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Dear Friends,

I need your help to stop an epidemic that's plaguing poor rural villagers in eastern Zambia. The water they are drinking is making them sick — in some cases, even killing them. As Christians, we take comfort in Jesus' promise of "living water," but we must not forget that many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are gravely concerned about practical water problems too.

Your stomach would turn if you saw those poor women scooping brown, stagnant water from hand-dug pits into buckets to carry home to their children. In America, we wouldn't give such parasite-infested water to an animal; but in these villages, children drink from contaminated sources every day and get sick with diarrhea, cholera and dysentery.

It is tragic to think that the very water the poor drink for survival is plunging them into a state of chronic malnourishment and dehydration.

To respond to this urgent crisis, we want to partner with a local pastor, Reverend Dennis Milanzi, to dramatically improve the villages' access to clean water and sanitation. **But we need your help!** Read the proposal that explains how you can be a part of this Christ-centered solution to provide urgently needed water to the families in rural Zambia. **And please, prayerfully consider giving a gift through Cross International to help those living in poverty.** Whatever you choose to give, these families will be grateful for your part in changing their lives.

Shana McCracken, International Development Associate Director, is available to answer questions or assist you if you would like to make a donation. You may contact her at 800-391-8545 ext. 115 or SMcCracken@CrossInternational.org.

Thank you for your prayers and compassion!

God bless you,

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President