



Rotary International of Placerville builds home in Fiji

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Rotary International of Savusavu, Fiji and Placerville, CA, USA Rotary Clubs join together to benefit local Fijian family and village.

PR9.NET May 05, 2006 - Placerville, CA - Jone, a young Fijian man in his 30's, was paralyzed when he fell out of a tree while picking fruit for his wife and 2 young children. The village chief came to the Rotary club in Savusavu asking for help for this man and his family. Jone and his family live in a one room hut with dirt floor, no running water or bathroom. The bathroom facilities are located far from their small ramshackle hut and it is difficult for Jone to get to these facilities during the night and during storms do to his condition. The Rotary club in Savusavu, on the island of Vanua Levu, made building a home for this family their number one priority and project and, were willing to commit all their funds (which was not enough) When we contacted them about what we could help them with, they suggested the building of a home for Jone and his young family.

Savusavu Rotary Club President, Jeffery D. Mather, writes, "I am pleased to report that the house is essentially complete and Jone and his family are moved in and enjoying their new living space. You cannot imagine the improvement this house has made in their living standards, general health and security. Since Jone's near brush with death earlier this year and his return from hospital, he is now has easy access to running water, proper showers, and most importantly a flush toilet all within the confines of a strong and sturdy house. This has made a tremendous improvement in his physical health as well as his mental state.

In just the last two weeks I've completed modifications to the water supply which improved the water pressure delivered to the settlement from only 2 psi to over 20 psi. This minor modification will not only improve Jone and Vika's living standards but those others in the settlement as well."

Seventeen Placerville Rotarians are preparing to visit Fiji and help with the final touches on Jone's new home and some work with the local school.

For additional information visit the Placerville Rotary website:

http://www.rotarysite.com/placerville/archives/projects/fiji_service_project/

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About Rotary International of Placerville

Placerville Rotary Club was chartered in 1944 when 150 people attended an organizational meeting and Andrew Haight, District Governor, came from Fallon, Nevada to install Harry Jespersen as the first President.

Meeting are held each Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Sequoia Restaurant.

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