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Dear friends,

I am writing this letter on behalf of VIDEA and Women for Change to thank all Farmers without Borders (FwB) volunteers and supporters for your partnership and support over the past four years. During this time, since the chairperson of FwB, and myself visited farming sites in Zambia, FwB have been active in working with Zambian farmers to better support their crops and communities through the provision of clean drinking water sources.

As a result of two very successful dinners at Sooke Harbour House we have been able together to sink two boreholes in the Lundazi district of Zambia. The final borehole, in Magodi district, was completed in the autumn of 2011. VIDEA and Women for Change (WfC - our Zambian partner organisation) would like to gratefully thank FwB for the most recent donation of \$1,500, made in September 2011, that completed the fund raising for this well and allowed for the drilling to begin!

Each of the boreholes that have been completed are currently being operated in conjunction with the Women for Change Area Associations and maintained by WfC water committees. Each of the wells benefits an estimated 250 families, representing over 1200 individuals per well. This gift of water is assisting these women and men, boys and girls, to access fresh water for drinking, sanitation, irrigation and healthcare.

Also - did you know that the provision of fresh clean water also improves gender and education outcomes in the immediate area too? How does this work? Because the women and girls do not have to walk as far to fetch



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water it allows for an increased number of girls to access education instead, and women to spend time focusing on income generation or self-care - amazing what the gift of water can give!

Once again, may thanks to everyone involved for your passion, commitment and ongoing support and solidarity with VIDEA, Women for Change and the rural farmers of Lundazi, Zambia.

In solidarity,

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