

BACKGROUND

Rotary Foundation Global Grants will cover most travel and accommodation expenses for the Vocational Training Team. Each member of the BC team will be required to contribute \$500 plus expenses for travel or costs incurred outside the scope of the VTT project (eg safaris, sightseeing, etc.).

Accommodation will be provided at Muthoki Country Lodge in Masii Machakos. This lodge is located in a secure 40-acre peaceful tree farm setting in Machakos County. The lodge offers fully furnished and serviced self-contained studio bungalows.

During Spring Break 2019 the Rotary Vocational Training Team will visit schools in Kenya's Kyaithani and Lower Yatta regions to become familiar with the educational environment and student needs in rural Kenya. It will work with local teachers and school principals to explore new ways of presenting material using computer and Internet technology.

It will organize and present small, hands on workshops at the Kenya Connect facility in various subject areas. Team members will also observe teachers at in action at the local secondary schools and demonstrate teaching students with the newly available technology. Then a team of Kenyan teachers from the schools involved in the program will visit BC schools and observe the methods used by teachers in a variety of middle and secondary school settings.

Those eligible are Rotary members, for the position of team leader, and six teachers who live or work in communities served by Rotary District 5040 – most communities in Metro Vancouver, Sunshine Coast, Prince Rupert, Kitimat, Prince George, and others -- who have at least two years of classroom experience at the middle or secondary grade levels and who integrate technology into their everyday teaching across a variety of subject areas and who are comfortable leading workshops, demonstrating techniques, providing assistance and sharing their knowledge in a supportive manner.

Applications must be made through any one of the 51 Rotary Clubs in District 5040. Applications, addressed to the club president, should include a current resume, and a statement of why you are interested and what you would be able to contribute to the VTT. Applications close September 30, 2018.

Rotary Clubs should send any completed applications with all documentation and a supporting letter endorsing the applicant to John Anderson, Chair of District 5040 Vocational Training Team Committee at johnlanderson@telus.net. District interviews will be scheduled during October 2019. Rotary Clubs may wish to interview candidates prior to endorsement.

Inquiries on the VTT or how and where to apply may be sent to John Anderson at johnlanderson@telus.net or phone 604 948 2944.