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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 this year comes to a close, we take a little time to reflect on what was accomplished this year. I think about all the people, coordination, perseverance and dedication that has to all come together to make it happen. This year we feel that one thing in particular needs to be emphasized, and properly acknowledged, and that is the resilience and contributions made by our Zimbabwean project leaders and staff volunteers. The success of Nhimbe For Progress relies so much on their hard work and dedication. They are the real story. 2022 marks the 20th anniversary of the Nhimbe preschool and we are particularly recognizing Febby Shava, our current Co-Director in Zimbabwe, along with other key staff volunteers for their commitments and perseverance over these many years.

This past year we have been successful in continuing with our planned projects. This includes the education of 78 preschoolers, with 26 students graduating, further expanding our Nhimbe library, building 13 new wells and further support of our Mhandara Monthly Care MMC (including sewing, monthly supplies and marimba lessons). Please take a look at the Annual Letter from our executive director for more in-depth descriptions of these projects, ways to donate, and photos! Looking forward into next year, we will continue supporting these needed projects and more, as funding permits.

Speaking of funding, we have also very recently been made aware of a government requirement to construct two additional huts at the Nhimbe Center to satisfy governmental Covid regulations. This requirement will take substantial additional funding beyond our current budget but we have been able to adjust and cope with unforeseen events like this before, 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.

Ancient Ways has been very fortunate to receive a diversity of assistance from many individuals, organizations and government agencies over the last 23 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 2023, 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. Please consider an automated, recurring donation of your choosing as this method is extremely valuable to us in planning for the future. Other ways to contribute include donation organizations such as AmazonSmile and Bottledrop, Employer Matching Contributions, and purchases from our online Marketplace. All of these are ways that you can make a difference on behalf of our villages in Zimbabwe!

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 2022 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