

May 1, 2008

Dear

I have been involved in a special project that I'm excited about and want to share with you. Allow me a few moments to share the story.

This past year, our church began planning for our 125th anniversary to be observed in October of 2008. We decided that we wanted to do something very *special* and *worldwide* in order to commemorate this wonderful event. During our deliberations, we became aware of the catastrophic water shortage in the African nation of Malawi. Our hearts were deeply touched and we decided that we wanted to do something to alleviate the suffering of these people who are dying for the lack of clean drinking water. Our church has produced a documentary of this tragedy and you can view it as you go to our website at www.kfmconnect.com. On the home page you will find the "World Impact Project" icon. After you click on that icon you will be able to locate the video on the right hand side of the next page.

As a result of this project, KFM set a funding goal of \$50,000 in order to dig 10-12 water wells for thirsty villages across Malawi. As of this writing, nearly \$10,000 has been given and two wells are being dug. In addition, KFM has designed a variety of *world impact events* in order to help us achieve our funding goal.

One of these events is the *Living Water Bicycle Tour* which is a 6 day 300 mile bicycle trip in June. My son Joshua and I plan on riding with a group of people and I am looking for people who would like to sponsor me per mile for the 300 mile trip. All sponsorship dollars are tax deductible and go directly toward our \$50,000 goal. If you chose to sponsor me per mile or with a one time gift, please make sure that the check is written to *Kalamazoo Free Methodist Church* and in the memo line write; "Bruce Rhodes bicycle tour". You can mail the check in an envelope to the following address...

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931 W. Maple Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Even if you are unable to give at this time I am asking for prayer support for this bicycle trip. My son Joshua and I will be on our bikes from June 15-20th and we would ask that you remember us in prayer asking for safety for our group as we travel together. Thank you for your partnership in this worthwhile project. Your support means a lot to me. And thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Grace and peace,

Bruce Rhodes

