**CONVERSATION POINTS – RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria)**

To: **Area Governors, D9510**

From: Rotarian PP Cherilyn Fleming

 RAM Regional Supervisor D9510

Re: Central Region RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) Information

Date: August 12th 2020

I’m writing to you on behalf of RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) to inform you that I have just taken up the role of RAM Regional Supervisor for Central Region, District 9510. I would be grateful if you could include the following information in your visits to Clubs in your areas of responsibility: It should only take a couple of minutes and will greatly assist me in “getting the word out” to Rotarians in the District.

**SUGGESTED CONVERSATION POINTS**

* RAM is a program of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Services). RAWCS projects include DIK, SWSL, Project Volunteers etc and in D9510 is chaired by PDG Jerry Casburn.
* Until Covid19 came along Malaria was the disease that caused the most deaths in the world year upon year. Recent statistics from the 2019 WHO Report state that the number of cases worldwide is 228 million. Globally, there are 405,000 deaths – that is 1,109 deaths a day.  And, 67% are children under five. One child dies every 2 minutes.
* RAM Australia National partner countries are:  Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste & West Timor, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.
* The Central Region D9510 has been approved by RAM National to implement and support projects that focus on the elimination of Malaria in the **Solomon Islands**.  Since 2015, Malaria has been increasing in the Solomon Islands.
* The Northern Territory and Australia were certified malaria free in 1981. However, travellers returning to Australia bring Malaria with them.
* Rotarian Cherilyn Fleming from the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay has just taken up the role of RAM Regional Supervisor for Central Region, District 9510.
* She would be very pleased to have the opportunity to be a RAM guest speaker at one of your Club meetings.  The goal is elimination of the female Anopheles mosquito. Its bite transmits the plasmodium parasite – the deadliest is *plasmodium falciparum*.
* The District is large so Cherilyn’s plan is, when visiting an area, to also meet with Rotarians from nearby Clubs to discuss the RAM Program and provide information for them to take back to their Clubs.  No Club is too far – She’s prepared to visit every part of the District.
* Donations to the RAM RAWCS general/registered project 32-2010-11 will be identified as a part of D9510. Meanwhile, Cherilyn is applying for a RAWCS project for RAM to fund specific malaria elimination projects and areas of need in the Solomons. Individual donations are tax deductible.
* I have some cards and brochures for your interest and Cherilyn will follow up by phone.
* Please contact Cherilyn via email or by phone so that you can discuss how we can draw attention to this situation and work towards reducing the unacceptable figure of 1,109 deaths per day.

For more information, please visit the RAM website at: <http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au>

**Yours in Rotary Service, Cherilyn Fleming**

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