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Dear Pat and Harold,

Finding words, just saying “thank you” to the two of you, to your Wider Work Committee and your Christian Education Committee, the congregation and administration of East Plains, seems to completely miss the mark. Given the consistent, committed and compassionate generosity of you all, I find it very difficult to find language to express our gratitude and that of the children who have benefitted so greatly. Students’ food services, education, housing, medical services and farming at the Tekera Resource Centre, have all been advanced because of your interest, support and donations over the past 14 years. Amazing, eh?

So the question remains: how can we express our gratitude? Truthfully, we can’t. However, the Women’s Craft Group at TRC might have a better chance. ☺ They made these angels by hand, with bark, sisal, reeds and on-site dyed colours of local grasses. Some have Mother and Child designs, while others are simpler.

Please accept these as a gift from the mothers and grandmothers of the TRC catchment area. These angels somehow better symbolize their gratitude to you and your church community, who have helped them and their families in a variety of big and small ways, for almost a decade-and-a-half. They also symbolize *our* experience of you all.

Personally, I have been honoured to work with you over the years. Your earnest and humble sensitivity to the many TRC causes and people you’ve supported is something I’ve admired greatly. Always “above and beyond”, you have been stalwart in dedication, always thoughtful, ever giving.

As you know, TRC will continue to need assistance beyond the Foundation’s involvement. Alice will be your contact. I’m sure it will be as blessed a relationship as I’ve had with you both.

May you and yours be safe, healthy and content – through this difficult time and beyond. May your congregation and especially your committees, know the lives you have changed, and that your service has made a lasting impact.

With deep appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Brenda Casey', is written over the typed name.

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