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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 1 MARCH 2006 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2007

LifeNets, Southern Africa, continued its foundational philosophy of meeting humanitarian needs in order to relieve suffering and to generate hope through opportunities to become self-sufficient. People's lives are transformed as those we help can help others transform their lives. During the year under review, we continued to implement various projects in Southern Africa, and it was exciting seeing the lives of people and communities change for the good.

Most of our efforts focused on helping young people with educational scholarships. In developing countries we assist deserving students attend institutions of higher learning. These would not be able to advance their education without the financial assistance we provide. As you may have noticed in the LifeNets newsletter (Life Lines), we receive numerous letters from students who explain how this program is changing their lives, and giving them an opportunity to achieve success in life through higher educational qualifications.

### ZAMBIA

The cattle project started in 2001 in Zambia continues to be a resounding success. From the initial number of 24 the herd has grown to close to 100, providing much needed milk protein and draft power to farming communities in the Mumbwa province of Zambia. "Passing on the Gift" is an initiative where the first calves are passed on to other farmer families who do not have cattle of their own. This we continue to do.

Another on-going program is supplying medicines to people in both Zambia and Malawi, and in particular life-saving anti-malaria medication, and other medicines to combat dysentery, dehydration and other serious illnesses. Deaths, especially among small children and babies, have been greatly reduced.

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The transport vehicle has been used to transport maize and cotton from the rural areas to markets in Lusaka. This year we stored these crops in Lusaka until such time the prices rose, thereby rendering a handsome financial return for the farmers.

The wells at Kasumpa and Nalubanda villages continue to supply a source of clean drinking water. Before the construction of the wells, local villagers (mostly women) had to collect water miles from their area.

We thank Mr. Kambani Banda, our director in Zambia, for the work and effort he has put into running LifeNets so successfully in that region.

## MALAWI

Recently I had an opportunity to visit our two clinics in Lilongwe and Balaka, Malawi, which LifeNets help build. Both continue to function and provide much needed health care to communities, and assist with a feeding program, medicine and health care for orphans. The two ambulances donated by the Rotary Foundation are functional and in good working order. The Frank Edwards well dug on the property of Lawrence Chipendo (in 2003) in Nyanyara, Malawi is still in good working order. Before the well was built villagers collected water about two miles from their settlement.

## SOUTH AFRICA

As in the past, we assisted three youths to attend a youth summer camp at Glenmore, Kwazulu/Natal. These camps provide opportunities and activities most young people would not normally experience. Apart from physical activities, young people attend speech classes and instruction in moral values, standards and principles of success.

We thank those who continue to support projects under LifeNets direction. Lives are being changed, people have been given hope, and young people are given a chance to succeed in life. LifeNets truly makes a difference in the lives of people.

**Andre Van Belkum**  
**Chairman**

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