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Dear Friends of Ancient Ways,

I hope this letter finds you, your family and friends, all safe and well in this holiday season. It's getting to be time to bundle up or perhaps even head for some warmer climates. I want to first of all, express my gratitude for the generous support we have received over these past many years, as Ancient Ways would just not exist without it. With over 25 years of working in partnership with our Zimbabwean counterparts we have established a sound infrastructure in Zimbabwe and demonstrated over and over how resourceful we can be when confronted with difficult and unexpected conditions that regularly arise. This past year was not much different. The extreme drought that Zimbabweans experienced resulted in some severe hardships but we were still able to navigate through these ups and downs and prevail. Please take a look at Jaiaen's annual letter for more details.

Our Mhandara Monthly Care (MMC) program continues to thrive, as does our library. 23 wells were also deepened because of drops in the ground water table. This year our preschool program graduated 26 students and we are now looking into bringing computer access to Mhondoro, via internet, using solar power and Starlink. This idea is just in the beginning stages at this point but we are looking into this real possibility. As you can image, the educational opportunities in terms of online learning can be far reaching.

Also, this year we were very fortunate to establish a partnership with "Healing Hands International" (HHI) to provide materials and training to our Nhimbe for Progress residents on how to use "drip technology and permaculture" to successfully grow food in even the worst of dry conditions. Given the impacts of climate change and the likelihood of future droughts, this technology could be extremely beneficial down the road. We will be evaluating and pursuing the use of this technology as things unfold.

We are asking you again to assist our programs for 2025, 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 impactful 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, resilient, and wade through whatever obstacles have come our way. Again, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who have supported our efforts over these past years which inspire us to continue to persevere, to learn and grow, and fulfill our mission and goals.

With Warm Regards,

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President, Ancient Ways