

Groupe Scolaire Nyamugari School Nyakabingo Village, Nyamagana Cell, Ngoma District Rwanda

The Kibungo Mt. Gisaka Rotary Club was chartered in 2014 and has been active locally ever since, especially in assisting primary schools. A past president of the club is currently living in St. Louis, Missouri USA attending graduate school and he visited with the Rotary Club of Overland a few times. At one meeting he told us about his Rwanda club's work in giving solar lanterns to primary school children who lived in rural areas without electric service, to enable the students to study after dark, helping their grades and ability to test well - enhancing their opportunities for secondary education and more.

Rotarians from the Overland club began communicating with the Kibungo Mt. Gisaka Rotarians and developed a project plan and budget to help the Groupe Scolaire Nyamugari School. The project has three facets:

- install rainwater collection gutters, pipes and storage tanks to help the school to have sufficient water to endure the annual dry spells
- purchase and plant 200 fruit trees to teach the students how to care for the trees and to enhance their diet. Nutritional deficiencies are common and it is not common to include fruit in the diet
- purchase 300 solar lights for the students to take home, to enhance their ability to study after dark.

The project budget ended up being just over US \$7,000 well beyond the ability of the Rotary Club of Overland and the Rotary Club of Kibungo Mt. Gisaka to accomplish on their own. Rotarians in District 6060 reached out to their District Governor Jim Durbin and District Foundation Chair PDG Kate Schwadron. The district suggested some funding may be given from the district's annual District Grant from The Rotary Foundation. Additional communications were made among clubs in District 6060 and a partnership was formed with the Rotary Club of Crestwood/Sunset Hills, Rotary Club of Paris and the Rotary Club of St. Louis to partner with the Rotary Club of Overland and the Rwandan club to complete the funding needed.

Funds were wired to a project bank account managed by the leaders of the Rotary Club of Kibungo Mt. Gisaka and they went to work purchasing the budgeted items.

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Rotarians from Kibungo Mt. Gisaka club gather in front of one of the new water tanks with the village mayor and other officials of the school.



A portion of the tree seedlings ready for planting. Mango, Avacado, Orange, Passion Fruit, and Greveria tree seedlings were purchased for planting at the school.



the local mayor is preparing to plant a seeding.



Mayor and Rotarians planting seedlings.



Rotarians move one of the water tanks into position



The water tank has been located on site. Two are being installed, Each are 10 cubic meters. Gutters and piping are being installed to catch rainwater and fill the tanks.

