

**“REACH OUT TO AFRICA”
INVITATION**

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE TEAM II TO NIGERIA
November 7-18, 2008**

Join Rotary leaders from Zones 27/28 and a small medical team as a member of the second volunteer service team traveling to Nigeria. The vision for this mission was developed by RI Director-elect Tom Thorfinnson and the first team of twenty Rotarians spent two weeks this past November in three of the Rotary districts in Nigeria. Team I began the process of developing long-term projects and relationships with Nigerian Rotarians in Districts 9120, 9130 and 9110.

Team II will return to the nine approved projects in the northern Nigerian District 9120 doing hands-on work at several of the projects. Some will paint, build and construct while others will read with the children, and lead art and music projects. While developing a personal understanding of the problems faced by the villagers, each team member will learn first-hand what it takes to successfully complete projects in the areas of clean water/sanitation, literacy and health.

Concurrently, the medical team, consisting of nurses and doctors from Northern District 6420 will be performing procedures and surgeries at St. Gerard's Catholic Hospital in Kaduna, one of the approved project sites. St. Anthony's Hospital, Rockford, has offered to send large pieces of medical equipment that is desperately needed by St. Gerard's, if transport can be found for it to arrive in advance of the medical team.

Team II will participate in Sub-National Immunization-Plus Days, giving polio vaccine to the children of the villages in one of the highest polio-endemic areas of the world. This will be a life changing experience for those who go.

Enjoying the wonderful hospitality of the Rotarians of District 9120, team members will participate in home stays and will take a day away from the projects to travel to the National Game Preserve for a mini-safari.

Participants agree to give presentations to their clubs and districts upon their return. The emphasis for these presentations will be on telling the story of need, building international goodwill and friendships and on assisting their clubs/districts in the development of long term participation in international projects and in partnerships with District 9120.

Rotary leaders who are engineers, educators, craftsmen/builders, or pharmacists are encouraged to participate as the need is especially great to assist in these areas. Team members will be required to have immunizations specific to the area, travel insurance and passports current through May, 2009. Approx. six more members are needed to complete the team of 20. If interested in participating.

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