

## Would your Club like to be part of the Proposed District Grant to Expand the IVV Rotary Library in Rural Zambia?



**The background:** About 13 years ago, Rotarians from District 5160 working at the International Vision Volunteers Eye Hospital in Zimba, Zambia decided to convert two shipping containers into what is believed to be the first free public library in the country.

Two years later Redding West Rotary received a Matching Grant

for a literacy project in Zambia that included funding to improve the Library facilities and to increase the size and relevance of the Library circulating and reference Collections.

Today the IVV Rotary Library is an important, popular, valued resource for the entire region, serving a large and very diverse community of users. A full time librarian and her assistant supervise the Collections, check out books, monitor use, and keeps records.



**The issue: The Library needs more space!**



**The Opportunity:** The Rotary Clubs of Orinda and Livingstone, Zambia have been awarded a \$140,500 Global Grant to fund solar panels, medical equipment, and supplies that will be shipped from the United States to Zambia this summer. And what about the 40 foot shipping container that's part of the Global Grant?

**It will be the IVV Rotary Children's Library!**

Redding West Rotary will submit a District Grant Application to pay for some of the necessary modifications to convert the container, to purchase locally produced furniture and bookcases, and to buy new children's books.

Your Club is invited to participate, providing support in any amount that you wish. Wouldn't you like to learn more? Perhaps have a Club program about IVV, Zimba, and the IVV Rotary Library?

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