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Dear District 5470 Rotarians,

     I pray you are safe and well. Each of you had expressed an interest in helping to fund subject project as sponsored by Dolores Rotary (Club 1159). To provide each of you with more details on this project, I have attached our recent project community assessment.

     The urgent need for this project is based on the fact that there are over 820 million of earth's 7.8 billion people living on the brink-of-starvation (UN & World Bank data). Such a crisis situation is generally attributed to the fact that most of the world's crops/ foods are produced by smallholder farmers who are typically too poor to buy commercial fertilizers to sustain good crop yields. As a result such yields have long declined & there are far less foods to go around.

     As we will demonstrate in El Salvador, smallholder farmers may be given the means as well as training to produce their own biochar and bioactivate this with soil microbes for use as a soil additive to greatly improve soil fertility and crop yields, long-term.   In brief, when your club helps to fund this effort ($10,000 total is needed from District Rotary Clubs) you will be acting effectively to help end hunger in El Salvador. That model will then be used to soon help end hunger, worldwide.

    Please let me know if your club might be able to contribute $500 or $1,000 and indicate a date you might be able to contribute these funds to Dolores Rotary so we can obtain an equal match of project funds from our District & Rotary Foundation. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.  All the very best!!!

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P.S. If you previously indicated your club may be short of funds, please take another look. The problem of global hunger must be solved if we hope to avoid future armed conflicts.

N.B. We are already getting fantastic **local** support, for said project, from Santa Ana Rotary Club, government agencies, agriculture specialists, an NGO, plus a local farmers' coop.