

Dear Friends,

8 July 2011

We would like to invite you to a very special celebration, the Full Moon Festival, an Ethiopian potluck, this coming Friday, July 15th, 6:30 p.m. at Susan Bill's Arbordoun Farm.

The purpose of the Festival is to have fun, with food, music and dancing; to learn about Anasi, the home village of Solomon, Marta and Emebet Bill; and to raise money for Water for Anasi, a plan to build a clean water system for the village.

Last fall our family saw a heart-warming slide show presented by Marta Bill. The show was about Marta's travels to visit the Ethiopian village where she and her brother and sister were born. In our talks with Marta we learned that her village does not have clean water, a most essential requirement for healthy life.

It occurred to us that the people of our Lopez community, who consistently prove to be caring and kind, might want to help build a safe water system for Solomon, Marta, and Emebet's home village. We believe we can do this! The clean water system construction will start this fall if we can raise the funds needed.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$10,000; a matching challenge gift has been offered, so that every dollar contributed, up to \$5,000 will be matched, to help achieve our \$10,000 goal. We are now more than half way there!

Here is another incentive to contribute to this project: Solomon will be in Anasi for three months this fall, and he will be personally involved with the building of this water project.

Sol will be working in Anasi with his friend and mentor, Ezra Teshome, who, in 2010, was named by Time Magazine as one of ten Global Health Heroes. Ezra was born in Ethiopia and now lives in Seattle. Along with the Rotary Club, he has successfully built more than 75 fresh water-building projects in Ethiopia.

This project is going to happen, and you can help. Your contribution will bring a precious life resource to a wonderful group of people in our sister village of Anasi. We hope you will choose to be a part of this effort.

Please bring your donation to the Full Moon Festival July 15th or send your check to: Fidalgo Island Rotary, P.O. Box 125, Anacortes, WA 98221
Include a memo on the check: "Water For Anasi Project"

The Fidalgo Rotary is a 501 C3 organization, donations are tax deductible.

Thank you so much, your gift of any amount is deeply appreciated, and will bring much joy and wellness to many people. We hope to see you at our Full Moon Festival -- please come and bring an Ethiopian potluck dish, this Friday July 15th, 6:30 p.m. at Arbordoun Farm, just South of the Lopez Grange on Richardson Road.

Please visit our web site for more information, including a KIRO news video about Ezra, and for Ethiopian potluck recipe ideas: www.WaterForAnasi.org

Blessings of peace,

Steve, Michele and Sam Heller