Dear Friends and Partners,

Greetings from ROTOM.

I thank you all for your prayers and support towards ROTOM Senior Citizens Center Building Project.

At the beginning of 2005, we acquired two acres of land to build the ROTOM Senior Citizens’ Centre. The goal was to have a place where sick seniors could come for medical treatment, hospice services and other support services.

With your support we are making progress towards achieving this goal.

In January 2007 with the help of a mission team from Bread of Life Church in Uvalde TX, we built the foundation for the health center. Shortly after, we realized the need to adjust our land use design to achieve optimum use. As a result we suspended work till June 07 when a team from Engineering Ministries International (eMI) Canada helped us develop a comprehensive master plan for ROTOM Senior Citizens Centre.

In October 07 with the help of a mission team from Galloway United Methodist Church in PA work resumed with construction of the ROTOM Administration Block because of demands for office space. The super structure of this facility is complete and is ready for final finishing. When complete it will house the offices of the Executive Director, as well as the Senior Sponsorship Department, Evangelism and Finance Departments & all Administration offices. In addition, this phase of the project will provide the ministry with a Board Room and much needed Resource Centre.

Our focus now is to complete the Administration Block for projected use in 2009. We urgently need support to for:

- Plumbing and fittings.
- Internal wall finishes
- Internal doors and window panes.
- Exterior finishes and landscaping
- Furniture and office partitioning.
- Floor finishes

The Engineer has estimated the above works to cost US$ 39,768

Our goal for 2009 is to build Phase 1 of the Health Center so that seniors can begin receiving medical treatment from here rather than having to be sent to outside facilities for treatment.

This phase is estimated to cost US$ 133,000.

It is my hope & prayer that God will move on the hearts of our faithful supporters to enable us to complete the administration block (picture below) for use in 2009.

God bless you, Kenneth M
Water is life by Kenneth M-ROTOM

One of the challenges that the seniors and their grandchildren under the care of ROTOM face is lack of safe and clean water. They have no water in their homes and many have to walk distances of up to 3 kilometers (almost 2 miles) down the hills to fetch a few liters from a pond-like wells that are often contaminated.

For seniors and grandchildren who are too weak to walk down the hills and carry the water uphill life is very difficult. They never have enough water for cooking, cleaning or washing. Often times they have to choose between using water for cooking, bathing or washing.

With support from the Stephen Lewis Foundation in Canada, we have distributed 250ltr water holding drums to 100 grannies. We are installing these and gutters on grannies houses so that they can harvest and store rain water.

Granny Kabega Giradis: lives in the house alone and is a typical example of the hardships faced by many of the seniors. Whenever she needed water, she would have to ask her neighbors to help. Whenever they refused she would be without water or she would be forced to take a 5