

## **Matching Grant 64134 – Rukubi Village Water Project, Kenya**

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Update**

You will remember Denver Mile initiation and participation in a Water Project in Rukubi Community, suburb of Nairobi. We completed the project in the Fall of 2008. Our Rotary Funding was the trigger to drill a water well, build a storage tank and our Rotary part, water pipelines and connections into each home in a village of 5000 people.

Eunice Karuiki of Tumaini Ministries, was the initiator of the project. Dan Himelspach and I had a chance to sit down with her while she was in the USA and hear how the project has done over its first year of service.

Eunice reports that a water committee was developed to manage the finances of the project. This committee has gone on to control the collection of usage fees, moreover, it has become the basic administrative committee for all affairs of Rukubi Village acting on all community needs and services. She reports that the treasury is in fine condition and building a reserve fund needed for eventual repairs on the water system.

Our initial concept was to give each homeowner a water spigot near our distribution pipeline in each family's back yard. Eunice tells us that the villagers have now almost universally have running water and have added a shower stall in their house.

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