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A Message from Angela Docherty Chief Executive NEW WAYS

Dear Friends, where does the time go!

I am sure you, like me, are looking forward to spending time with family and friends over the festive season as we all get time off to relax. At this time of year my heart and thoughts are inevitably drawn to those in Turkana where, in many ways, Christmas is just another day. They will still get up in the morning and wonder will they be able to find enough water, will their animals or their meagre stores provide enough food for the family. The nurseries will be closed at this time of year so no help there! One day it is my dream that we will have changed things so that they will eventually have grown enough food to enjoy a day of rest like we all do no matter our faith background. Our water and agriculture programme remain a key part of that and I know that things have improved immensely but we still have a long way to go. Hope is the most important of all emotions and as we look to the future we know, with your marvellous support, we have made and will continue to make a difference.

The 18th New Ways Advent Ball was a fantastic success again this year. Lenny once spoke beautifully and passionately about her goals in the area of woman's empowerment and moved many to tears. In this season where many celebrate one special Family I think of the difficulties faced by families in the countries that we are committed to helping. Life for Turkana women and young girls is extremely hard as they need to ensure the family has the basics - water and something to eat. No easy task, especially at this time of year. Their hope is for rain as without it there will be a shortage of water which in turn affects their food source, their animals and long term prospects

A little can make such a difference so we are grateful for every penny that is donated and seek to invest it wisely in projects that will transform lives. While New Ways is small relative to some of the other charities that work in the region we have a loyal support base in all of you and I am immensely grateful for your long and steady support. I know everyone has a choice.

I hope the newsletter, and the features on the various projects, help you understand how your generous donations are put to good use in making a difference. If you need any more information please feel free to write to me at angela@newways.org.uk and give your views or let me know what more we can do to keep you updated.

Please accept my sincere thanks to all who contribute with their time, talent and hard earned cash to making a difference to the people of Turkana, Ethiopia and Malawi. It is not in vain. Have a wonderful time this festive season.

Very best wishes

