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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 fulfillment efforts.



It also inspires Rotarians like you who chose to visit international projects and see first-hand how to *Serve to Change Lives*.

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 [Becky Kiser](#) who will share with District clubs.

“Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” – Anonymous

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Clean water...basic to life
Rotary's working on it



East Colo. Springs Rotarians visit D-9212 Conference, Kenya

By Yechimebet Guetahoun, East Colo. Springs RC

The number of Rotarians and Rotaractors was impressive. (More than 600) Particularly the ones from Kenya coming from every corner of Kenya was noticeable. The Ethiopian team was also considerable.

Most of all, what was amazing is the commitment and devotion that Rotarians showed in their presentations or in their private conversations. I have seen a lot of devotion for the cause: serve and support.

A particular project launched at the convention has a special flavor: it's about a school. The first school for a village, built by a woman with a Samaritan heart. This school is trying very hard to be sustainable. Students from this school went to universities and succeed in life. And one interesting action: the village's peasants have given up some of their lands to build up a school for their children. But still the school is struggling!



Yechimebet (Yeshe) Guetahoun

Another most palpable reality is that youngsters are following the footsteps of the elders in the huge task of serving and supporting others.

An additional memorable event of the conference was the inauguration of the District Governess, an Ethiopian woman Azeb Asrat, the first woman governess in D 9212.

An Ubuntu proverb says: "I'm because we are" (Humanity towards others).



Volcanes Kids Education and Women Empowerment

Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mx.

By Khurshid Qureshi, Ph.D., Tri-Lakes RC

Art Fumerton and Kristel Ruiz picked me up from my residence in Marina Vallarta to take me to the community of Volcanes. I met Art Fumerton in Puerto Vallarta Sur Club Rotario meetings couple of times. He is a frail gentleman with partial eyesight but with strong heart, mind and will to serve others. I was impressed by what he has accomplished, but this is what Rotarians do.

After driving for few minutes past glitzy shopping malls, luxury condominiums and resorts, the road changed from asphalt to rough cobble stones, and eventually to dirt road full of potholes and large stones, and the I saw the sign “Welcome to Volcanes”.

Volcanes is a small impoverished community located in the outskirts of Puerto Vallarta, in the foothills of Sierra Madre Sur. It has limited services and its residents are stuck in a cycle of poverty and very limited educational and economic advancement opportunities.

When there was no hope, it came in the form of Art Fumerton and local Rotary Club. Art and Rotary saw the opportunities to help the community through improved educational program and economic empowerment of women.

Volcanes Kids Education Program (VKEP) started in 2011 in a donated old school building. The school motto is “Go to school, stay in school, dream big”.

The school provides supplementary education in the following areas:
English; Math; Computer skills; Music; Spanish reading intervention



Volcanes Kids Education and Women Empowerment (cont.)

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The school has two well-furnished computer labs, a library of 4000 books, high speed internet and printers. The library also serves the community, and moms come to help during school hours. Musical instruments for 40 children band were provided by a local restaurateur, and the city built a music performance area. Their band plays and entertains at holidays and festivals in different parts of the city. English is taught in every grade level one hour a day by 3 professional teachers. Computer training is provided 3 hours a week for K-12 students. Students are provided free lunch and breakfast. This school has started showing results in form of outstanding graduates. The most outstanding students are provided scholarships to attend the university. So far, the program has produced a doctor, a nurse, an architect and accountants and business majors. This is a big accomplishment by any standard. Funding for this program comes from local and Canadian Rotary Clubs and local business owners. One Rotary Club from Colorado has provided university scholarships to many students in the past.

Women Empowerment

Unemployment in Volcanes is very high; women end up finding menial jobs of less than \$5 a day or stay at home. Rotary partnered with "Sewing Seeds Canada" a NGO which provides turnkey projects for women economic empowerment. Volcanes Escuela de Costura (Sewing School) has a regular curriculum for sewing, marketing, selling, and buying. A French company has contracted designer bags, and local resorts are getting their uniforms made at the school. This school has the potential of becoming the economic backbone of the community and to spawn a sewing industry.

"Sewing Seeds" provided sewing machines for the school, plus materials, along with the training. Most of these students had never even sat behind a sewing machine before - they were just looking to save money by making clothes for their family, or make money by sewing for others.

Graduates of the advanced classes were now able to teach beginning classes and continue the initiative. Today, the Volcanes sewing school's first 'solo' class has graduated, and a third class of seventy-five students has begun to learn the necessary skills to become professional seamstresses. In fact, every afternoon the classroom is transformed into a 'factory' where the school's top students are sewing uniforms for a local hotel, and taking on contract sewing projects for a few local designers.

The potential for these students is endless and inspiring. Funds and planning are now underway to build a small factory to employ the school's graduates. Eventually, this factory may be able to supply boutique shops, school & professional uniforms, upholstery shops, etc. Meanwhile, the Sewing School will continue to ensure a good supply of trained professional seamstresses is available for the needs of the factory. This is perfect example of Rotary working in partnerships of other NGOs and multiplying the benefits for the communities.



Sewing School. Kristel Ruiz modeling a shoulder bag sewn at the school of French design.

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Puerto Vallarta is a popular destination for tourists from North America especially in the winter time. Lots of snowbirds move there in winter for a few months, so there is ample opportunity to combine R & R with volunteer tourism. A few hours of teaching English or computer training are appreciated. Providing scholarships for high school students, fixing and maintaining or helping with whatever is required. I will be looking for my new club to adopt Puerto Vallarta Sur Rotary Club as our sister club. As we see the program expanding, a district or international grant can be explored. We can also form a district or club wise tour of Puerto Vallarta and do a hands-on service project. Please contact Art Fumerton the founder of this program artfumer-ton@gmail.com, phone number +52 322 158 8815. Art is an American Canadian long-time resident of Puerto Vallarta and an avid Rotarian. He has dedicated all his retired life to improve the lives of women and children of Volcanes. He is losing his eyesight but help the school with great dedication and fervor almost every day of the week.

Dr. Khurshid Qureshi Ph.D. is the President and founder of the new Tri-Lakes Rotary Club. He was previously member of Rotary Club of North Colorado Springs. Dr. Qureshi has travelled to over 130 countries and has done volunteer projects in Africa, Asia and South & Central America. He lives in Monument, Colorado and part-time in Puerto Vallarta. He can be reached at kqureshico@yahoo.com

Pagosa RC Receives Global Grant for Economic Development in Niger

David Smith - Pagosa Springs RC



Irrigation turns desert in Niger into highly productive farm land.

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs has joined Rotary Clubs in Aspen, Colorado Springs, West Lake Village (CA), and Niamey (Niger) to advance both economic development and the fight against malnutrition in Niger. Major steps in this project include clearing 2 acres of land, digging a shallow well, and training village women and children to grow and market high-value, nutritious crops.

Niger is a land-locked West African country that is twice the size of Texas. About 80% of Niger lies in the Sahara Desert. In 2015, the United Nations ranked Niger 187 of 188 countries in human development. Niger desperately needs economic development!

Niger also needs better food. Substantial childhood malnutrition in Niger is leading to stunting, wasting, and irreversible cognitive impairment. Fifty percent of women ages 15-49 years are suffering from the effects of chronic anemia. Malnutrition in Niger causes stunting in 48% of the children under the age of 5 years.

This project is part of an innovative program called 'Farmers of the Future.' Its goal is to lift subsistence farmers in Africa out of poverty by approaching farming as a business, not just a means of survival.

The key to success is irrigation. Irrigated land generates up to 20 times the revenue of similar land that relies solely on rain. Niger receives rain only during a short rainy season in late summer. By using well water for irrigation, three crops can be grown annually.

But, success requires the adoption of new marketing and farming techniques. These new approaches are introduced simultaneously to 2 generations: to primary school children receptive to new ideas and to their parents (primarily mothers) who are able to put new ideas into practice immediately.

In addition to providing the 25 families in the cooperative with highly nutritious food, profits from sales of produce will be divided between the families and local schools.

The Rotary Foundation spends about 360 million dollars annually to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. The total budget for this project is amount \$80,000. Our Twin Club, Gaweye-Niamey Rotary Club of Niger, will manage the project. These volunteers greatly enhance the value of grants funded by the Rotary Foundation.

El Salvador Biochar Project Update

David Nuttle - Dolores Rotary Club

The biochar project was focused on helping poor smallholder farmers, in El Salvador, make and use biochar (biomass materials made under pyrolysis) as a soil additive. When inoculated with soil microbes the biochar added to soils will greatly increase soil fertility and crop yields, long-term, with a single application of 10 percent biochar added to soils. This result has been recently proven by over 400 biochar research tests on farm fields in over seven nations. The U. N. Food & Ag Organization (FAO) has estimated that not less than 440,000 smallholder farmers, worldwide, have an urgent need for this technology to sustain the soil fertility required for good crop yields. The farmers cannot afford to buy commercial fertilizers and this cost-barrier is now critical since the price of nitrogen fertilizers has just increased by over 300 percent.



In El Salvador and most other developing nations, smallholder farmers grow most of the food crops needed. Crop yields on these farms have been on a sustained decline because these farmers seldom have the cash needed to buy, transport and apply the quantity of commercial fertilizers needed to sustain soil fertility on their farms. As a result, FAO, World Bank, & USAID are reporting that 820 million people, worldwide, were living on the brink-of-starvation in 2021. This number of hungry people has increased in 2022 due to the Russian attack on Ukraine plus an extended major drought in East Africa. Food insecurity, nutrient deficiencies, and prolonged hunger are a major issue causing armed conflicts in some areas such as Darfur, in Sudan. In most cases, the populations concerned are too poor to buy foods even if available for purchase. Poverty is a constant problem since these populations seldom have good employment opportunities to earn income. As an example, the jobs in rural El Salvador are mostly for plantation labor never paying more than US\$2 daily. This earned income is not enough to buy foods needed by a small family, and few foods are available for sale.

The Dolores Global Grant application for a global grant was highly technical and quite lengthy as required by TRF for a \$30,000 Rotary grant. Our application was rejected by the grants review committee of Rotary District 5470 for reasons that were never clear.

Work on the TRF biochar application helped us to gain the support of a El Salvadoran NGO, FIAGRO, Samuel Salazar, Director. FIAGRO was then able to obtain needed project funding from the Inter-American Foundation (IAF). About the same time, a member of our local project team, Dr. Odette Milla, was named Director of El Salvador's National Agriculture College. Using her extensive background in biochar, Dr. Milla organized and started teaching a course in biochar as well as training local smallholder farmers in the make and use of biochar as a soil additive. Another team member, Ph. D., and Rotarian, Paul Sanders, created and provided a small biochar kiln to aid in Dr. Milla's biochar instruction. With support and encouragement from our local professional project manager, Luis Albanes, a local coffee mill, Cuzcachapa, agreed to manufacture small biochar kilns, per our design, a rent those for minimal cost to local farmers while providing some technical support and waste coffee bean hulls to make biochar. A local manufacturing firm, Inversiones Falcon agreed to manufacture these kilns locally.

Overall project development support was provided by my NGO, Needful Provision, Inc. (NPI) with 15 years biochar experience, worldwide, and CENTA (the El Salvadoran Center for National Technologies in Agriculture). In addition, El Salvadoran Rotarians, from the local Merliot Rotary Club provided extensive assistance in our proposed biochar project documentation. As a result of all the above exposure, NPI will be providing El Salvador with agricultural assistance in other areas with funding from non-Rotarian sources.

A local farmers coop, Las Bromas, identified, screened and recruited 25 poor smallholder El Salvadoran farmers to start and test use of biochar on their farms. In addition, they also helped one of these farmers make an early model of biochar making and use to collect baseline data for our project. Our local project team, directed by Luis Albanes, donated their time and some funds to help make this model a reality.

We also want to thank the Aspen and Durango Daybreak Rotary clubs for supporting the Dolores Rotary's biochar project for El Salvador.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE D-5470 to D-9400

May 15-28, 2022 - BOTSWANA

By Dorothy Tarpley, Durango, CO

A Friendship Exchange is exactly that. A group of Rotarians from a Rotary district in one country visit Rotarians from another district in another country. Then at some later date, the exchange occurs, and the hosted Rotarians become the hosts. The friendship part is a natural outcome of meeting and getting to know one another, both your traveling companions and your Rotary hosts.

This recent exchange was organized by former Montrose Rotarian, Amy McBride, now living in Botswana and a member of the Rotary Club of Gaborone. Amy began planning this exchange over two years ago, but like so many other plans, Covid kept postponing the trip. Amy persevered, and our team began our final preparations for travel, including needed immunizations, updated travel documents, and last minute details at home. Our flights were long but uncomplicated, as we traveled Denver, Newark, Johannesburg, Gaborone. We were met by several Gaborone Rotarians to welcome us to Botswana.



Our very first group activity was to visit the Ramotswa School for the Deaf, a project supported by Gaborone Rotary Club. We had all made a monetary contribution so that new steel tables could be purchased, and those were presented. The approximate 100 children at the school, ranging in age from about 5 to 12, were delightful, signing their welcome and our names as we were introduced, and clapping by raising their hands in the air.

Our day also included meeting Kgosi Mosadi Seboko, Botswana's first woman chief, at Ramotswa Kgotla. A kgotla is a place of gathering to discuss matters that affect all members of a tribe or community with the chief presiding. Drinks and dinner with our Gaborone Rotarians and our first night in Botswana in the homes of our Rotary hosts.



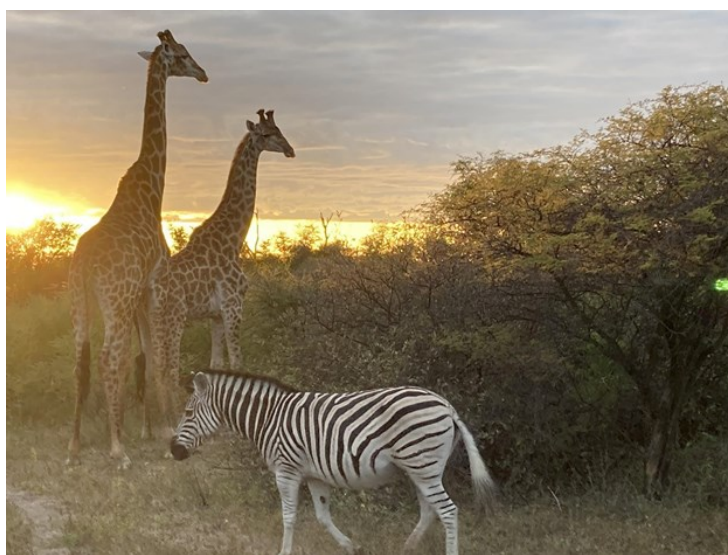
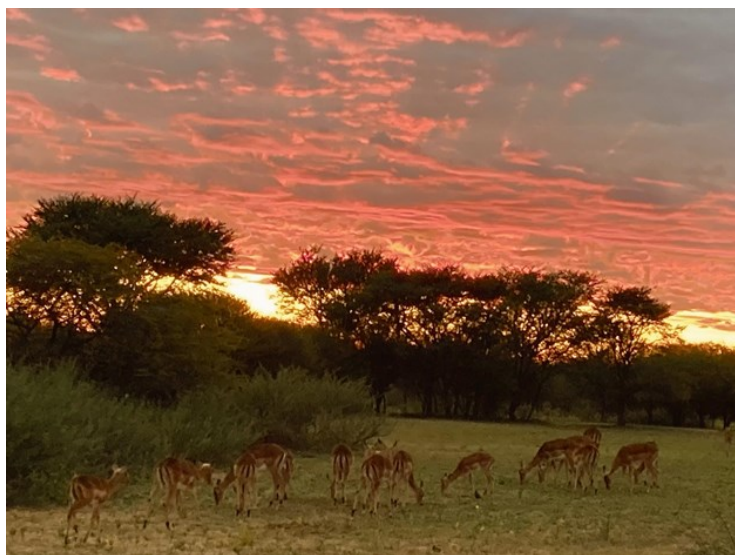
Our planned activities by Amy continued the next day as we visited the traditional Bahurutshe Cultural Village where the women of the village explained many of their traditions, including spreading cow manure outside their huts for protection from snakes!

We took three early morning safaris, Khama Rhino Sanctuary in Paje, Makgadikgadi Pans in Nata, and Chobe National Park in Kasane. Our open-air safari vans were cold, but blankets were furnished, plus our drivers treated us to hot coffee and dunking biscuits (rusks) midway through the drives. The colder temperatures and winds prevented some animals from coming out of the bush, but we saw a great variety of animals and birds, including one momentous encounter with a herd of elephants that came within feet of our safari van. An evening boat cruise on the Chobe River afforded glimpses of crocs, hippos, and again, great closeups of elephants.

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Our lodgings ranged from Rotarian host homes, to shared cabins, to tent glamping with outdoor showers, to lovely lodges. Keeping to Amy's time schedule proved impossible, getting everyone to our rented van at the appointed time. Amy maintained incredible patience throughout the trip.



Midway through our travels, we crossed the border into Zambia and the town of Livingstone (Google David Livingstone for some history). At our peaceful Kamunjila Lodge, Agnes, a local tailor, came to measure several of us for dresses, then accompanied us to a huge open market to pick fabric. Our completed dresses were delivered the next day!

While at the lodge, President Elect Nominee Mulombe and his wife, Rosa, of the Rotary Club of Livingstone and President Ashok of the Rotary Club of Mosi-Oa-Tunya came to exchange Rotary banners with our respective clubs.

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One of the biggest highlights of our Zambia visit was a day at Victoria Falls, roaring at full capacity and sharing plenty of water spray on all of us. We lunched at the nearby posh Royal Livingstone Hotel, zebras roaming the grounds.

Before leaving Livingstone, we drove to a preserve to view rhinos, accompanied by gun-wielding soldiers. We thought the guns were to protect us in the event of a charging rhino but learned the soldiers patrol 24 hours a day to prevent rhino poaching, a big problem.



As we crossed back into Botswana, three Gaborone Rotarians, Casmir, Christina and Sabine, joined us for the last three days of the trip. Crossing the Caprivi Strip of Namibia, we stayed the night at the lovely Askiesbos Bush Camp in Shakawe on the Okavango River enjoying the evening around the communal fire pit before retiring to our glamping tents and outdoor facilities. The next morning several of us opted to view the incredible four thousand year old rock art at Tsodilo Hills before loading up for a long day's drive back to Gaborone, with one more night's stay in Ghanzi, to complete our circular route around Botswana.

Our Rotary hosts were most gracious in housing and feeding us the last two nights. We were able to tour the Bontleng Futsal Park, a project of their club, before meeting for lunch and the celebration of the Rotary Club of Gaborone's 50th anniversary. District Governor Stella Anyangwe was one of the speakers. She is the first Black woman to hold this position in District 9400. Amy had prepared a PowerPoint slide show, while one of our group spoke about the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Rotary banners were again exchanged. Later that evening, many gathered for a friendship farewell at the popular Bull & Bush Restaurant.



Flag of Botswana:

Blue is for rain - Black & White are for people living in harmony

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Several Rotarians saw us off at the Gaborone airport. Saying farewell to our new Botswana friends was bittersweet, and we look forward to the reverse exchange, planned for August 2023. If you are given the opportunity to host a Rotarian from D9400, you will find it most rewarding. And if you are ever presented with the opportunity to do a Rotary Friendship Exchange, it promises to be an experience you will cherish.



From left, our leader Amy McBride, Gaborone, Botswana (with safari driver)

Amanda Hayes, Grand Junction, CO

Jenny Goodman, Bangkok, Thailand

Roger Ptolemy (Jenny's dad), Durango, CO

Bill & Dorothy Tarpley, Durango, CO

Lebo, Gabarone Rotarian that accompanied us on the entire trip

Lina & Rick Bleier, Montrose, CO

From Friendship Exchange to Sister-Clubs

Colorado Springs RC & Bisceglie RC, Italy

By Kathleen Saltmarsh-Voss



In 2018, Donna Dell'Olio was serving as the International Director for Rotary of Colorado Springs. She received word that one of her cousins in Bisceglie, Italy was celebrating a big milestone birthday so Donna decided to travel there and be part of the festivities. While there she attended a Rotary meeting. She sat next to a very kind young man who had great English-speaking skills at the Rotary meeting. His name was Massimo Cassanelli. She was welcomed warmly and invited to return. This chance encounter became the beginning of a wonderful friendship between the two clubs – Rotary of Colorado Springs and Rotary Club of Bisceglie, Italy.

Soon a trip was planned that brought members of the Italian club to visit Colorado Springs. Another trip brought members of Rotary of Colorado Springs to Bisceglie. When Massimo became President of his club in 2021, he initiated a global grant project that the Colorado Springs club quickly accepted. Now, we are partners in a vision clinic in Bisceglie for financially challenged individuals.

At the Rotary Convention in 2022, the two clubs came together again and presented a breakout session regarding how to leverage the Rotary Friendship Exchange program for more impact and greater funding for a large project. At the close of the breakout session, both club presidents, both district governors, and involved club members signed a twinning agreement to solidify the Friendship Exchange.



Soon there will be another trip planned for the Americans to visit Bisceglie. Until then, we have Zoom get-togethers and group conversation threads on WhatsApp.

Rotary describes the potential benefits of the Friendship Exchange as broadening international understanding, building enduring friendships, gaining opportunities for active project involvement and support, learning about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history, and for finding partners for grants. The relationship between these two clubs has created all of the above!

As Rotarians, we have a greater chance of partnering with other clubs in different countries because we already share basic values.

If you are interested in discovering how your club can cultivate this type of relationship that can lead to a partnership through Friendship Exchange and even to Global Grant success, you can learn more about the Rotary Friendship Exchange right here: https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange?gclid=Cj0KCQjwn4qWBhCvARIsAFNAMiixV3X43Rdnh_fKQ0jMV3D1-nqDcuhWKyLb3tmVK6DBwn1bNK0rZkQaAhEpEALw_wcB

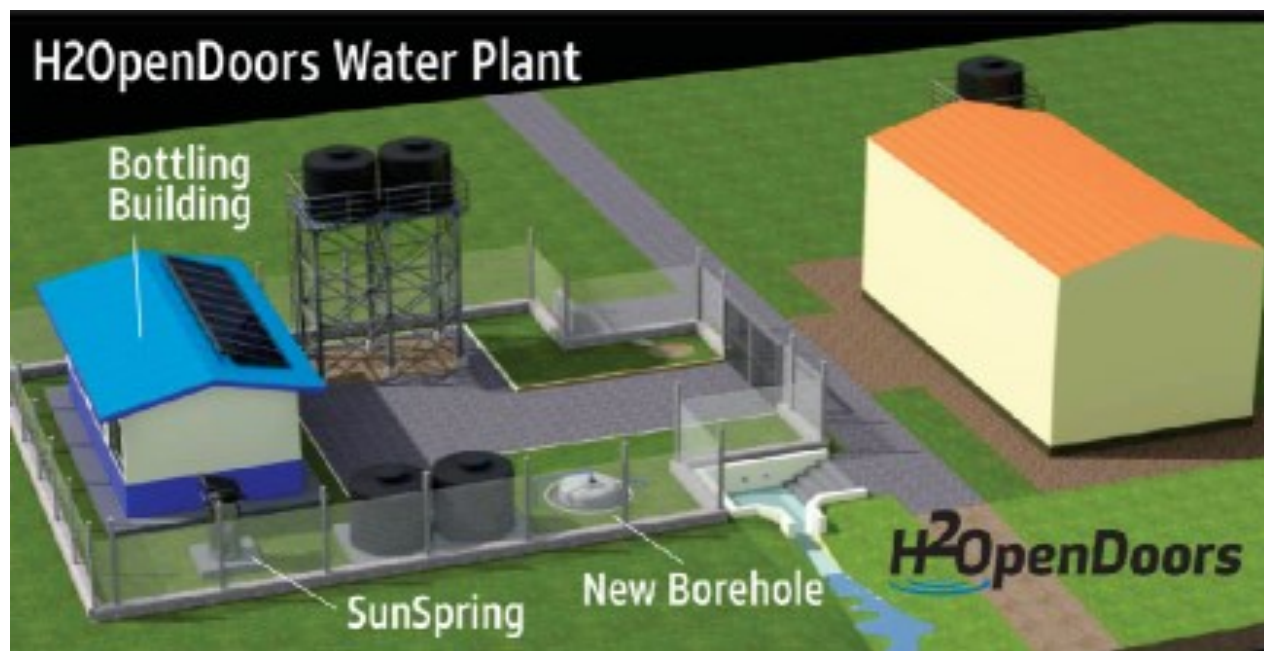


H2OpenDoors: The First Ten Years

By Jon Kaufman, Colorado Springs RC

From 2012 to 2021, the H2OpenDoors project spent over \$1 million on 38 projects in 13 countries. As a project of Rotary clubs worldwide, and an account in The Rotary Foundation's Donor Advised Fund, you might be surprised that less than 6 of these water installations were funded through Rotary Global Grants. So how do we make high impact with every project, without the benefits of extreme bureaucracy and ever-reducing matches of funding, you ask?

The answer, at least for us, has been to focus on Rotarians and the Purpose, rather than the Process. For those of you offended by these remarks, hold on. You're about to blow a gasket. First, let's go backwards. In September 2021, we installed an all-solar water purification plant in Kabojja Village, Uganda at the site of CIDI University, a vocational and leadership center.



Above you'll see our artist's conception, and below, the actual buildout. The plant produces over 20,000 liter per day of drinking water that exceeds the quality standards of the US EPA and WHO. The raw water is being extracted from a borehole we drilled, with water high in E-coli contamination.



In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kampala Nsambya, and 16 Rotary Clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area, we had high hopes for a successful Global Grant. The H2OpenDoors Expedition to Uganda was designed in late 2019. Then Mother Nature sent us all to our rooms in 2020 and 2021. Finally, after about 27 months of promising an answer to the village's extreme water challenge, our Global Grant was denied due to the Rotary World Fund running out of money! We simply could not push this in-to a third new Rotary year. What should we do? By the way, this project was like the 37 project we had completed before. We had developed a technical cadre of the best minds in water tech-

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Another thing... we don't see these as water projects. We view these installations as self-reliance opportunities. As is illustrated in our weird, mashed-up name, opening doors with the harvesting, purification and distribution of safe, clean drinking water leads to robust community enterprises that engage 10 to 12 residents, mostly women, in gainful employment. Rotarians that have joined these expeditions get a sense that ALL 7 Areas of Focus, and damn near ALL of the 17 Sustainability Goals (SDGs) set forth by the UN are dealt with in a typical expedition.

Especially when you participate in our other two services going on at the same time our water team is at work in the community: eyeglass clinics and computer labs. From Restoring Vision in San Rafael, California, we bring between 500 to 1000 of brand new reading glasses in various powers, performing personalized fittings for all who need it. The need for this service was made evident, after creating over a dozen computer labs. From World Possible in San Diego, California we began to set up WiFi computer labs in villages and schools in Mexico, Guatemala, India. Tanzania with the RACHEL (Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education & Learning). RACHEL is a 1TB server with preloaded content, including all of Wikipedia, the Khan Academy, the Great Books, and so on. The content is in dual languages. Where there is no Internet, this server provides access to up to 100 devices.

We started to observe some of the children (and their parents at night school) squinting at the computer screens we also provided. Eyeglass clinics were soon added to our bag of tricks, providing a 3-Ring Circus of Service performed by our expedition teams. 32 Rotarians and friends joined us on this installation to Uganda. The CIDI Water brand has been established and has just received government approval to sell in Uganda. The expectation is that it will earn over \$200,000 per year in gross revenue.

What was the outcome of a failed Global Grant was rescued by a novel approach that will be used going forward when Rotary matching funds and the long process is found to be unacceptable. Using the strategy of Social Impact Investment, rather than philanthropy, the project was back on track and installed in September of 2021. Impact investment provides capital return to the investor and will soon outpace charitable giving. More information about this strategy can be discussed with H2OpenDoor's Project Director, Jon Kaufman.



Where have we been?

2022: South Sudan, Philippines and Guatemala

2021: Uganda

2020: Guatemala (3 installations), Mexico (2 installations)

2019: Kenya

2018: India, Kenya

2017: Puerto Rico (4 installations), Tanzania, Nicaragua

2016: Nepal (3 installations), Mexico (3 installations)

2015: Mexico (3 installations), Guatemala (2 installations)

2014: Haiti (4 installations), Mexico

2013: Philippines (2 installations)

2012: Thailand (2 installations)

Rotary Club of Kaimosi Kenya Seeks Partnership In #Disease Prevention and Treatment By Dr. Billy JIVETTI

The Rotary Club of Kaimosi in Western Kenya was chartered on February 2, 2022. In line with the mission of Rotary International, the Club has identified in Disease Prevention and Treatment as one a major area that needs immediate intervention in their communities.

On June 19, 2022 the inaugural anti-jigger campaign and treatment clinic was held.

Total patients: 53, which was 28% higher than projected. Patients came from over 10 Villages. These were 69% males vs 31 % females. Youngest patient was 14months; while the Oldest was 75 years old. The distribution of our jigger clients by age group; 0-10 years – 15 (29%); 11-24 years - 8 (15%); and 25+ Years - 29 (56%). We established that these patients also suffer from poverty, malnutrition, loneliness, isolation, and stigma.

This treatment clinic saw children crying in pain and end up being deformed physical-ly and mentally. The adults resorted to alcohol and drug abuse to alleviate pain. There is mental deformation due to the constant pains and lack of sleep or rest. The victims have overall poor health. With infected hands and feet, they cannot work to feed themselves while children are unable to participate in school activities.



We are now working on a plan to conduct more jigger treatment clinics in order to enhance jigger eradication in the communities. Additionally, we are partnering with community health volunteers to introduce “Health Clubs in Schools” to assist in follow up.



A very sad scene of a young child inflicted by jiggers from birth. This young patient deserves a better life than this.

The Rotary Club of Kaimosi – Kenya is inviting other clubs to partner on WASH, Disease Prevention and Treatment focus areas.

Budget Items: Benzyl Benzoate; Gloves; Disinfectant; Liquid Soap; Bottled Water; Per Diem for Medical Personnel; Transporting patients – Ambulance/Motorcycle; Rubber Shoes; Small Towels; Public Address System; Chairs, Tent; Rubber Shoes; Flip flops;

Please consider investing in this initiative: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$100.

To invest, please call or email
Rotarian Dr. Billy JIVETTI –
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or Email: Jivettiba@gmail.com



Rotary Club of Kaimosi Kenya Seeks Partnership In #Disease Prevention and Treatment (cont.) By Dr. Billy JIVETTI



The heart of compassion. Rotarian Janet Otuya assisting a young boy. It pains that such small children be inflicted by Jiggers with no one to help them. At night they cry in pain and have no rest.

Issue: A jigger is a small pin, head sized flea, found in sandy terrain of warm, dry climate. The scientific name is *Tungiasis* or *Tunga penetrans*. It prefers deserts, beaches, stables, stalk farms, soils and dusts in and around farms. It hides in the crevices and hairy cracks found on the floors, walls of dwellings and in items like furniture. It feeds on the blood of its hosts including human beings, dogs, pigs, cattle and sheep.

Effects: Jiggers have made many children drop out of school because of their inability to walk. Their feet are seriously infested with jiggers. HIV-AIDS has been passed on from one person to another through sharing of pins while removing jiggers. Infestation of jiggers can lead to inflammation, ulceration, fibrosis, lymphangitis, gangrene, loss of toe nails (auto-amputation) and has caused death in some cases. They usually attack hands, feet, knees, private parts and bottoms leading to disability. Jiggers have a serious stigma. The infested families feel isolated, have low esteem and are looked upon as outcasts or wicked people.

Intervention In Primary Schools: Jigger infestation in primary school children is a health concern in Vihiga County, Kenya. Communities and school managers are partnering with health officials to treat those infested, carry out routine checkups on pupils. We will also sensitize communities on the causes, dangers and preventive measures. The outcome is to help all children realize their full educational potential in life and especially in play because it enhances mental stimulation in children.



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Chinle Planting Hope (CPH), Read at Home, Glenwood noon RC, Durango Daybreak RC – we all worked together to continue the progress toward opening a badly-needed thrift store, sort books, paint walls and ceilings, organize food baskets for elderly, and assist the Durango “light” folks with installing solar light panels.



What a win-win concept – support literacy by making books and magazines (Highlights) easily and cheaply available; encourage reading at home possible by installing solar light panels in homes without electricity (more than 40% of homes).



Friday: Chinle Planting Hope Board and Volunteers will be leading specific projects. Glenwood Rotary volunteers will be assisting. Projects include sorting and transferring books so all is ready when the Bookmobile arrives this summer; completing the Thrift Store Space so it is ready for opening. Yahoo – Bookmobile, Thrift Store, Bicycle Shop-Repair, projects moving forward! Also, equally important, bringing positive “yes-you can” energy to this amazing set of projects. With any project, sometimes it is hard to see the progress and then the obstacles loom larger. But then many hands working together in collaboration and support brings a boost of “yes.”

On Friday, Nancy Bo Flood with Debbie Wilde read to preschool children at Chinle Elementary School. What could be more fun and rewarding than being surrounded by children eager to hear another story, eager to choose a book of their very own to take home?

Friday evening we shared supper with the Rotarians from Durango and with several Navajo families who helped create Chinle Planting Hope.

“Durango Joe, leading the Durango Rotary contingency, put in a full day with the help of volunteers of installing solar lights.

Saturday early morning, “solar light install crews” loaded up and in work teams drove to specified “work sites,” family homes in need of light.



A special opportunity was visiting with Navajo artist and author, Teddy Draper, son of Navajo Codetalker, Mr. Draper, Sr. at his home and studio in Chinle near the canyon rim. As Teddy “talked story,” we heard about many of his adventures and mis-adventures growing up during a time of discrimination and prejudice.

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Often Native people were not allowed into Anglo establishments such as restaurants, local stores, businesses and hotels. Teddy's passion during his growing-up years was drawing – on anything, a piece of wood, a hunk of sandstone. Once a stranger gave him a ride back to his Teddy's home and saw Teddy's work. That same stranger notices the few art supplies Teddy had. A few weeks later the same stranger appeared at Teddy's home with an armload of brushes, paints and canvases. When an Anglo

visitor offered to buy three of Teddy's drawings for a few dollars each, Teddy thought, "Am I really good enough? Can I actually make a living doing what I love to do?" Teddy's work now sells for thousands of dollars.



At every Rotarian meeting we are reminded of the importance and power of kindness. One simple random act of kindness can change a person's life.

Again and again, thank you for all your kindness shown in many ways!



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It's a **Rotary** Party!

Our First of this Rotary Year

And You are invited!

Bringing Rotary Members
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Save the date!

Tuesday August 9, 2022

5:30 pm

Celebrating, meeting new and old friends,
sharing projects,
and just having lots of fun TOGETHER!

Patty Jewett Golf Club

Colorado Springs

Bring a guest!



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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, **Melanie Phelps** <melaniephe@aol.com>

Contact Us

Do you want to have your International Service project displayed in a future newsletter? Send the story and a few photos to bkiser@aol.com or 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 Melanie Phelps melaniephe@aol.com