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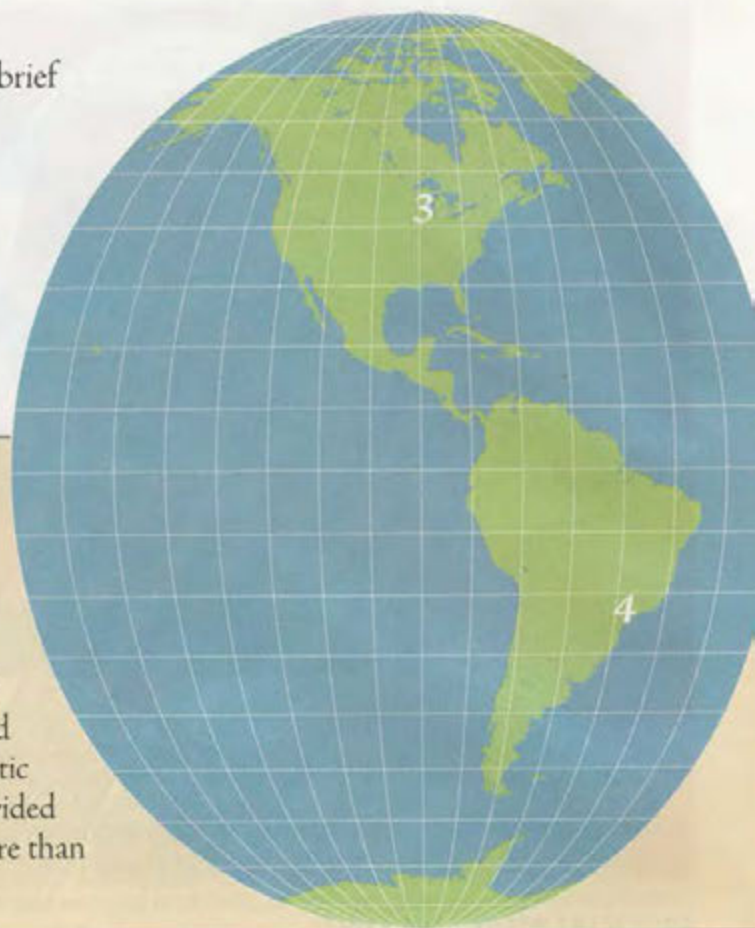
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# WORLD ROUNDUP

Rotary news in brief from around the globe



## [ 1 ] Sri Lanka



Land mines buried during Sri Lanka's quarter-century civil war have injured tens of thousands of people. Rotary clubs in districts 3220 (Sri Lanka) and 3140 (part of India) worked with the Colombo Friend-in-Need Society to host the International Jaipur Foot Prosthetic Limb camp in the capital in July. The workshop provided prosthetic limbs, gait training, and counseling to more than 350 people who had lost limbs to land mines.

## [ 2 ] ITALY

The Rotaract Club of Putignano spent a Saturday in March at the historic Madonna della Scala Benedictine abbey in Bari Province. The club took a guided tour of the 12th-century church, monastic complex, and adjoining library, which contains 40,000 volumes. A lecture and discussion on the legacy of St. Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, and Pope Benedict XVI followed.



## [ 3 ] USA

Rotary coordinators and Rotary public image coordinators bagged 16,000 packages containing rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and 21 vitamins and minerals for Kids Against Hunger, which aims to re-



Kids Against Hunger distributes meals in more than **60 countries.**

duce the number of undernourished or starving children worldwide by distributing bags of nutritious food. The project was part of a March training event for the coordinators at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Ill. The Fox Valley chapter of Kids Against Hunger is sponsored by four Rotary clubs in Rock County, Wis.

## [ 4 ] BRAZIL

For the third year, Rio Branco College – one of five components of the Fundação de Rotarianos de São Paulo educational complex – will send students to represent Brazil at the 2013 G20 Youth Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, which coincides with the annual G20 meeting of major economic powers. The Fundação

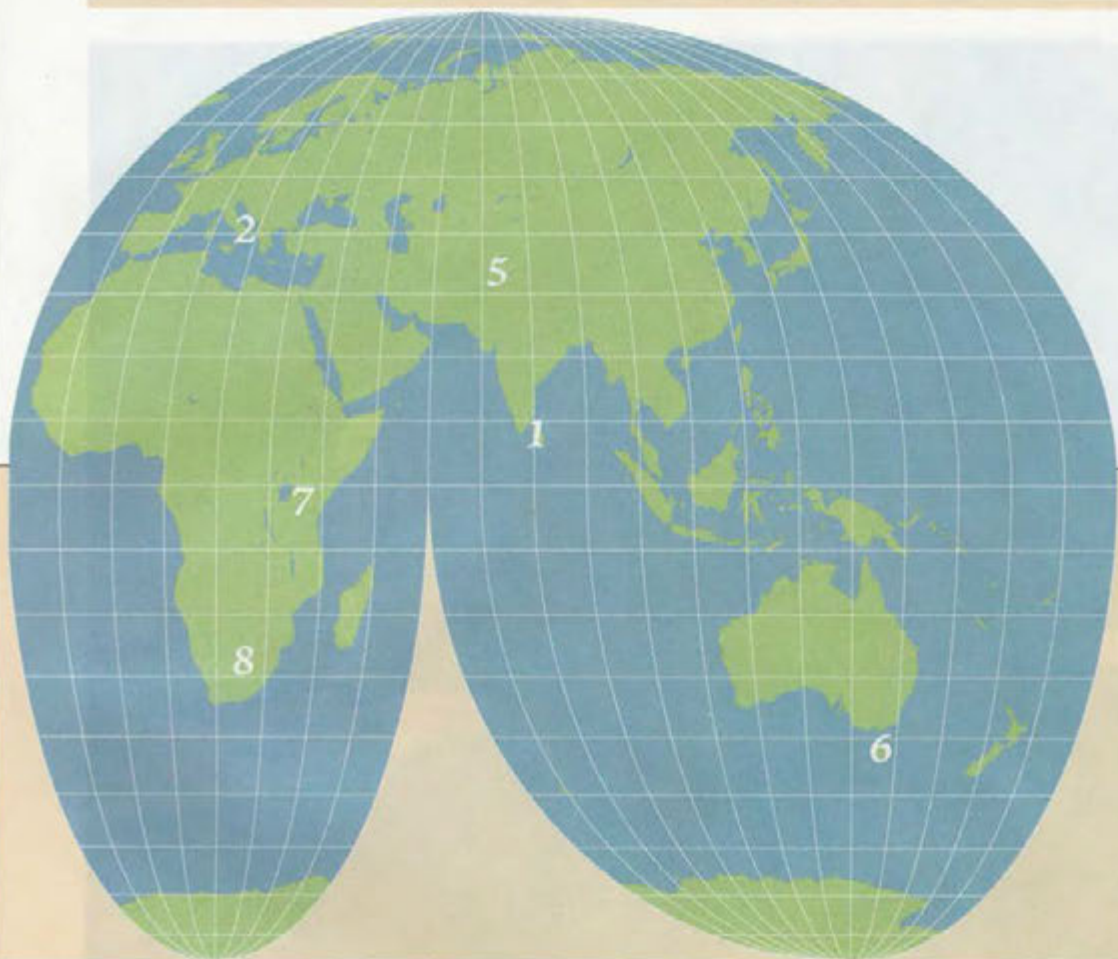
began as a project of the Rotary Club of São Paulo in 1946 and has grown to include programs for basic and higher education, including postgraduate courses, special education for the deaf, and professional training.



## [ 5 ] PAKISTAN

In March, the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee hosted an End Polio Summit, which brought Rotarians together with government, World Health Organization, and UNICEF representatives in Islamabad. Participants discussed advocacy efforts along with plans to immunize migrant children at transit points, conduct health camps, and support local government councils in high-risk





Around the world,  
land mines kill  
**800 people**  
every month, most  
of them civilians.

areas. So far this year, three polio resource centers, nine permanent immunization centers, and two permanent transit posts have been established as part of the country's Augmented Emergency Action Plan for polio eradication.



#### [ 6 ] AUSTRALIA

In the aftermath of a devastating flood in Queensland in 2011, Rotarians in Tasmania launched a fundraising campaign that netted US\$945,000 in contributions from businesses, organizations, individuals, and the Tasmanian government. The money was used to build a community center in the town of Murphys Creek in the Lockyer Valley, one of the hardest-hit areas.

The Rotary Club of Toowoomba East oversaw the project, and the Lockyer Valley Regional Council donated the land, managed planning approvals, commissioned a design, and provided landscaping and parking facilities. The structure opened in February.



#### [ 7 ] TANZANIA

Since 2008, 19 clubs from District 5160 (California, USA), led by the Rotary Club of Chico, have partnered with the Rotary clubs of Moshi and Mwika, Tanzania, to implement a series of sustainable projects in the Mount Kilimanjaro region. Recent efforts have included a reforestation project involving several hundred volunteers planting 95,000 seedlings, a 1.5-mile



**Tanzania**  
loses 988,000  
acres of forest  
per year due to  
demand for  
charcoal.

water pipeline with trenches dug by 70 community volunteers, and fundraising for repairs on a submersible water pump.

#### [ 8 ] SOUTH AFRICA

The Rotary clubs of Viljoenskroon, South Africa, and Cleethorpes and Sheffield Vulcan, England, teamed up to provide computers and printers for 10 new classrooms at the Mphatlalatsane School in Viljoenskroon. More than 90 percent of students at the 25-year-old school, which serves children with intellectual challenges, come from tribal communities. The technology will help provide digital education and promote life skills.

