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Dear Friends of Madagascar Mission and Development,

Blessings in the name of our Crucified and Resurrected Lord Jesus! We are grateful for our donors who support our mission in prayer and with financial gifts as partners with Friends of Madagascar Mission and Development. And we welcome those of you who are looking for a mission organization to provide your support. Through all support to Friends of Madagascar Mission and Development, lives are being changed.

The southwest part of Madagascar faces a critical need for water, **and you can help!** The area is experiencing multi-year droughts resulting in destruction of crops, food shortages, and a lack of safe drinking water. A recent January 2026 news release states: "The children suffer the most. In Madagascar, nearly 40% of children under five suffer from stunted growth, and one in two is affected by anemia, while pregnant women suffer iron deficiency."

As your congregation seeks a mission project during the coming year, we would welcome you to consider Friends of Madagascar Mission and Development's **LIVING WATER – "Thanks a Million!"** Program. We encourage you to visit our new website at MadagascarDevelopment.org to view the congregational resources regarding the need for water and our program to drill many wells in the rural countryside. Included with the resource packet are numerous items:

- A summary of the need for water wells,
- videos,
- different ways to raise awareness and funds for supporting "Thanks a Million!" and
- a song to use in promoting the program.

There are two basic fund-raising options:

- 1) An individualized program where an individual is encouraged to make a monthly donation for three months and ask three more people to do the same, and
- 2) A series of different congregational programs where members may participate:
 - a. Congregation members are encouraged to make a commitment to give a designated amount of funds for the congregational fund for this program.
 - b. A fund-raising event to support the program.
 - c. A Walk for Water "WFW (A description of how to implement this program in your congregation).
 - d. And you may have many other ways to raise funds.

Will you help? There is a song that states, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going!" In our case, it only takes one gift of any size to make the water available to people in great need of clean, healthy water. We take water for granted. The people we serve in mission do not take water for granted, it is a special gift! **Help us give them reason to shout, "Thanks a Million!"**

PEACE IN CHRIST!

The Rev. David Lerseth