

Hello friends and family,

I hope you and those dear to you are staying healthy in the midst of this COVID 19 pandemic that has drastically affected so many people around the world.



Everyone is affected by this virus, yet the impact is greater in certain communities. As we all diligently wash our hands and sanitise surfaces in our homes and work places, I find it heartbreaking to think of places where this isn't possible.

One of these places is a small community in Zimbabwe where the Maori Primary School is located. This school provides education to 350 children and was built entirely with funds from Canada, mostly raised by **ZimKids: Community Support**. ZimKids is Canadian registered not-for-profit and I sit on the board. We fundraise for the school and for other educational, community programs and food support initiatives in Zimbabwe.



A priority for our board this year is a water project at Maori Primary school. This requires drilling a bore hole, lining it with steel casing and installing a solar water pump. This will provide a reliable source of water for the students and staff. Now, more so than ever with the threat of COVID 19, the lack of running water at the school is unsafe from both a public health and basic hygiene perspective.

Normally, our board plans community fundraising events and other initiatives to generate funds for our projects. However, with the current pandemic crisis our options are limited. We have never reached out with a widespread fundraising appeal, yet we feel we have to do so now.

The total cost of the well project for the Maori school is \$12,965 USD (approximately \$18,296 CND). We are very fortunate to have received a \$10,000 donation from a generous supporter, so we are now trying to raise the balance – approximately \$8296 CND.



I know how tough it is right now in the midst of our own anxieties and issues around COVID 19 to think of donating to a cause so far away. However, I ask you to consider contributing to this project. I am making a donation, as I feel strongly about supporting this vulnerable community, and I know how important it is for these young students to be safe in their school environment. This pandemic has certainly shown the interconnectedness of our global world.

Any donation is deeply appreciated and every dollar donated will go directly to the construction of the well. You can send an e-transfer to zimkids@bell.net or mail a cheque made out to ZimKids and mailed to 855 Second Line, Bailieboro, ON K0L 1B0) (Note: Zim Kids is a reg-

istered not-for-profit, not a registered charity, so unfortunately we can't issue charitable receipts.)

Thank you so much for considering this request and please feel free to share this appeal with others you know who may be interested.

Please take great care.

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