



## Rotary District 5950 2009-2010 Professional Group Study Exchange

**Rotary Foundation International Group Study Exchange (GSE)** The GSE Program is a unique, four-week educational travel experience for professionals age 25-40 focused on building international understanding and cross-cultural connections. While abroad, team members stay with local Rotarians and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country. Travel expenses are paid by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

### What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 1.2 million Rotary members worldwide in 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and territories living by the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

### Who may apply?

- Professionals age 25-40 years old
- Personable, articulate, and motivated team players enthusiastic about their vocations
- Resident or employed in Rotary District 5950 – boundaries are listed on the website at: [http://www.rotary5950.org/club\\_directory.asp](http://www.rotary5950.org/club_directory.asp).

### **Applications due to your local Rotary Club by August 15, 2009**

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Application materials are available at:  
Rotary 5950 District website  
[www.rotary5950.org](http://www.rotary5950.org)  
Click on  
'Group Study Exchange 2009 – 2010'



*Kenya* is the regional hub for trade and economic development in East Africa - a dynamic country with stunning landscapes, rich culture, and exciting emerging businesses. Participants travelling to Kenya will be hosted by local Rotarians and have the chance to visit a number of local Rotary service projects, local businesses, and cultural sites. Tourism remains one of Kenya's more profitable sectors and includes numerous world famous sites ranging from the Masai Mara where the wildebeest migrate annually to the old trade routes along the beautiful Indian Ocean coastline. Kenya is also globally competitive in several other sectors including fresh produce export.



*Ethiopia* is known as the "birthplace of coffee." Group participants will have the opportunity to learn about local industries including the \$350 million coffee export industry. Team members will also see examples of how Ethiopia's extraordinary history is woven into 21<sup>st</sup> century living. Group members will stay with Rotary families offering a unique opportunity to learn about this ancient culture.

*Former GSE Team members have described their GSE experience as "life changing," "culturally rich," and "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." Another added, "In just four weeks, I enjoyed delightful home stays, met local and national leaders, visited businesses and institutions related to my vocational interests, and did some sight-seeing. GSE provided a more interesting, in-depth travel experience than I could have ever arranged on my own."*