



Rotary Club of Woodbury helps Village in Kenya

Uluthe Village in rural western Kenya has received funding for a health education and clinic from Rotary International MG # 63710 as an effort supported by three Rotary clubs including the Rotary Club of Woodbury to combat malaria, HIV/AIDS and a host of tropical diseases. The donation worth \$14,100 was delivered on March 15, 2008. Health services in this region are not accessible to majority of families; education performance is among the lowest in the country; agriculture is basically peasantry farming; poverty is very high; and employment opportunities are minimal. This new clinic targets about 2,500 families or 8,000 people from Uluthe and ten other villages.

Partnership between Rotary Club of Woodbury in District 5960 and Nairobi Utumishi Rotary Club, District 9200 resulted in working with Uluthe Community Project, a local community based organization to “Make Dream Real” for the community in which one of the highest needs identified was health services.

On June 14, 2008 the community of 11 villages had a special occasion to celebrate when the Government of Kenya representatives from Ministries of Health and Public Administration gathered at the Uluthe Medical Clinic to present “License and Permit” authorizing and recognizing the Clinic. In addition the government has promised to provide security, staff and medicines in the financial year starting July 2009 so that operations will continue.

Though the clinic is in use, it is not yet completed and requires about \$15,000 to complete 2 rooms; fix 8 windows; 5 doors; plaster the rooms; install solar power; and install a well with water tank. Because the donated funds are paying for staff and medicine for the first two years to enable start-up of operations, the project is still in need of donations of \$9,000.

Another community need that has been identified is a clean water project. The clean water would aid the region of about 12 kilometers with water kiosks to serve each village, the schools and the Medical Clinic.

“The people of Uluthe are striving to make a bright, healthy, vibrant and sustainable future for children, and with the help of the Rotary Club of Woodbury and others”, say George Oyeho, Project Coordinator and member of the Woodbury Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Woodbury serves the community of South Washington County including Cottage Grove, Newport, and St. Paul Park. All individuals interested in finding out more about Rotary are invited to join us at our breakfast meetings which are

held Thursday mornings from 7 to 8:15am at the Stonecrest Café, lower level of Stonecrest 8725 Promenade Lane in Woodbury. For more information, call Fred Bartl, membership committee chair at 651-207-5992 or e-mail info@woodburyrotary.com.