**April 26, 2012**

**Dear Ones,**

My names are David Marube. I am a church minister at the Nyamue Church of Christ, KISII, Kenya.

I am writing to appeal for funding from your organization to assist us finish our water project. With the help of well wishers, we have drilled a borehole to the depth of 180 meters and got sufficient water to serve our local church, our Day Care Center and the entire community. We are however yet to complete the water project as we are lacking funding for a submersible pump with accessories, pipes and tank for distribution and the means to power the submersible pump -- both estimated at costing USD $10,000.

PROJECT BENEFITS:

**HEALTH & SANITATION.**Lack of clean water and sanitation facilities are key factors in keeping people in the Kisii community poor, unhealthy and unable to improve their livelihoods. It causes a great percentage of diseases and kills more people every year than anything else. Children are especially vulnerable, as their bodies aren't strong enough to fight diarrhea, dysentery and other illnesses. Most deaths that occur in the hospitals and at the homes every week from unsafe water and unhygienic living conditions are to children under five years old. Many of these diseases can be prevented simply by improving water supply and sanitation.

**WOMEN & CHILDREN.**

Women and children usually bear the burden of water collection, walking miles and taking them hours, to the nearest source which is unprotected and likely to make them sick. Time spent walking and resulting diseases keep them from school, work and taking care of their families.

Along their long walk, the women are subjected to a greater risk of harassment and sexual assault. Hauling cans of water for long distances takes a toll on the spine and many women experience back pain early in life.

With safe water nearby, women will be free to pursue new opportunities and improve their families’ lives. Kids will earn their education and build the future of their communities.

**FOOD SUPPLY.**Community members will use the new water source to grow small gardens near their homes and secure their own food supply. Self-sufficient households are less affected by external conflict, famine or

**DISABLED PERSONS.**
For disabled people, who have the same needs and rights as everyone else, the impact is far greater. Barriers exist in the natural environment, like long distances to water sources, rough terrain, rivers with soft or rocky banks and uneven slopes to reach the water. In times of acute water scarcity, it becomes so punitive for the disabled persons who are not able to queue for long hours at water points. Once our water project is implemented, it will offer a solution to this problem.

Attached find photos showing our need for clean water and the borehole that we have drilled. Looking forward to your kind response. Thanks in advance and may God bless you!

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