

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Greetings from Washington D.C., where Rose and I are attending the Community Solutions Conference. Joining us are fellowship leaders from around the world. This is truly a wonderful experience, and we thank all of you for making this possible.

Though GEAA is devoted to regional water issues, working with Rose has brought home the fact that the issues we are addressing are similar in many aspects to challenges facing people around the world as clean water becomes ever more precious. Mitigating environmental degradation, protecting and conserving our water resources are global concerns – as I am learning firsthand from the Community Solutions fellows who will be attending my round table discussion this afternoon.

Though I am truly saddened by the prospect of saying goodbye to Rose when she returns to Kenya on Thursday, I am so glad that she will be taking a bit of Texas home with her. Thank you to all of you who reached out to welcome Rose, ,and especially to those of you who will continue to support her work of empowering African women by bringing rain water harvesting and sanitation projects needed in the rural areas of Kenya and Tanzania.

Checking my e-mails this morning, I couldn't help but notice that today is giving Tuesday across the USA. If you are inclined to participate in this national day of giving please, don't forget GEAA.

I look forward to posting Rose's first blog on the GEAA web site. You can be sure that we will be keeping in touch, and will continue to collaborate on water issues.

Sincerely,

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