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Greetings from Ancient Ways!

We hope this annual letter finds all of you, your family and friends, safe and well. As a steady rain continues to pour down outside, and daytime now seems to zip by, I'm starting to realize we are finally heading into winter here and, at least for us, we have a little more time for some of those indoor projects. It also gives us time to reflect and learn from a variety of unexpected things that happened to Ancient Ways and Nhimbe over the past year. And I do mean variety. I remember our optimism at the beginning of this year, while finalizing our plans and budget for Nhimbe, only to see them gradually get disrupted and deteriorate as the year went on. Yet, as this letter lays out, we plowed through and not only prevailed but showed once again how capable the Nhimbe organization is at responding and adjusting to severe adversities.

Over this past year Nhimbe dealt with the continuous effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, which resulted in the periodic school lockdowns and additional expenditures for government-mandated Covid protection supplies. The Nhimbe facilities also suffered damages caused by a cyclone and a wild fire. Additionally, residents are currently facing a food shortage due to the cyclone and other inclement weather. At every step of the way we were able to adjust and cope with these unforeseen events largely because of the incredible generosity we received from you our donors, and the dedication of our Zimbabwean colleagues in Mhondoro working together with Jaiaen. The new team that we have in place in Zimbabwe was fully tested this year, and met these challenges head-on by demonstrating their leadership capabilities, resilience and flexibility in the face of several unforeseen hardships. We are very fortunate to have this partnership in place.

In the coming year we will continue our focus on providing support for the Nhimbe preschool, the Mhandara Monthly Care MMC (including sewing, monthly supplies and marimba lessons), our new expanding library, along with funding for additional Wells (new or repairs) as well as Covid-19 support with soap and training. Please take a look at the Annual Letter from our executive director for more descriptions of the work we've accomplished, future plans, ways to donate, and photos!

Ancient Ways has been very fortunate to receive a diversity of assistance from many individuals, organizations and government agencies over the last 22 years on behalf of Nhimbe. All of your contributions, whether financial, volunteer hours, or words of encouragement and prayers, are greatly appreciated. Our team will continue to provide a strong and reliable infrastructure in Zimbabwe, which will assure you that all donations are utilized exactly as expected.

We are asking you again to partner with us for 2022, and also to consider becoming a member of Ancient Ways. An Ancient Ways membership is an easy, effective and rewarding way to help us be consistent, while participating with us in our humanitarian efforts. Also, please consider an automated, recurring donation of your choosing as this method is extremely valuable to us in planning for the future.

It is only with your help, and the dedication of our friends and counterparts in Zimbabwe, that we have been able to remain focused, buoyant, and wade through whatever obstacles have come our way. This 2021 year was a challenge indeed, but we have weathered many storms before, and will continue to do so. I want to again express my sincere gratitude to all who have supported our efforts over these past years to inspire us to continue to persevere, to learn and grow, and to achieve what we have thus far accomplished.

With Warm Regards,

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President, Ancient Ways