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The following updates to our various international projects are as follows:

1. **Russia, Centennial Twin Club, Tver Rotary, Joan Spalding, Champion**

No update since the previous report.

2. **Belize, Matching Grant #53502, Indian Church Village, Jerry Mallory, Champion**

No update since the previous report.

3. **Guatemala, Matching Grant #56749, Santiago Atitlan, and Matching Grant #53096, Solala Hospital, Marcia Walsh, Champion**

No update since the previous report.

4. **Africa:**

4.1 **Tanzania, Curt Harris, Ben Allen, Kimra Perkins, Champions**

4.1.1 Project is done. The Final Report is due in 2 weeks. Ben Allen scheduled to travel to Arusha in Late December 2007 for a month.

4.1.2 Update re the Selian Hospital is attached (**Attachment #1-1**)

4.2 **Ethiopia, Library project, Kimra Perkins, Champion**

4.2.1 This year's Valentine Day fundraiser raised approximately \$4,000 for this project.

4.2.2 Kimra is planning to submit a request for ISC funding of \$500.00.

4.3 **Rwanda, volunteer service, No Champion identified:**

4.3.1 No update since the previous report.

4.4 **Kenya, Orphanage project, Joan Spalding, Brenda Hagerman, Pat Martin Co-Champions**

4.4.1 This Committee has received approval of the \$35,000 matching grant request to the District and the application has been forwarded on the RI for approval. However, Arnold Agre has indicated that the application has stalled at RI because the Rotary Club in Kenya already has five active matching grants and this one cannot be approved until one of those is closed.



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4.5 Uganda, Literacy project, No Champion identified.

4.5.1 Dr. Martin Kiaga, Rotary Country Chair (Uganda) and RI Youth Programmes Coordinator for Africa has been in contact with FBK. They are proposing two projects for RCoE to participate in, 1. Solar Lighting Project and 2. Lab Equipment for a school. (attachment #5). We need to find champions for those projects, possibly Interact could lead the project for lab equipment for a school.

4.6 Nigeria - Polio Plus - Cynthia Griffen - Champion:

4.6.1 Cyn is planning to participate as a volunteer to perform polio vaccinations in Nigeria. To register as a volunteer she needed a local sponsor club. FBK used one of his connections, Mr.Lateef L. Afudon member of the West Lagos Rotary Club. The contact was established at the 2006 RI convention in Copenhagen and shows the value of participating in the RI Conventions.

4.6.1.1 The local sponsor club for CYN will thus be the Rotary Club Of Lagos West, Chartered on April 8, 1983; the Club ID is 017175 and in the District: 9110 (Nigeria). The name of the current president is Babatunde Akintoye.

5. Peru, Peruvian Hearts Project, Rocco Dodson, Champion

The children continue to do well, and are well clothed and nourished. Also, once a day in the afternoon, the children of the town and nearby villages share a nourishing meal (with the children in the orphanage and receive a vitamin). For many, this is often their only meal.

Judi, Ana and our son Danny are in Cusco now to look for one or two other orphanages that could use our support. We are anticipating being able to do this because of support promised by two foundations, the Global Volunteer Network Foundation (Courtney Montague, its executive Director, spoke at our Rotary meeting on June 1), and the Collette Foundation. In fact, a representative of the Collette Foundation will accompany Judi, Ana and Danny for part of the trip.

Global volunteer Network is leading a fundraising trek to Machu Picchu in August. After the trek, the participants will visit the orphanage will help build a playground for the children.

Peruvian hearts provided funds for the orphanage to refurbish additional rooms, which project has recently been completed, so that now it can increase in size and take on more children. Also we provided funds for a solar hot water heater, so now the children can have warm baths.

The Cusco Rotary has taken on a project, by itself, to build a new kitchen for the orphanage.



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Because the Cusco Rotary is currently involved with the kitchen project, we are temporarily holding off on our clean water project, which we would need to do in cooperation with the Cusco Rotary, as we would want to do this with the help of a Rotary international Grant.

6. Afghanistan, Pencils for Peace, Bob Stillmock, Champion

No additional information since the previous report. This project has been considered "dead" for over 3 years now. Bob cannot seem to get any additional information on this project from the SW Littleton club..... so the money is being held in the foundation account. Bob is looking for a "home" for the money for a similar project, to follow the original intent of the donors

7. Denmark, New Friendship Club, Dean Haave and Roseann Stiblo, Co-Champions

FBK has been in contact with Lars Kleist - past president of Køge Rotary Club - who had a fire in his house and thus been delayed in his following up on the English translation of the Angola Project. However he was seeking to establish a closer dialogue with Tver and Evergreen, thus Roseann and Dean need to follow up and continue their dialogue with Tver and with Lars in Køge. BA to follow-up.

8. Vietnam Hospital Project: Bob Wallace Champion

Bob has discussed with Barb Scripps to schedule a morning program time having Dr. Bartechi scheduled as a speaker. Bob reports there are currently three Docs from the Bac Mai Hospital here in Denver. Two are at St. Anthony's and one is spending time at Denver Health. They are here for six months. In October we are returning to Bac Mai with supplies and some Physicians from the Mayo Clinic to help the local Physicians with some education. They are planning another trip there in April 2008.

9. Haiti, Gretchen Berggren and Marsha Walsh, Co-Champions

As present, Gretchen and Marsha are having a difficult time convincing the Dist. G of Haiti to use the southern peninsula Rotary club of Cayes to sponsor our "hoped for" new club in Petit-Trou. We have at least 35 names of local people who wish to form a new club in their community, we have the place, and we certainly have the interest and need. If this club can be formed, we will have the local Rotary club of Petit Trou to support the needed water projects in the area. It's frustrating, because (my opinion) the Rotary Club of Cayes is reluctant to travel to the area of Petit-Trou. The roads are most difficult. Gretchen and Marsha will continue there efforts to bring some resolution. This is really no change from past months. Gretchen and Marsha are meeting on 8/1/07 to brainstorm solutions to this deadlock.



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10. Candidate for the Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Curt Harris (Caitlin Fitzpatrick)

Dan Clark has informed us through Caitlin that the Commerce City club has agreed to sponsor Francois, so at this point we don't need to move forward and the Project is closed.

11. Haiti – Medical Teaching University (Gretchen Berggren and Marsha Walsh, Co-Champions)

Summit County Rotary has been asked by Port-au-Prince Rotary to participate in a matching grant to obtain laboratory supplies for a medical teaching university. Summit County Rotary is asking Evergreen Rotary if we would be willing to participate financially at the level of \$500/\$750 toward a project cost of around \$30,000.

12. Puebla Mexico –Marsha Walsh, Champion

This project seeks funding for the purchase of a Van to facilitate the support of street kids and their families in Puebla, Mexico in the range of \$500/\$750 from Evergreen toward the Van's purchase price of approximately \$9,000.

Respectfully submitted

William Austine

For Curt Harris, WCSC Chair
and Finn B. Knudsen ISC Chair

Attachment:

1. Selian Hospital update July 2007