



## INTERNATIONAL AND FOUNDATION

### NIDS IN ETHIOPIA



#### END POLIO NOW! ~by Janine McClanahan

We all know this is the new theme from RI for our polio eradication campaign. Rotarians in District 5220 recently lived these words by participating in a National Immunization Day (NID) in Ethiopia. What a fantastic experience this must have been. Our Rotarians were part of a larger group that was coordinated by Rotarians in Seattle. In their group there were Rotarians not only from Washington and California, but Rotarians from Oregon, British Columbia, Hawaii, New Hampshire and Maine. Addis Ababa was their base and they were split into smaller groups that were hosted by the seven Rotary clubs in that capital city. Each club provided its own program of fellowship, tourism activities, as well as the opportunity to view their club projects in the area. A major focus of the trip was the NID where all participants were able to administer the drops to children. The Rotarians who participated in this trip are Jim Woodward (Stockton), Dave & Sally Mantooth (Escalon Sunrise), Nick Curtin (Stockton), Judy Delborn (Sonora Sunrise) Betty Saletta (Oakdale), Joe Serra (Stockton), Ryan & Kim Swehla (Modesto) and Marv & Judy Williamson (Tracy Sunrise). Ask these folks about their trip. I am sure they have wonderful stories to share. (photo collage by Betty Saletta)



### BILL GATES' AUTOGRAPHED HAT UP FOR AUCTION



You could own the hat that Bill Gates wore and autographed at Rotary's 2009 International Assembly. This month, the signed baseball cap will be auctioned on eBay.

A bid on this piece of Rotary memorabilia helps support Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication.

In addition, Gates recently wore the hat in India while he was immunizing children against polio.

*Note: At press time, the bid was up to \$10,100.00*

