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Welcome to Spring!

First, thank you all for your kind thoughts, cards and notes. I'm so grateful for your friendship, and each warm wish helps propel me to another positive day.

Now, to count our early 2023 accomplishments:

Ten new outbound exchange students selected! Check!

Funds collected for Polio Plus reach a new high for District 7360! Check!

Clubs are not only relevant to their communities, but also well-known in their communities! Check!

Club Presidents-Elect are trained for the next Rotary year! Check!

District 7360 has raised over \$23,000 for ShelterBox! Double check!

So what's next? Clubs are planning now for spring projects. The Four Way Test Speech Contest contestants will participate in the regional contests. Plans are underway for two Foundation Walks in May, to be followed by the Four Way Speech finals in Muncy.

Just as we begin to see more green and new life, it's time for us as Rotarians to nurture the growth of our ideas and renew our dedication to the strength of "doing good" in the world.

So welcome to Spring! It's the perfect time to

Imagine Rotary

Warm wishes,
Vicki
District Governor

Newly added in red

CLUB CALENDAR

April 4—**Rotary Club of Huntingdon**—
Celebrating 100 years of Service Above
Self—Juniata College Ellis Hall Ballroom

April 17—**Rotary Club of Martinsburg** Golf
Tournament—The Woods Golf Course—
Hedgesville, WV

DISTRICT CALENDAR

May 2-3—District Training Assembly—held
evenings virtually

May 20—District Foundation Walk—Muncy,
PA, St. College PA and Hagerstown, MD

May 20—4-Way-Test Contest Finals—Muncy,
PA

June 15,16,17—RYLA at Shepherd's Spring
Retreat—Sharpsburg, MD

June 17—Pedals Out Polio—Virtual or on
location

July 1—DG Herb Smith's Installation—
Green Grove Gardens—Greencastle,
PA

**Please send dates for your club
events to:
PDG Sharon Benner
7360news@gmail.com
Thank you!**

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

PDG Dana Orsini
District Membership Chair reporting:

As we begin April, there is no better time to offer the gift of membership into the family that we call Rotary. Our incoming club presidents were exposed to a bigger picture last month during our PETS training. Director, Jeremy Hurst, gave an inspiring message as to just how important membership growth is in order for us to stay the viable institution that we have become in our respective communities, district, zone, and on a global scale. With many clubs in our district growing far above the national average, there is no denying that it is possible to **Grow Rotary**. Realizing that attrition is not only real, it is predictable as well. We need to be intentional and plan to bring in new members to not only sustain our *impact*, but to enlarge our footprint as well. We need to take care of our existing members by creating a great club atmosphere where members are excited about being a part of a vibrant organization. This month, The Zone offered MAPS webinar is focused on taking care of your existing members. Anyone can register on DACdb.com by going to the calendar. The link is sent out monthly to existing club presidents, president elects, and membership chairs;

yet last month, only four of our clubs were represented. I encourage you to take advantage of the tools offered.

<https://www.rizones33-34.org/membership-action-plan/>

With that said, there is no better time than now. To quote PDG Sharon Benner, “we need to get our *ask* in gear” so that we can increase the Rotary *impact* here at the club level and in our District. Simply said, we are a membership organization that provides amazing service. Let’s go beyond imagining and make it a reality.

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Lorenda Kutz	Ashland Area
Paul Head	Altoona Sunrise
Bobbi McBurney-Johnson	Clearfield
Louis J. Scally	Hagerstown
Lawrence Wm. Proctor, Jr	Hagerstown
Stephanie S Henneberger	Hagerstown
Stephen P Tidd	Hollidaysburg
Ziaul Hague	Huntingdon
Gary A Williams	Huntingdon
Frances V. Vaughn	Huntingdon
Mark E. Russell	Huntingdon
Bhargay Venugopalan	Huntingdon
David Golia	Huntingdon
Pamela Allegretto-Diulio	Johnsonburg
Michael C Hornby	Martinsburg
Jamie L. Hill	Martinsburg Sunrise
Shannon Walker	Martinsburg
Paul Kradel	Shepherdstown
Marcia Kay Brand	Shepherdstown
Curtis Knouse	State College Downtown



DECEASED ROTARIAN

DANIEL LEE HERSHBERGER

ROTARY CLUB OF MORRISON COVE

Daniel Lee Hershberger, 60, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2023 at UPMC Shadyside with his family at his side after a long battle with cancer. Dan was the last of four children born to Rex W. Hershberger and Dorothy Lehman Hershberger on February 24, 1962.

He married his high school sweetheart, Mary M. Querry, on October 12, 1985 and they made their home in Martinsburg. Dan graduated from Penn State University with a degree in civil engineering and worked as a project engineer at Appvion for over thirty years.

Dan never let anything slow him down. After losing his hands in an industrial accident, Dan continued to live life to the fullest—he was an excellent downhill skier, loved to snorkel, and was the “Mr. Fix-It” of his family because there was not much that Dan could not fix.

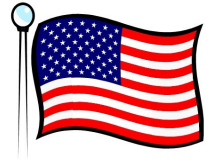
He strongly believed in serving others to show compassion and kindness. Dan was part of numerous organizations throughout the years: a member of the Morrison's Cove Rotary Club for thirty-seven years, a Paul Harris Fellow, on the Board of Directors of the Nason Foundation, on the Board of Directors of the Martinsburg Housing Authority, on the Board of Directors of the Morrison's Cove Memorial Park for over twenty years, on the Committee of the Hershberger Memorial Pool and president for over twenty-five years, a volunteer for Brethren Disaster Ministries, a life-long member of the Church of the Brethren, a member of Democrats of the Cove, a volunteer at Camp Blue Diamond, a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and a Rotary Youth Exchange host parent.

All who knew Dan knew him for his quiet kindness, gentle nature, and overwhelming courage, though Dan humbly saw himself as simply someone who tried his best for his family, himself, and his community.



DECEASED ROTARIAN

PHILIP LEE JOHNSON



ROTARY CLUB OF BEDFORD SUNRISE

Philip passed peacefully from this life in his daughter's home in Manns Choice, Pa. on Monday, March 13, surrounded by the family he loved.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio to Raymond "Curly" Johnson and Mary Belle Smith, he graduated from Poland Seminary High School and from Ohio Wesleyan University with degrees in Accounting and Business Administration. He grew up with a sense of adventure and a great love of the created world, spending much time at YMCA Camp Fitch on Lake Erie where his father had been camp director for seven years. He also spent college summers working in the High Sierra camps of Yosemite. He commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the USAF and went on to serve Two years, stationed in England. He then enjoyed a 35-year career with IBM that took him from Indiana, PA to Falls Church, VA to Greensboro, NC in 1977.

He married Margaret (Peggy) Morgan of South Hill, VA in 1960 and was the very proud father of Charles Raymond (deceased), Virginia Lee, and Ann Morgan. He loved new adventures and taught his children and grandchildren to sail, ski, hike, camp, surf fish, and by example, to look out for the best interests of others. Living in Greensboro, N.C. for 42 years, he served his family and community with a great love in many capacities, always wanting to make nice things happen for other people.

After retiring from IBM, he worked with NC A&T University for Eight years and helped establish the Piedmont Triad Center for Advanced Manufacturing. He was a Lifetime Rotarian serving as President of Summit Rotary and helping establish the Moscow, Russia Rotary Club as a sister club to Summit. He led hurricane relief trips after Katrina and hosted many Rotary exchange students. He was a member of West Market Street Methodist Church where he served as an usher, on the Administrative Board and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He never failed to know his neighbors and they invariably loved him. Over many years he especially enjoyed spending time at his house on the Outer Banks and later his house in Blowing Rock, both of which he generously shared with friends.

Most of all, he loved his family. Faithful to Peggy for 63 years, he moved to Pennsylvania in 2019 to be closer to family so that he might better support her, and he made many new friends there.

ANNUAL FOUNDATION WALK

TO SUPPORT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

ANNUAL FUND

ROTARY YEAR 2022-2023

Club leader and coordinators: Muncy Rotary Club, Barbara Morgan: 5704123368, Dick Langer 5709712414, Robert (Bob) 5704194070

Date: May 20th, 2023

Registration: 10:00 am

Walk: 11:00 am

Lunch (clubs will provide the anticipated number of members that will take the lunch in order to help Muncy to be prepared).

Club recognition: around 12:30 pm, the club bringing the highest donation will host the Foundation walk marching stick for one year (only checks labeled to Annual Fund Rotary International will be counted – excluding sponsored check).

Four Way Test competition: 1:00 pm

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND?

The Annual Fund is the primary source of unrestricted support for the programs of the Rotary Foundation. From clean water wells for village in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment in a day. Thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that all contributions given to the Annual Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects. In 2018-2019 Rotary year, US\$126.1 million was donated to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is comprised of donations from Rotarians, friends of Rotary, corporations, workplace giving vehicles and can be matched by corporate matching gifts to leverage your donation. There is even an online resource that allows you to see if your company has a charitable matching program (check it out at :www.rotary.org/matchinggifts).

The purpose of the Foundation Walk is to generate funds to support the Rotary International Foundation Annual Fund and to have a very public day of celebration and fellowship.

Clubs, please bring your club donations in the form of checks made out to Rotary International Annual Fund and a list of club members who made the donation with their amount (and Rotary identification number). We will make sure each Rotarian is given credit for their Foundation gift.

In summary, we will

- . Generate Funds for Rotary International Annual Fund.**
- . Highlight and promote Rotary Community and International Service.**
- . Have the opportunity for participating clubs to exchange ideas on clubs activities here and abroad.**
- . Increase membership.**
- . Involve family and friends in Rotary event.**

Rene-Paul Forier, Foundation Chair and International Service Altoona Sunrise.

One of those Rotary opportunities!!!

Tell your Rotary friends!

Our Rotary district is holding a “district pin” design competition to produce new pins for the upcoming 2023-24 Rotary year.

The pin should be no larger than 2 inches in diameter and will have a push pin back. The pin can have up to four colors and can be of any shape if it is not larger than 2 inches. It may be, but not limited to, the Appalachian Trail or can be something that depicts our three states: Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. It should have “District 7360” somewhere on the pin.

The deadline for your artwork is Cinco de Mayo, May 5, and should be emailed to DGE Herb Smith by the deadline at hondaman21740@gmail.com. The Presidents-Elect will be voting on the top three designs at the District Training Assembly on May 2 and 3, where the district will be awarding bragging rights and a \$1,000 credit to the Rotary Foundation in the winner’s name.

Good luck and get designing!!!



District 7360

Please join us for RYLA!!

Lots of leadership skills, fun, fellowship, campfires, swimming,
4 Way Test, Youth Exchange Program and good food!!!!

June 15, 16, and 17, 2023

Shepherd's Spring Retreat
Sharpsburg, MD

June 15 -check in will be 10:00-11:30am

June 17, will close with a presentation and a send off lunch for students and
parents concluding at 1:30

This year we will be lodging in the cabins!

The focus will be on leadership skills and Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus.

Contact Co-Chairs

Pam Wagoner DGN 1-304-582-3328 Depotflorist@yahoo.com

Cody Kouneski ckouneski@barlett.com

The RYLA Committee is busy planning a fun and educational program on Leadership skills, Youth International Programs, 4-Way Test, a service project and so much more.

This year we plan on using the Lodge area with the cabins and camping site. We will be lodging in the cabins this year. Each cabin has restrooms and shower area. Half the meals the campers and volunteers will prepare and the rest the Shepherd Springs facility will prepare.

Registration will be on our District DACdb on April 5. The cost this year will be \$300 per student. A letter with registration will be sent to all club presidents and secretaries.



Now Accepting Applications for the 2024 Rotary Peace Fellowship - [Apply Now!](#)

Promoting peace is one of Rotary's main causes. The fully funded [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#), which covers tuition and living expenses, increases the capacity of existing leaders to prevent and resolve conflict by offering academic training, field experience, and professional networking.

Rotary Peace Fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn either a master's degree or a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at one of the Rotary Peace Centers located at leading universities around the world.

Over 1,600 program alumni are working in more than 140 countries as leaders in national governments, nongovernmental organizations, education and research, law enforcement, business and consulting, human rights law, media and the arts, and international organizations such as the United Nations.

[Master's degree](#)

- 15–24-month program, small-group classroom learning, in fields related to peace and development
- Intended for leaders near the start of their careers
- 50 fellows selected annually to study at one of five Rotary Peace Centers at partner universities, which offer interdisciplinary curricula with research-informed teaching
- 2–3-month field study experience to develop practical skills
- Fellows connect with an international cohort of fellows, thought leaders, and a global network of Rotarians

[Professional development certificate](#)

- Yearlong program for working professionals that blends online learning, in-person classes, and an independent project. Candidates who are from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent can apply for the certificate program at Makerere University in Uganda. (The certificate fellowship program at Chulalongkorn in Thailand is not accepting applications in 2023.)
- Intended for social change leaders with extensive experience working in peace-related fields
- 40 fellows will be selected to earn a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at Makerere University
- Interdisciplinary program includes a two-week online preliminary course, 10 weeks of on-site courses with field studies, a nine-month period during which fellows implement a social change initiative (with interactive online sessions), and an on-site capstone seminar

Eligibility: Qualified candidates must:

- Have three years of related work experience for the master's program
- Have five years of related work experience for the certificate program at Makerere University and be able to explain how their plan to promote peace aligns with Rotary's mission (Candidates for Makerere University must either be from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent.)
- Be proficient in English (Master's candidates whose first language is not English must provide English language standardized test scores.)
- Have a bachelor's degree (Master's candidates must provide a copy of their transcripts.)
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Have a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace

Candidates must have at least three years between the completion of their most recent academic degree program (undergraduate or graduate degree) and their intended start date for the fellowship. Candidates currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program are not eligible to apply.

Applications for the 2024-25 academic term need to be submitted by 15 May 2023.

If you know someone who might be a good candidate for this fellowship, please submit a [referral form](#) with their name and email address. We'll contact them with information on how to apply. Thank you for supporting our program.

Kat Snowe, District Peace Fellowship Subcommittee chair, State College/Downtown Rotary Club



EARTH DAY, THE LORAX, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Since the inception of Earth Day in 1970, environmentally conscious world citizens have commemorated each April 22 by reviewing past progress in improving conditions, validating present status of change initiatives, and committing to achievement of a more equitable sharing of resources in the future. A major component of this drive for equity is the concept of “environmental justice-” the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. This goal will be achieved when:

Everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards, and
Equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.

To these ends, The US Environmental Protection Agency has authorized 100 million USD in Environmental Justice Grants in 2023 to help underserved and overburdened communities across the country.

Historically, societies of higher income have used economic leverage to exploit the resources of disadvantaged areas and cultures in ways such as:

- Forcing production of a cash crop or commodity at the expense of the lower income area’s basic needs for food and housing
- Forcing exploitation of mineral resources for profit with little or no regard for the long term environmental impact on the region
- Forcing resettlement of populations to permit unrestrained exploitation of timber, water, and mineral resources

Clearly, such practices are not equitable, do not include all involved parties in the decision making, economic benefits, and sustainability of the activity, and discourage diversity by benefiting only the privileged elite.

Where should we as Rotarians stand on achieving environmental justice? The Core Value of DEI coupled with the Area of Focus on Protecting the Environment leads us to seek to be “Fair to All Concerned.” Our involvement in Rotary Action Groups and Global Grants leads us to partner with other areas and diverse communities to develop viable, sustainable solutions to reverse past inequitable practices. Our motto of “Service Above Self” should drive us to press on for the greater good. People of Action can and will bring about a positive outcome.

As we commemorate Earth Day this April 22, we should remember “The Lorax,” Dr. Suess’s 1971 children’s book with a deep environmental message for all ages. The Lorax declares “I speak for the trees” in the face of a profit driven society’s lust to clear cut the forest of Truffular trees to produce a consumer product. Lorax’s warning is ignored, and utter devastation and environmental disaster are the results. However, the book ends on a *hopeful* note- responsible people taking responsible action can reverse the negative outcome – “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” As a Rotarian, will you “speak for the trees?” Be the voice for those who are not heard. *Imagine* how Rotary can bring about a better world.



Rotary District 7360 4-Way Test Speech Contest 2022-2023

The 4-Way Test Speech Contest has been a key district 7360 event for many years. The purpose of the 4-Way Test Speech Contest is to foster the principles of ethics in everyday life as well as in business. The Contest is designed to introduce high school students to Rotary by creating interest through a competitive speech contest, sponsored by YOUR club.

As the New Year is here already, time is running out to get your students lined up and prepared for your club contest. Send me your club entry form and check for the fee.

Important Dates and Deadlines

February 15, 2023 - Club Entry Forms must be submitted to Chair

March 31, 2023 - All club contests must be completed

April 2, 2023 - Submit club winner's information

April-May 2023 - Regional contests (Dates/Locations TBD)

May 20, 2023 - District Contest, 2:00 PM at the First United Methodist in Muncy, PA.

To promote the contest and get more clubs and students involved, the district has agreed to dramatically increase the prize money for the regional and district contests.

Regional Contest Prizes.

Winner - \$300

1st Runner Up - \$200

2nd and 3rd Runners up - \$100

District Event Prizes.

Winner - \$2,000

1st Runner Up - \$1,000

2nd and 3rd Runners Up - \$500

I look forward to receiving your entry form and getting ready for this years contest.

Art Leach

District chair, 4-way test speech contest

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Artleach77@gmail.com



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS



Left right: **Ella Hummel**-Danville Club-Italy; **Keaton Kingshipp**-State College Downtown-Ecuador; **Ava Bevilacqua**-State College Downtown-Argentina; **Fin Martin**-Lewisburg Sunrise-Spain; **Tristan Leonard**-Lewistown-Germany; **Lincoln Hockenberry**-State College Downtown-Spain; **Alma Cedillo**-Shepherdstown-Belgium; **Katie Groner**-Bloomsburg-Poland; **Kaylynn Robinson**-Martinsburg, WV-Sweden; **Anja Sholtis**-State College Downtown-Italy

Outbound Orientation was held in State College over the weekend of March 11-12. The district's ten Outbounds and their parents were in attendance and had the opportunity to get many of their final questions answered before the exchanges begin this fall. Our five Inbound Exchanges, along with two of our Rotex students, members of our District Committee, and individuals from Penn State had one-on-one time with each student giving them their knowledge about the country to which the students will travel. We were also joined by parents of former Outbound Exchangers offering some of their personal tips about when their sons and daughters were on exchange. They also received information about insurance, travel arrangements, visiting, money, cultural differences, communicating, homesickness, rules – just to mention a few categories. In general, the volunteers did their best to address any questions they had!

Many thanks to our committee members: Isaac Fisher (Shamokin), Doug Frye (Martinsburg), Mary Jane Smith (Huntingdon), Carl Hill (State College Downtown), Helene Koontz (Bedford Sunrise), our Rotex Students: Maria Cassidy and Logan Badeau, for giving up their weekend to help make it successful. And last but not least, many thanks to Herb Smith, our District Governor Elect, for giving up his time to spend the day with us and witness what we do at Outbound Orientation.

Now our Outbounds wait. Although they all know the country they have been assigned, they still don't know the city or club who will be hosting them. All of their information has been sent to the various country contacts and they are currently working with their clubs to determine who will be their sponsoring club. Once they receive their club location, the Outbounds will work with Tzell Travel to get their paperwork in order and set up the flights. Most will be leaving in late August.

In the meantime, our Inbounds are preparing for the last few months of their exchange in our district. Most said their good-byes to each other during the weekend as they realized this would probably be the last they will see each other. If you had the chance to meet these young people, you know what a special group of students they are. I encourage all clubs to think about hosting an Inbound student next year. Contact me if you think you might be interested and talk with clubs who did host this year to discover what a rewarding experience it can be. It is never too late to get involved!

I hope you enjoy the picture collection Mary Jane Smith put together for us! Take the time to check out District 7360's Facebook page for videos she created from some of our district events. They are great videos of our students in action!

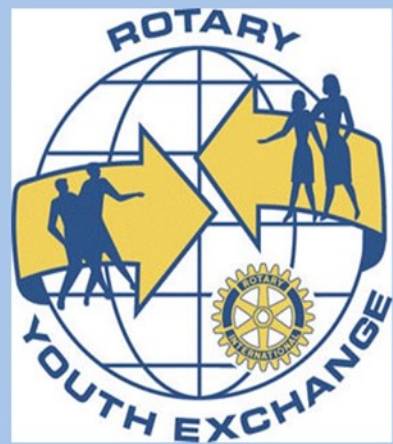
Rotary  Youth Exchange



FUTURE
OUTBOUNDS



CURRENT
INBOUNDS



2023 - 2024
YOUTH
EXCHANGE
ORIENTATION

A SHELTER BOX STORY

I wait. That is my job right now. I wait. I wait along with thousands of others just like me, stationed around your world. We wait. That's how we serve. We sit and wait.

And then the unthinkable happens. People come and pull us out of our warehouse and load us into trucks. People need us. The waiting is over.

We hear snatches of human conversation as we rush to our destination. Tens of thousands are homeless, without food and water, without basic necessities. While the human misery does not make us happy, our hearts sing with what we are about to give.

We travel on trucks, airplanes, then trucks again. And finally we reach our destination, ready to do the job we were made for. We are at the heart of a disaster.

It doesn't matter to us if it was a natural disaster or a man-made one. The needs are the same.

I am unloaded and my first sight is blue sky, bright sunlight and faces, so many faces. Some look exhausted. Some are etched with worry. But others are smiling, energetic. They welcome us with joy and gratitude. We are here to serve all, the worried ones, the tired ones, the grateful ones.

I am a shelter box.

My cover flips wide and eager hands unload my treasures. A tent. A stove. A water filter. A pot.

For me, the tent is the most fun as I expand and take in my first breath of fresh air. I'm huge!

And now, the big event. The moment I have been waiting for, longing for. I meet my family for the first time. A mother, a father, a grandmother and three children. In the months to come, I will shelter them; I will protect them; I will nurture them. It is my purpose, my calling.

The kids look dazed, the Dad looks intent, the Mom looks tired, the Grandmother looks resigned. They bring their only possessions into my shelter. It doesn't take long. They only own the clothes on their backs.

They spend the afternoon setting up the treasures I offer. Blankets. Cooking supplies. Water containers. Solar lights. Clothing and other necessities will come later. Tonight, they have protection from the weather, protection from prying eyes, protection for their shattered psyches.

That first night, the mother holds the children close until they achieve the sleep of the exhausted. But they are dry, and warm, and have soft blankets. Life is looking up.

The next morning is the first day of the rest of their lives.

A good night's sleep will do that for you. Feeling safe will do that for you. Having Dad come back with food from a relief organization will do that. Familiarity sets in as Mom makes breakfast. Dad goes back out and brings back water. No one is hungry.

Later in the day, the kids start becoming kids again. It starts with one smile, from the littlest girl, but it's contagious. Her older brother smiles back, and the atmosphere transforms. Two boys and one small girl make up games using rocks, sticks, and anything else they can find. Soon, their laughter makes my walls sing. I feel Mom and Grandmother relax as their fears subside. They feel safe.

A few days later, school supplies arrive, and the children willingly settle into some of their old routines.

I will be here as long as my family needs me, as Dad finds work, Grandma watches the children and Mom goes about her business. A new life is hard to build, but now it's not impossible. My family knows this, and so do the hundreds of other families living in other tents nearby. The future is again possible.

Thank you for giving me this job. Thank you for understanding the need and sending me and my fellow boxes to remote places in the world where the needs are great. But my gratitude is minuscule compared to the gratitude felt by one Dad, one Mom, one Grandmother and three adorable kids. You can't see them, you can't feel them, but believe me, you just saved their lives.