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\$35,000 raised for Africa at dinner

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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More Igoma children won't be dying of malaria and villagers in Igoma may have less water-borne diseases in future thanks to the support of Whitchurch-Stouffville residents.

At Friday's gala fundraising dinner, \$35,000 was raised for the Stouffville Igoma Partnership. The funds will enable the partnership to keep Igoma's first medical clinic running for another year.

Finding ways to improve the village's water supply is a new initiative of the program, which started in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Several members of the partnership, including Pastor Lou Geense of EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church and committee chairperson Peter Neufeld, are travelling to Tanzania this fall and winter to explore bringing in clean, safe water with local officials and to assess the partnership program.

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Peter Neufeld
Igoma Partnership chairperson

Around \$8,000 was also raised at the fundraiser to buy mosquito nets for Igoma villagers. It was enough money to allow the partnership to purchase around 2,000 nets, instead of the 1,000 originally projected. The nets cost around \$4 each last year and are purchased in Tanzania. They'll make a significant difference to the lives of children in the village.

"Three thousand African children die daily and half of them are under five years old," Mr. Neufeld said, "as they have little or no immunity to the malaria mosquito bite."

Mr. Neufeld is available to speak to groups and organizations about the Stouffville Igoma Partnership and can be reached at 905-640-1771 or 905-640-3911, ext. 24 or by e-mailing peterneufeld@rogers.com

Sing high or low for Stouffville's Bach to Blues

Stouffville's Bach to Blues Chorus is looking for tenors and basses to join the mixed choir.

The chorus was founded in 1998 and is open to everyone, from beginners to accomplished singers.

Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for the 30 chorus members. They are directed by Ann Gage and accompanied by pianist Pat Wild.

The group is working towards a holiday concert Dec. 17 at Christ Church Anglican.

Singers get to try out a wide repertoire ranging from classical masters, ragtime, Beatles and Leonard Cohen tunes to traditional Christmas carols. Proceeds from concerts go to local charities.

The church is at 254 Sunset Blvd. in Stouffville.

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