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Dear Friends of Caritas,

Thank you very much for your most generous donation of \$25,000 that we received from you in July of this year. I most sincerely apologise that it has taken us so long to acknowledge your most generous gift. For some reason, your wonderful donation was not entered into our database although we did, indeed, receive the funds.

Today, it seems, the world is inundated with catastrophes, disasters and people across the globe living in peril. The 164 Caritas Member Organisations around the world are busier than ever and resources are always scarce so your donation is very important to our work, and we are most grateful for your support.

Our Emergency Response team is constantly on the road. One team member just returned from the Horn of Africa where he was assessing the current situation there with our Caritas partners who have been dealing with a severe drought situation. A member of our Communication staff was also in Kenya where she was moved by the reaction of the people who were benefiting from the help of Caritas made possible through support from our donors such as you. The following are some comments that she heard along the way:

A young father, Mwinzi Munyoki Tutu, is grateful for food and seeds that Caritas gave his village: "In the past, when there were droughts, we were losing children under five to malnutrition. This time, we didn't. When Caritas heard, they rushed to help. We had no food to eat, nothing. Caritas came at the right time. I can't even think of the words to thank Caritas."

Caritas gave Mrs Kalimi Munovei food and now pays her and her neighbours to dig irrigation canals in her field. That way, future droughts will do less damage to her crops. She says: "The energy you see us digging with, that's from the Caritas food."

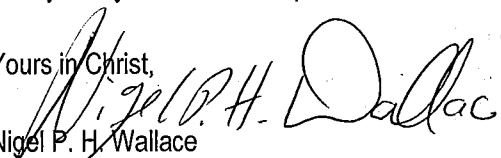
An elderly Kenyan woman named Mrs Kyambi Ngui said: "God comes in so many ways. We were waiting for death, but then Caritas came. I don't know how we would have survived without Caritas. We're so grateful you heard our cries and came to our rescue. God bless you."

We recently had two staff in the Congo observing the situation during the current elections there, and a further team at the UN climate talks in Durban, South Africa.

This is just a sample of the many ways your investment is helping the work we do at Caritas.

A very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year to everyone at Catholic World Mission.

Yours in Christ,



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