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Dear Friends of Ancient Ways,

Each year we renew our focus and adjust the lens to see how best to meet the needs of the Zimbabwean communities we serve. The enclosed annual letter provides an update to the current status and direction of our programs:

- Early childhood is a pivotal time and we continue with our pledge to the preschool children, who come from far and wide, to attend daily school and enjoy a solid meal which is often the best one of their day! We are committed to their development. This preschool is recognized as a model by the Zimbabwean Ministry of Education!
- Pure water remains a priority as less than 1 in 10 residents have a clean water well. These wells bring health and prosperity to the extended family for generations. The results of this work have benefits that ripple out to the community as a whole, helping others and strengthening the very fabric of their society.
- Basic health needs are still a concern. Granted, that clean and abundant water prevents illness and makes for a prosperous garden, and too, making sure that the kids are fed nutritiously will impact community health. But also, our goal is to intervene with basic first aid and diagnostic testing (for bilharzia for example), both of which stave off a multitude of problems. We want to help them take whatever measures are appropriate within our funding capacity.

Founded in 1994, working locally preserving the Zimbabwean music, Ancient Ways is now heading into our 17<sup>th</sup> year of working overseas. As a small organization, we repeatedly produce results by being resilient, adaptable to change, and efficient in our approaches. In keeping with IRS requirements that we monitor fund distribution, our Executive Director and/or colleagues travel there to see the reality on the ground and to verify that we are all on the same page.

We have a strong reliable infrastructure in Zimbabwe, which assures that donations are utilized exactly as expected. Due to partnerships with experienced businessmen and renowned musicians, Cosmas Magaya, and Fradreck and Fungai Mujuru, in two regions with projects *Nhimbe* for Progress in Mhondoro, and *Jangano* in Dewedzo, we have laid the groundwork to establish collaborative community projects, which are governed by the region's Chiefs.

Our website [www.ancient-ways.org](http://www.ancient-ways.org) gives the full story about how we are accomplishing our mission in helping these village residents - thanks to you! We have been very fortunate to receive a variety of support from many individuals, organizations and government agencies over the years. Every generosity, whether through your finances, donations of time, or words of encouragement and prayers, always helps and is appreciated. Nothing is too small!

In these changing times, an Ancient Ways membership is an easy, effective and concrete way to help us hold consistency as you participate with us in our humanitarian efforts. When we hear about hardships in the world, particularly of children, most of us are looking for an avenue to be part of the solution. Ancient Ways is just that!

We are asking you again to assist our programs for 2016. An automated recurring monthly donation of any amount is critical to us in being able to plan for the future. An annual membership is fully tax-deductible and also brings you a discount on Ancient Ways purchases and classes. Your pledge inspires us when things get tough and renews our efforts to fulfill our mission. We appreciate your commitment in helping us to help others and making a difference in people's lives in a substantial manner.

Warm Regards,

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President, Ancient Ways

P.S. Please consider the practical actions of recurring donations and membership, joining us as we work towards improving sub-standard living conditions, alleviating suffering, as well as spreading the great music of Zimbabwe!