

Virginia Synod ELCA – “Ambassadors for Christ”

Youth to Youth Projects



For nearly ten years, the youth of Virginia Synod congregations have been in partnership with youth from around the globe in service to those communities where our partner youth live, sharing faith and gifts with new friends from far away. Each year we

have raised from \$10,000 to \$30,000 to make possible such projects as the Fish Farm in Tanzania, the Vocational Training Center in Malawi, and the District Youth Ministry Headquarters in the Islands District of the Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea.



Our 2008 Youth-to-Youth project is the **Rwanda School Project**. It is being supervised by Robin Strickler from Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg and her husband Pastor John Rutsindintwarane in Rwamagana, Rwanda. Our **Youth-to-Youth goal for 2008 is to raise \$20,000** to contribute toward the construction of a classroom building for middle- and high-school students. Robin hopes to open the school in 2009, and so we are going to be as diligent as we can in gathering these funds to contribute. As of March 1, 2008, we already have nearly \$3,000 contributed from Winter Celebration offerings and congregational youth group gifts. If 80 youth groups around the synod raise an average of \$250 each, we will not only meet but exceed our goal.



More photos and information will be posted at this website as time goes on. In the meantime, you can also see information and photographs at www.rwandaschoolproject.org. If you would like more information about how to contribute to this project, please contact Dave Delaney at the Virginia Synod Office, PO Box 70, Salem VA 24153, 540-389-1000 (office), 540-529-6893 (cell),

Delaney@vasynod.org. **Contribution checks** should be sent to the attention of Dave Delaney and made out to **Virginia Synod ELCA** with either “Youth-to-Youth Project” or “Rwanda School Project” in the memo line.