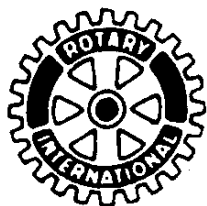


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Kim and Randy Tews, founders of Outreach for World Hope, are helping the lives of children and families in Guatemala.

Kim shared her experiences with that organization at the March 15 meeting.

Kim and Randy formed Outreach for World Hope after a missionary trip to Ecuador to install drinking water systems. She fell in love with the opportunity to make such a difference in people's lives, she said.

Many children face starvation in the small villages on the east coast of Guatemala, and Kim and Randy formed teams to help them.

Guatemala is about only four hours away by plane, Kim said.

"It's hard to believe children can be dying of starvation and be so close to where we are," she said.

The drought stricken area is difficult to farm, and in some areas, the child mortality rate is as high as 33 percent.

Outreach for World Hope has set up several programs to improve the lives of people, including building homes, schools and offering social services.

One program, the Virtual Village Child Sponsorship, allows people to provide food to malnourished children and their families at a cost of \$25 per month.

Another program with an agricultural professor from the UW has helped with farming practices to sustain families. One project helped plant 300 fruit trees for 150 families to not only supply food but also an income from selling the produce once the trees mature. The ag specialist has taught local growers to grow more crops using drought tolerant seeds, as well.

Another effort is to support education. Teams have provided desks, school supplies and computers.

Outreach for World Hope has also worked on identifying children who are malnourished and treating them. Often, parents fail to recognize the symptoms, which include swollen feet, discolored skin, swollen rib cages and thinning hair.

And even when children are diagnosed, a family may be unable to afford treatment. Kim and Randy's organization is trying to get more health care workers to the villages to help deliver babies and treat children with basic illnesses. One health care worker there, the equivalent of a Limited Nurse Practitioner, can be hired at a cost of \$2,400 per year and can visit six villages per week, Kim said.

Outreach for World Hope is a non-denominational Christian organization that has received support from High Point Church and St. Peter's Church, Kim said.

She invited Rotarians to help with projects. Mission trips vary from 5-7 days and are often scheduled around holidays. For more information, see the Web site, www.outreachforworldhope.com.

Other items:

•Lynne Spielman reminded Rotarians to get proceeds from Super Raffle tickets to either Kim Lengfeld or Mike Lawrence. Donated prizes should also be brought to them.

•Harriet Statz reported that the Russians are coming April 12-28 and Rotarians will be called on about what to bring to the parties. A Russian couple here has stepped up to host, as well.

•Phil Willems reported that the District 6250 Assembly is April 14 at the Kalahari. Lynne is going for training and Phil urged other incoming board members to attend, as well. The district conference is May 4-6, also at the Kalahari, he said.

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Calendar of Events:

March 21, Super Raffle
April 12-28, Russian visitors
May 4-6, District Conference
June 17-20, RI, Salt Lake City
June 28, Steak Fry

Guests: Jenni Johnson and Darlene Mistretta, guests of Ken Pesik.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: March 26, Ken Ballweg; March 27, Don Tierney.

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: March 22, Msgr. Kramer; March 29, Susan Vergeront; April 5, Leonard Allen.

Programs: March 22, Tom Reis, Rotary in Lights; March 29, Pat Rice, Warrior football coach; April 5, club assembly; April 12, Teen Safe driving program; April 19, Russian exchange visitors; April 26, Relay for Life, DJ Niemuth and Jennifer Stangl; May 3, club assembly.

Greeters: March 22, Michael Lawrence, Kim Lengfeld; March 29, Robert Lenz, Jim Leonard; April 5, Joyce Maly, Traci Mann; April 12, Gordy Meicher, Jim Meyer.

Make up meetings online

It's easy to make up a meeting on the Internet. The site is www.rotaryclubone.org. Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.