

# Here's Your Chance to Get Involved

## Internationally with your own small, inexpensive projects for any club in D5160

I have just returned from an exploratory expedition to **The Gambia in West Africa**. A tiny strip of a country, it has huge humanitarian needs. More than 50% of children do not attend school. A major issue is lack of teachers and Gambia Rising a Nonprofit organization is trying to remedy that issue. It offers training scholarships to many women. There is an additional problem. While the government builds schools and pays the teachers, there is no housing or place for the teachers to stay. Most end up having to live in villages with families where there is no water or electric light. Often they have to help with family chores and are unable to prepare their classes. After one year many teachers give up teaching and seek alternative work in the larger towns or cities.

In an effort to keep teachers in schools, Gambia Rising in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and the Catholic Secretary of Education are looking for financial help to rehabilitate buildings to serve as teacher housing and build bathrooms and toilets.

**ROTARY CAN HELP:** Ideal for the small to medium Rotary Club, below are a selection of projects to meet your budget.

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| 1) St. George: Basse, 5 rooms Block A.   | \$4,300           |
| 2) St. George: Basse, 5 rooms Block B.   | \$4,300           |
| 3) St George: Basse, Toilets & Showers   | \$1,900           |
| 4) St Edwards, Bwiam: Housing Block A. 6 rooms.  | \$6,000           |
| 5) St Edwards, Bwiam, Housing Block B. 6 rooms.  | \$6 000           |
| 6) St Edwards, Bwiam: Toilets and shower areas.  | \$1,850           |
| 7) St. Majumba, Bamusang: Supply three grade schools (2500 students) with Water. Repair water well/pump/tank   | \$4,100           |
| 8) St. Majumba, Bamusang: rehab 6 rooms/showers/toilets  | \$6,000           |
| 9) St Theresa's, Fulabanton: Rehab complete abandoned building 12 rooms. Shower areas, toilets   | \$21,000.         |
| 10) Wurakong: Provide electricity to newly renovated teacher housing.  | \$1,500.          |
| 11) With a dollar for dollar match from Gambia Rising you can support your own female student (name and photo supplied) through four years of college for BA degree. | \$62.50 per month |
| Or \$750 a year  |                   |
| 12) With a dollar for dollar match from Gambia Rising you can support Your own female student (Name & photo supplied) through three years of Teacher Training        | \$40. Per month   |
| Or \$480 per year  |                   |

**In return for your involvement you will receive:**

- 1) A club presentation by Mike McConnel CEO of Gambia Rising and Michael Barrington RC Concord.
- 2) Your club will have a sign with your club name clearly visible on any structure
- 3) You will receive a detailed report complete with photos as the project develops.
- 4) Once completed you will receive final photos and detailed account for your dollars.
- 5) You will receive a monthly newsletter from Gambia Rising NGO.
- 6) For the more ambitious there will be an opportunity to travel to The Gambia in January 2025 with Gambia Rising.

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