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#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT -1 MARCH 2005 to 28 FEBRUARY 2006

Meeting needs in practical ways and promoting self-sufficiency is the foundational philosophy that drives and motivates Lifenets projects around the world. During the year under review, we initiated and implemented various projects in Southern Africa, and it was exciting to see the lives of people transformed and rejuvenated. In the process we generate hope and self-sufficiency for many who face hardships and suffering, but on the basis of mutual respect, honour and dignity for the recipients. The major projects are listed below.

##### ZAMBIA

Our cattle program started in 2001 when we donated 22 head of heifers to a remote community in the Mumbwa province of Zambia. Since then the herd has grown to over 60 animals, and provide much needed milk protein and draft power to the predominantly farming community. This program has been called the "Cattle Restoration Project", as virtually all cattle were wiped out due to Corridor Disease carried by the wild African buffalo. Lifenets continues to supply communities with medicines that include lifesaving anti-malaria medication, antibiotics, vitamins and other necessary drugs. As last year, there has not been a single death due to malaria, dysentery, dehydration. In the past these diseases claimed lives, especially small babies and children.

A transport vehicle, a one ton Mazda Bongo, was purchased from Japan for use by the farming community in Mumbwa. It is being used to transport maize and cotton crops from the rural areas to the markets in Lusaka. This is a help to the farmers who normally pay abnormally high transport costs for their crops. Furthermore, most of the crops are stored in Lusaka, later sold off-season, giving a better price and financial return for the farmers.

We continue to offer financial assistance to our director, Mr. Kambani Banda, for the upkeep of the vehicle he uses to handle Lifenets business in Zambia.

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## ZIMBABWE

Due to the uncertain and at times chaotic situation in this country, we have had to limit our assistance there. We did contribute financially to Brenda Tshabalala to start a small import (from South Africa) business. She imports various items, such as cell phones, linen, clothes, shoes, and then sells them to people in her home town of Bulawayo.

## SOUTH AFRICA

During the year under review, we assisted three youths to attend a youth summer camp at Glenmore, Kwazulu-Natal south coast. These youth come from large families, and the parents are not in a position to cover all camping costs. We encourage parents to make a donation, and then make up the monetary shortfall. These camps are invaluable to the youth who are given opportunities they would not normally experience. The camp program does not only provide physical activities, but also speech classes and other forms of education that challenges the intellect, and instructs in moral values and standards.

For the third year we provided scholarship assistance to Sharon Rau, who incidentally, produced excellent results in her end of year examinations. She graduated with top honours, and is currently employed by a large international oil company.

There was also a small grant made to an old age home in the Durban area.

We give special thanks to those who are supporting our efforts to assist and support those in need. Because of our low overheads and volunteers, contributions go further and more funds are available for needy individuals.

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