

March 10, 2014

My dear Friend,

As I write this letter to you, I received an urgent request from Sr. Tony asking for assistance in gaining funds to drill Bore-hole wells. The cost of a Bore-hole well is unusually high due to the dry, rocky land. It is an extremely difficult situation - one we cannot afford!

Let me explain. Our Sisters are currently working in a village for poor and displaced people in the Ruai District near Bahati in East Kenya. This is a very rural area - located more than thirty miles from the city of Nairobi.

This village has approximately 200 homesteads with a population of more than 800 people who have all been displaced due to the ethnic clashes of 2007. These people live in shacks made of corrugated metal. They have no water, no electricity, no toilets, no schools or health facilities.

Our Sisters have been sent to this area to help provide food, clothing and education to the hundreds of people living here. It is an incredible responsibility - and one from which we cannot turn away.

Needless to say, **water is a vital necessity** not only for preparing food and providing meals, but it is also critical for bathing, growing crops and caring for livestock. The existing Well just isn't enough.

Please, help us, as in the past, to satisfy the thirst of these very poor people. They are living in conditions most of us could hardly imagine. It is a difficult life and they need our help!

We need to do something and we need to do it quickly!

Please, is there any way you can help us?

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A deep, Bore-hole well taps into the purest water on earth and the deepest well of human POTENTIAL. Water not only quenches thirst, it can also change the hopes and dreams of an entire village. It allows a mother to raise healthy children. It allows children to go to school, instead of spending their day searching for water. **But the cost of drilling such a well is \$6,000.**

There are also other costs involved such as purchasing pipes, faucets, concrete and cement blocks. The total cost for each Bore-hole well \$8,750.

**Please, is there some amount you can give
to help us drill this new well?**

While we need to raise \$8,750 for this well, please know that whatever amount you can send will help. A gift of \$570 could purchase pipes and valves. A gift of \$75 would help purchase galvanized wire to support the concrete. Even \$20 would help purchase a bag of cement! Whatever you do, please do it soon. God bless you.

Sr. Mary Bernadette

*** Your continued kindness and generosity are such a blessing. Thank you again for whatever you can send to help during this difficult time!**