



Rotary E-Club of D9700



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Next E-Club Meeting



Wednesday 6th September 2017

8.30pm

Guest Speaker

Dr Luc Mulimbalimb Masururu.

(Known as Dr Luc)

MP of DMR Congo

Director of Mission in Health Care and Development

M.H.C.D

www.mhcdafrica.org

This is an excellent opportunity to ask your friends to join us, and of course any prospective member you have been thinking of inviting to an e-club meeting. Please use this opportunity to its' best advantage. Send me or John their email address and I will sent them an invitation and link to the meeting. This meeting will be by Zoom.

You will find Dr Luc delightful and inspiring with his work in the Congo. Dr Luc will also talk about the Global Grant that this District 9700 has achieved and is presently working with Dr Luc in DMR Congo, teaching women to develop fish farming and pig raising enterprises. This will give them an income and also the ability to earn money to not only raise their standard of living, but also the ability to send their children to school.



Dr Luc Mulimbalimba- Masururu (known as Dr Luc) is Medical Director of Mission in Health Care and Development (MHCD) (www.mhcdafrica.org), which aims to provide health care and poverty reduction services to the most vulnerable, including Congo's Pygmies. MHCD has multiple projects, ranging from an epilepsy centre, schools, a training centre for traditional midwives, birthing kit distribution, an



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orphanage, and a radio station that mobilizes the community on primary health care, peace and reconciliation.

He is currently in Australia attempting to establish relationships with aid organisations.

He recently survived an assassination attempt. "Beginning a movement in The Democratic Republic of Congo is dangerous", he said. He said Village chiefs, who are threatened by change and the thought of losing power, were involved in his attempted assassination".

He decided to devote himself to the people of Uvira district and especially Luvungi township.

Soon after it was decided a hospital was needed, with Dr Luc financing the project, which was completed in 2010. He has also built four radio stations so members of the community could learn about health and education.

Alongside that work, Dr Luc has built orphanages, schools, bridges and micro hydro electric plant to supply ongoing power to the hospital.



Club News:

I'm afraid I have been a little busy in the past weeks, and am only now managing to send an update regarding our last meeting. It was an enthusiastic meeting and again lovely to catch up with everyone. President John, attended from Geraldton, where he is pretending to be a farmer again. Helping out friends who are on holiday.

Sharon, was able to get her camera working and it was lovely to see her face to face. We learnt that Sharon has a 10 hour round trip to do her groceries, which amazed our Secretary Debbie, who was quite concerned about chocolate purchase. I totally understand her concern. Sharon explain how organised she is with her pantry supplies. Every time I now "duck" up to shop for a quick meal, I feel very guilty and lazy, and have bought extra chocolate, just in case I don't make it home!

William Wood joined us gave some suggestions for guest speakers were gratefully accepted. William will be a great asset to this club for his ideas and enthusiasm. Welcome William.

Cameron's IT expertise with the website is just wonderful and he is so patient with us and particularly me. Thanks Cameron, you are appreciated.

Mal Dunnett has recovered from his flu and has agreed talk to the e-club regarding this recent trip to the Solomon Islands and his project that he has been working of for many years. Koorngal Rotary recently sent a team to work with Mal on his project. I have arranged this for 20th September, and would e-club members to support him by attending this meeting.



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KIVA

The Club decided to support a number of projects through Kiva loans and we were able to assist with three. These process of loans to worthy recipients is very popular and are often fully subscribed, the amount required are very small but make a huge difference to these people.

Here is a list of those who our e-club was able assist. Thank President John for arranging these loans through Kiva.

Loan to [Edward in Zambia](#) (Activity: Farming) \$25.00

Edward is a 64-year-old, smallholder farmer. He is based in Kabwe District in the Central Province of Zambia. Edward has been farming for over seven years and grows a variety of crops including green maize (also known as corn), cabbage and tomatoes.

Like most smallholder farmers in the district, Edward uses inefficient and labour intensive methods such as buckets and other manual pumps to irrigate his crops. Having a solar submersible pump will reduce the labour required, improve the quality of his crops, and also allow him to expand the cultivated area of his field.

Rent-To-Own is keen on testing new irrigation technologies that are not widely available on the Zambian market such as the solar water pump. With the cost of solar power dropping each year in conjunction with the rising costs of fuel in the region, solar technologies are becoming a more viable option. Rent-to-Own will deliver the solar water pump directly to Edward's farm and will provide him with training on how to use and maintain the pump properly

Loan to [Ahmed in Jordan](#) (Activity: Furniture Making) \$25.00

Ahmed learned a trade from his years in the military. As soon as he retired, he opened a store that restores furniture. He is considered experienced in the business because he was in countless workshops that he completed successfully. He is very happy to have something to do in his old age after the years of service. He wants to live a happy and peaceful old age. He



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happens to have been living in a refugee camp since the Palestinians fled the war to come to Jordan. He is asking for a loan to buy tools

Loan to [Noy Group in Cambodia](#) (Activity: Farming) \$25.00

Noy is a farmer who lives in a village in Kampong Cham province of Cambodia. She is 38 years old and married. She is a hardworking woman and has been operating her rice farm for the past 8 years to earn income for her family. Her husband adds to the family income by working as a builder. Both of them typically make around US\$22 per day.

Because the weather conditions have not been good for farming, Noy formed a group of three members to request a group loan and she will use her portion to purchase natural fertilizer for her farm. She is confident that she will increase her crop yields and get higher profits. She will use her profits to purchase more farmland to grow rice, build a new house, and help her children's studies.

That's all for now, must fly. Please forgive any "spellos" or grammar.

See you next week on Wednesday.

Regards

Marilyn