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A SPECIAL MESSAGE

TO: Web Site Visitors
FROM: Stillwater Rotary Club
RE: **Bomalang'ombe Secondary School Project, Bomalang'ombe, Tanzania**
DATE: December, 2007

Greetings from your friends in the Stillwater Rotary Club! Thank you for visiting our web site to learn about our Fiscal Year 2007-2008 international grant project. This year we are the Primary International Sponsor for an International Humanitarian Matching Grant through The Rotary Foundation to the Bomalang'ombe Secondary School in Bomalang'ombe, Tanzania.

This project will purchase science equipment, science supplies, science books and science classroom furniture for Bomalang'ombe Secondary School. This school was started in 2003 by Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Diocese of Irina ("ELCT-DIRA") for the benefit of children residing in the Iringa Region who are in need of secondary school education. This is a secondary school built at the request of and in cooperation with people in the surrounding villages to provide access to secondary education for a larger number of students. Nationwide, only 12% of young people advance to secondary education.

It has grown from 95 students to 240 students in four years. It has achieved stunning academic success in that time to needy children. This school ranked first in the Iringa District in the 2005 national exams. In 2006, the school ranked in the top 2% of all schools in the nation in the Form 4 exams—52 out of 2800 schools. In just 4 years of existence with minimal facilities and operating on a meager budget, the student population (evenly distributed between boys and girls) has grown to 240 students. **The Bomalang'ombe Secondary School has become the school of first choice for many people within an expansive geographic area**—with 2 students recently enrolling from the distant major seaport Dar es Salaam.

The school presently has no laboratory equipment and very few textbooks. A chalkboard is the only tool available to the teachers. Teaching is done by theory only with no capability of demonstration. The classroom equipment will enable the students to improve their understanding and retention of the subject matter. The classroom equipment will help students to understand not just the memorized facts, but also the general comprehension and reasoning of how and why things occur.

Please note that the Rotary International District 5960 World Community Service Committee granted preliminary District approval to this international humanitarian matching grant project on December 18, 2007.

If you are a member of a Rotary Club then we hope your club will join us as a Project Participating Club. If you are a member of the public or belong to a civic organization then we hope you will consider making a contribution towards this project.

For more information about this project or to find out more about how you can help, please call David Jennings at (651) 351-9693 or email him at djennings@jenningsbank.com. To find out more about Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation please visit www.rotary.org.

Together, we can make a difference in the world! Again, thank you for visiting the Stillwater Rotary Club web site.