John,

I have been working for several years with the Cincinnati Rotary Club, Club 17, in work in Ethiopia that involves collaboration between UC engineering, design, and business students and their counterparts in Ethiopia towards several development projects. Club 17 has a new International Service Committee that hasn't pursued this collaboration so I am looking for another club that might have interest in this. The students travel to Ethiopia each December. This year they have designed a project to build solar lanterns and install them in a small village for safety lighting. The project is intended as a trial for an entrepreneurial student lead business manufacturing such lights in Ethiopia. The project parts will cost about $2,000. 14 UC students will pay their own way to Ethiopia to do this work. It has been quite fruitful to partner with Club 17 since the students get to interact with Rotarians by going to their meetings and talking about their work. This has lead to some interesting interactions and friendships. I have a more formal proposal that describes the work if you are interested in collaboration on this.

Best regards,

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