

Dear Clytie Bunyan

I was reading your story about Riga Children's Hospital in your newspaper, about the tiny babies, their doctors, about the people from many parts in the world helping to fulfil dreams and hopes.

How does the world appear to our mind? Is it huge? Or is it small? Most probably – you'll say – it depends and is different in different life stages. Huge – because there are so many people living in the "house" of the world, its hope chest has countless culture and nature values, and a man cannot observe and get to know them all – even if striving to do it very hard. Small – because we are only a tiny planet in the expanse of the Universe and because the possibilities of people to meet and to communicate have got line that we could not conceive before.

Rotary movement is like model of the world filled with positive energy. By following the moto "Service above self" Rotarians are increasing this positive energy world over. By offering their hand to those who really need it people get back much more – love, friendship and trust. By sharing knowledge, skills and experience we can find new hope in the eyes of people who really deserve it.

Thanks to Rotarians in Oklahoma in the U.S.A., Hungary, Sweden and Latvia many families in Latvia will be able to experience the biggest wonder ever – their child.

It is wonderful, that the new possibilities of communication are so accessible nowadays. During the age of our grandparents the meetings had been ensured with the help of horse carts, but written and envisaged thoughts – with posted letters. To our children such speed of life would seem to be unacceptably slow, because their possibilities have increased hundred times along with the entrance of the new transportation and communication means in the lives of people.

And that would prove without doubt, that our huge world is very small not because it is a tiny planet in the Universe, but because our new friendship allows not feeling the big distances and make close those, who seem unreachable.

With gratitude to people in Oklahoma -

Sincerely,
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District 2410 Rotary Foundation Chair

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