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LifeNets, Southern Africa, continues the task of assisting needy individuals and communities within our region of jurisdiction. Our mission is to help people in need, provide assistance that leads to and creates self-sufficiency. This report will focus on the activities and programs, new and ongoing, in Southern Africa.

SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the most effective ways to invest in a secure future for individuals is through the provision of scholarships. This important statement was made in the December 1, 2007, LifeNets report: "Giving a deserving student a scholarship is giving a gift that keeps repeating itself throughout the rest of the person's life. It gives young people skills to make a living and care for themselves and their families". This past year we have passed on this gift to numerous students and other individuals in South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Courses of study are varied, and include marketing, mechanical engineering, mathematical science and technology, computer engineering, accounting, music and other degrees and diplomas. Due to financial constraints, some young people are forced to drop out of school. LifeNets steps in and helps them complete their high school, making a huge difference in their lives and future security. One lady in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, is taking a course in hairdressing and also studying to qualify as a beautician. There are other deserving cases where young people would be unable to pursue further study courses after leaving high school if it were not for the financial assistance they receive from LifeNets.

One high school scholar from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, wrote: "I would like to thank you very much for the money you gave me to assist with my education. Yours faithfully" Duduzile M. Ndlovu.

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PROJECTS

Our cattle and agricultural support in Zambia continue to be a huge success. The cattle project started with 22 heifers in 2001, and now the herd has grown to over 100. Our policy of passing on the first calf to another person promotes good will within the community. Heifers produce milk, a much needed protein. Our crop yields have increased considerably due to the application of fertilizer, and to good seasonal rains.

Wells with fitted pumps serve families and local communities in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi. The women are especially thankful as they no longer have to walk long distances in search of water. Recently I witnessed one such well provide a constant flow of water for 300 people who had gathered in Nalubanda, Zambia, for a convention.

Consignments of medicine donated by LifeNets continue to reach communities in Zambia and Malawi. The medicines include antibiotics, anti-malarial tablets, oral dehydration salts, vitamins, to mention a few. The health of people has improved, and deaths have been drastically reduced.

We express our special thanks to the many volunteers from around the world who through fundraisers and various other means collect funds for our numerous projects. I have personally witnessed how their tireless efforts have improved the quality of the lives of countless people throughout the regions of southern Africa.

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