

Increasing the Capacity of the IVV Zimba Eye Clinic in Rural Zambia
A Project of the Rotary Club of Orinda, District 5160, California, USA and
the Rotary Club of Livingstone, Zambia, District 9210

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The Rotary Club of Orinda, California, USA and the Rotary Club of Livingstone, Zambia were approved for a Global Grant of \$140,500 to increase the capacity of the International Vision Volunteers (IVV) Zimba Eye Clinic in rural Zambia. The goal is to provide eye care for the people of Zambia and other countries year round rather than intermittently during eye camps.

Grant funds will be used 1) To install solar panels at the IVV Zimba Eye Clinic to provide reliable, efficient power year round better to serve the patients, 2) To upgrade medical equipment for the full time clinical staff at IVV, and 3) To purchase clinical reference materials for the IVV Rotary Library for the IVV staff. The container used to ship the medical equipment and the solar panels will be used in Zimba as an additional structure to expand the IVV Rotary Library.

We wish to acknowledge the participating clubs whose generous donations enabled us to secure the Grant: **the Rotary Clubs of Antioch, Lafayette, Redding West, Rossmoor, Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise, Lamorinda Sunrise, Moraga, and Findlay, Ohio.**

In addition, **District 5160 is contributing DDF of \$40,000** that helped us secure matching funds from The Rotary Foundation.

About IVV: IVV is an NGO founded 25 years ago by three Rotarian eye surgeons to bring sight and eye care to the underserved of the world. In 2001, Rotarians built the eye clinic in Zimba, near Livingstone. IVV staff now includes a full time local ophthalmologist and local clinical staff to care for patients. Each year medical volunteers from the US and the clinic staff evaluate and treat approximately 2000 to 3000 patients and perform 300 to 400 eye surgeries, the most common of which is cataract surgery. IVV also provides medical treatment of common eye diseases that can cause blindness.

Would you like to participate? We need 1 mechanically inclined person who likes to put things together to help assemble the solar panels and equipment and 2 electrical types who like to install solar panels and/or are experienced with commercial electrical projects.

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