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O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, help us to hear his voice, help us to recognize his voice, and help us to obey his voice more often, as we listen for his voice.

Safe drinking water in Molumbo and Milange towns of Zambezia, Mozambique

As we mentioned last newsletter, Cyclone Freddy had made the poor situation worse in the province of Zambezia. Fortunately, the Global Arm of ARDF, US in particular was able to send emergency packets, food, drinking water. As you can see, many have been affected, and many have been fed.



The safe supply of drinking water is perhaps even more critical now, as people are often lining up for water (both in rural settings and in cities) at 3:00 or 4:00 AM.

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You can imagine how this affects their daily lives. We can now announce that the well work has begun. Two sites have been selected for testing, Mongue in the District of Milange, and Chitambo in the village of Mtoco. Although we were going to begin with one site, it was determined to be financially responsible to test a few, as it is quite a distance to bring the technicians and equipment for testing each time.



As part of the project, a meeting was held in the village to go over the safe water project with the church officials, local village representatives and volunteers, a government technical person and the technical/research staff. The first site has been approved, and drilling begins this week!



Not only are the people of the villages working with the government and the church to establish a safe supply of drinking water, but a new partnership has been established within the Global Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF). The Anglican Relief and Development Fund, Australia, with Lucy Lim as Executive Director, has agreed to partner with The Anglican Relief and Development Fund, Canada to assist with the drilling of a well. This is perhaps a first within the Global ARDF organization, and perhaps we might see even more cooperation between these sister organizations across our Lord's world.

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As part of the Anglican Church's holistic ministry in Zambezia province, the Anglican Diocese of Zambezia will erect four deep water wells and construct protection for 14 natural water springs that will help meet the water needs of thousands of people in Molumbo and Milange towns. Once installed, the boreholes and natural springs will improve the livelihood, hygiene, and sanitation of these communities, giving thou sands of people access to reliable, safe drinking water. People will be discipled through the church by meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

These refurbished and new wells will benefit many people:

An estimated total of 8,400 people, some in multiple ways:

- > 2,000 people from Molumbo community and 2,500 people from Milange will gain access to clean water and learn about hygiene and sanitation practices.
- > 3,900 people will benefit from 14 rehabilitated water sources with access to safe and clean drinking water, reducing the incidences of waterborne diseases

The total cost will be about \$152,000 CDN. Each new well will cost about \$16,000 to dig, each refurbished well about \$1,000 to rebuild, plus other costs (to maintain the fresh water supply, research and monitoring). Will you join in this work to bring safe drinking water to these families?

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Donations to ARDFC can be made:

- Through your parish
- Online at www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm
- By sending your cheque to ARDFC, Box 1013, Burlington, ON, L7R 4L8

Let us thank the Lord for our blessings, and consider how we might be a blessing to others.

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