

TRAIL ROTARY WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING
NOVEMBER 04, 2005

PRESENT: JAN, LEIGH, CLIFF, BETTY ANN, LANA, PIOTR, BRUCE.

1. CURRENT PROJECTS.

- a) Microbank project Juticalpa, Honduras.
This project received \$500 from the Trail Club. Five other D5080 Clubs were also involved to fund a total of nine microbanks. The project is now up and running and feedback from the organizer of the Trail microbank is expected.
- b) Project Comitancillo, Guatemala.
A District Simplified Grant application has now been submitted for this project. Comitancillo is a remote area in northwest Guatemala and the project would supply classroom equipment and scholarships to two particularly needy schools. The budget for the project is around \$2000 US of which half would come from Trail and the balance from the District. Approval is awaited for this project.
Many Club members will have heard Rebecca Shoop give a presentation at our weekly meeting. Rebecca is a nurse from Nanaimo who spends much of the year in Guatemala and coordinates the Canada Comitancillo Alliance for Rural Health.. With the help of Rebecca and the San Marcos Rotary Club we hope to establish a longer term WCS relationship with the area.

2. POSSIBLE PROJECTS.

- a) Nicaragua.
Leigh is still researching possible projects in villages near the Managua Rotary Club. There have been communication problems and there is nothing definite here yet.
- b) Peru.
Cliff had previously forwarded a proposal to provide support to a large project which would help descendants of Inca Indians living near Cuzco to learn the wisdom of their tradition and strengthen their selfworth. Members of the Committee had a number of questions about the Project but unfortunately Cliff was not able to be present for the major part of the meeting to allow enough time for discussion. Tabled for the next meeting.
- c) Tanzania.
Bruce had recently returned from Tanzania visiting family. There is now a Rotary Club in the area of his sister in law's farm and there had been some discussion about helping AIDS orphans receive high school education. More work needed.
- d) Mexico.

Information about possible projects involving the Rotary Club of San Miguel de Allende had recently been received. This could be promising and Bruce will investigate further.

3. INTERACT INVOLVEMENT.

The Trail Interact Club is very keen to organize a trip next summer to provide hands on support to a Trail WCS project. The Guatemala Project was discussed in this context but there are at present significant concerns regarding transportation, accommodation and security. Members felt a preliminary visit by Rotarians is needed. Any member interested please contact me.

Next Meeting (tentative) on Tuesday December 06 at 4.30 pm at Leigh's Office.