



District 5NW



International Twinning Lions Clubs Project!

As District 5NW begins a new year, we will begin a new International Lions Club Twinning Project. This will be an ongoing project that continues in the future. This International Lions Club program promotes the LCI Purpose:

- To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To foster learning about other cultures.
- To exchange experiences and ideas about what it is to be a Lion.
- To add an international dimension to our Lion's service mission.

We will be twinning with two International Lions Clubs. They are:



Nienburg Lion's Club from Weser, Germany

- To help their Lion's Project... **The Orphanage of Lapiai/Lithuania**



Lions Club of KweKwe, Zimbabwe

- To help their Lion's Project ... **The Chimwaoga Primary School**

District Governor Judy states, "To every Lion dedicated to the motto "We Serve", the concept of the community is both near and far. Considered alone, a single project of a single community may seem of minor significance; but, when added to the projects of many communities and many people working together, the sum total reflects the magnitude of the programs significance as an instrument for international goodwill and peace.

I am asking that we pool our monies and send to each of the two overseas clubs. Your donation to this project can be as little as \$25.00 or it could be a fund raising project with the proceeds given to both of the International Lions Clubs or to one that you choose. All will be appreciated. What you send is up to each club in the district. The need of each of our twinning clubs is great and I know our Lions will help as much as they can.

So I am asking for your contribution to this project. You may bring your check to the Spring Rally in New Salem, North Dakota, April 2, 2016 or mail it to the 5NW Secretary PDG Kevin Vannett. We will have a Parade of Green for the project." (See attached info about the projects.)



Nienburg Lion's Club from Weser, Germany

Lion's Project... **The Orphanage of Lapiai/Lithuania**

- The building is more than 100 years old.
- The conditions are very poor.
- Normal heating of the living space and bedrooms is not possible.

The Orphanage and Dormitory



3 showers for 43 girls and boys



- There are only two toilets and 3 showers for currently 43 children, over an area of about 4 square meters. (43 square feet.)
 - The ceiling looks as though it will fall down any moment.
 - 5NW has decided to send monetary gifts so they can purchase whatever they decide is their greatest need.
- Presently, there are 43 children living at the orphanage. 18 have the opportunity to stay with their parents on the weekends. These are monitored visits because the parents are at risk. The remaining children are 7-17 years old and some have lived at the orphanage for 7 years.

some of the children with their teachers





Lions Club of KweKwe, Zimbabwe

Lion's Project ... **The Chimwaoga Primary School**

- Zimbabwe is about the size of Montana and has a population of 14.5 million people.
- Lions Clubs International opened its doors in Zimbabwe on September 21st, 1959.
- The Chimwaoga Primary School is a school for children of the farming community east of KweKwe. They have an enrollment of 450 children grade 0 to grade 7.
- The children need help with books, writing materials, clothing and shoes.
- The school also needs furniture for the children and teachers. The kids often use chairs as desks and kneel on the floor.
- 5NW has decided to send monetary gifts so they can purchase whatever they decide is their greatest need.



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