



Blacksburg Rotary Club

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Blacksburg Club Contributes to Malawi Literacy Project

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg is continuing its effort to provide library books and materials to three primary schools in Malawi, a country located in East Africa. Each of the schools in this area has 800+ students.. Through the donation of books (\$3000 worth), the Blacksburg Rotary Club hopes to provide resources that will encourage Malawian children to be get involved in reading practice to support literacy growth.

Malawi is among the poorest countries on earth, though, as Rotarian Mary Alice Barksdale shares, "It is a beautiful place with beautiful people, but it has a difficult living environment."

In Malawi, children under the age of 14 make up 48% of the population. The average life expectancy is 40 years. The Club plans to build on this project if they are able to secure further funding.

About Us:

Rotary International, a global network of community volunteers, is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg (club #5753) began in 1978 and today consists of more than 110 members who meet at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club. To learn more about the service of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, see its website, www.blacksburgrotary.org.



This is a typical classroom in Malawi. The children are smiling because they have pencils, an essential tool for learning and not always available in Malawi