Ethiopia (cont.)

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Melat carries her youngest son behind her back, a small Down-syndrome child who's increasingly agitated between her shoulder blades. He finds time long, too, and does not have the patience of adults! Becky tries to distract him by taking pictures of him and showing them to him. He doesn't seem very impressed, though... His mother, on the other hand, is delighted! And then comes the rain that had been threatening since dawn! It was in the air... Everyone runs to take shelter under the eaves of the surrounding buildings! Torrents are pouring over our heads! We have to squeeze against the walls to not be drenched by the water that cascades out of the gutters! Senaït, a

strong young woman full of laughter, tries to shelter Becky and I with her umbrella, forgetting herself. She hands me the handle but I do not have her sense of the right angle and I only manage to soak Becky even more! Senaït laughs at my city girl's inefficiency and charitably takes back the umbrella to prevent us from being drenched. Too late! We're already soaked



But it's time for Easter eggs distribution, anyway. Everyone rushes to the door of the Kebele's office. Becky and I to distribute the eggs, along with a sincere "Melkam Fassika!" (Happy Easter). The recipients always display the same calm and hopeful patience. It's still raining, but who cares. We go on with the distribution. Children on the women's backs are getting more restless. Old people are tired of standing for so long. Umbrellas run off,. Feet sink into ten centimeters of water. Smiles have given way to a watchful attention, to be sure to hear one's name when it will be shouted by the employee in charge of the distribution. But all those who leave with the precious fat black bag of twenty eggs thank us warmly, some with a smile, some with a nod, some with a clear "thank you" pronounced with dignity. "Melkam Fassika!" we go on, without a care for the rain.



Suddenly, a thinning. We seize this opportunity to go forth to the second Kebele where the distribution takes place this morning. In view of the disorder and setbacks encountered in the first, we're expecting the worst, considering that none of us were there to supervise the procedure. What great relief, then, when we arrive at an office where the eggs are carefully stocked inside, sheltered from the rain, while a team of perfectly organized women proffers the precious black packages as people come! No hustle, here, no endless waiting, no elderly soaked to the bone! People enter one by one, called by phone at regular intervals, to avoid too large gatherings.

# An Easter Egg Story from Ethiopia (cont.)

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Everyone arrives at their own pace and leaves with their twenty eggs, the hope of a good Easter meal and the same bright gratitude in the eyes. We are delighted with such efficiency, such an atmosphere of calm and serenity! We warmly congratulate everyone, chat for a moment, take some souvenir photos full of masks and good mood... and leave peacefully, now that the rain has stopped. We're obviously not needed here, everything's going perfectly well! But how is this possible? we ask, bewildered. What happened in this Kebele, which was not possible in the other? A miracle? A divine in-



tervention?

No.



No offense to you, gentlemen, but it's just that WOMEN took care of the distribution!

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# Rotary's new multimillion-dollar Programs of Scale

## Frequently asked questions

### What is a program of scale?

The Rotary Foundation has introduced a competitive \$2 million grant to provide Rotary members with resources to implement large-scale, high-impact programs in Rotary's areas of focus while fostering policy development and sustainable programs. The grant will invest in promising, locally led interventions that have already demonstrated success. Throughout the life of the grant (three to five years), Rotary members must work with an implementing partner and be prepared to document the program's success.

### Why is the Foundation now awarding a \$2 million grant?

To increase our impact. Through this grant, the Foundation will support high-quality, member-led programs that have proven outcomes. Lessons learned will be shared with clubs and districts everywhere to further strengthen our service projects.

### What are the attributes of a strong implementing partner?

Implementing partners must have expertise, experience, and program management systems, and must be an active participant in carrying out program activities. Implementing partners may be international or local NGOs, government entities, private sector organizations, or other Rotary entities, such as Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Action Groups. A program may have more than one implementing partner.

### Why is an implementing partner required?

Ideally, implementing partners will add value to the program by complementing the strengths of the Rotary members involved. Having a strong relationship with an adept and experienced implementing partner is critical. Also, in the first round of the Programs of Scale process, the Foundation encouraged co-funding from philanthropic, private, and other sources. Co-funding can help increase the number of beneficiaries as well as demonstrate the partner's strong commitment to the program's success. Though co-funding is now required, it does not have to come from the implementing partner.

### What is Rotary's role in a program of scale?

Rotary members have a unique role as trusted community members and neighbors, as well as leaders who are globally connected and who are committed to positive change. Whether Rotarians assume technical, programmatic, or advocacy leadership roles, applicants should demonstrate why Rotary members' active engagement is essential to the program's success.

### What type of project has the best chance of being awarded a Programs of Scale grant?

The successful proposal will outline a longer-term project that:

- Is evidence-based and can already demonstrate success.
- Is locally relevant to the intended beneficiaries.
- Is ready to grow because it has the right stakeholders and systems in place.
- Monitors, evaluates, and shares data.
- Employs the unique strengths of Rotary.

### Who reviews the applications?

All completed concepts and applications go through a rigorous review by members of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, Rotary staff, and other experts. More than 25 Rotary members and staff contributed to the review and selection process for the first Programs of Scale award.

### The 1st grant will provide \$2 million to Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia.

Co-funders World Vision US and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute \$2 million each. The \$6 million project will train and equip 2,500 community health workers in Zambia to support the government's work to eradicate malaria in Zambia.



# Upcoming International Project Fairs

**Peru - Virtual Event**  
**18-26 September, 2021**  
Contact information will be posted when available

**Colombia - Virtual Event hosted in Paipa, Colombia**  
**4-6 February 2022**  
Contact information will be posted when available



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**Padua (Venice), Italy**  
**September 2021**

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**Check out the RI Project Fair page:**  
**<https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/project-fairs>**

## Global Grants Projects Involving Our clubs

Many of our clubs are the International Partners of Global Grants (GG) Projects around the world.

Our clubs also contribute to projects conducted by other districts.

Whether your club is the international partner in a project or is simply contributing to a project, remember that D-5470 is usually prepared to match your club's contributions from District Designated Funds (DDF).

To request D-5470 DDF, you need to complete a simple request form and send it to the D-5470 Global Grants Chair, David Smith < dsmith7@unl.edu >

## Contact Us

Do you want to have your International Service project displayed in a future newsletter? Send the story and a few photos to [pjeschofnig@gmail.com](mailto:pjeschofnig@gmail.com)



Water & Sanitation Projects Around the World

### Global Grants Basics:

- Large, long-term projects
- Sustainable, measurable outcomes
- Alignment with Areas of Focus
- Real community needs (via needs assessment)
- International partnerships (frequent communication)
- Implementation plan
- Proper Stewardship of funds
- Involve Rotary clubs in two districts
- Minimum budget of US\$30,000

For detailed instructions on Global Grants applications, check out David Smith's **GUIDE TO GLOBAL GRANTS:**  
<http://www.rotary5470.org/SitePage/global-grants>

If you would like to be the international partner of a Global Grant or simply contribute to an existing D-5470 Global Grant, contact the Global Grants Committee chair, David Smith, [dsmith7@unl.edu](mailto:dsmith7@unl.edu) or Peter Jeschofnig, [pjeschofnig@gmail.com](mailto:pjeschofnig@gmail.com)

A close-up photograph of a woman in an orange sari administering a vaccine to a young boy. The woman is holding a small vial and using a needle to inject the vaccine into the boy's arm. The boy is looking up at the woman with a slight smile. The background is blurred, showing green foliage.

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