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In a Ugandan village, schoolkids are set to learn

As a professional photographer, Rick Tang captures Northern California's wine country. But as a Rotarian, he's using his skills behind the lens to help people around the world. "I process life through my camera," says Tang, a member of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg. For many years, he traveled to Mexico to photograph kids in need of sponsors through Project Amigo, which helps educate rural children in Colima State. (The organization was founded by Rotarian Ted Rose and was an official project of the Rotary Club of Novato, Calif., until 2002, when it became an independent nonprofit.) In January 2014, Tang traveled with the Anthill Foundation, started by Rotarians Frank and Kathie Mayhew, to document its work in Uganda, which includes a maternity hospital and water projects. In the village of Bukaleba, he saw a school with only eight classrooms serving 800 students. The Anthill Foundation is constructing a new school building and working with Rotary clubs to provide textbooks, supplies, and desks. "I was getting a photo of this classroom with the desks provided by Rotary," Tang recalls, "and within a minute, all of these children jumped into the image."

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Students per
classroom in the
Bukaleba school


81

Percentage of children
who attend primary
school in Uganda


1997

Year that free primary education
was introduced in Uganda, for
four children per family