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Dear Dan,

Thank you for your ongoing support to our tree planting and fruit tree project.

Following your donation to plant 4,500 trees and 500 fruit trees, we'd like to introduce you to some of the farmers who have benefited.

Thandazga Community Group are made up of 28 farmers including Rachel. As a group they work together to save time and so more people benefit. This is their first year raising seedlings together and they have planted 4000 trees.

Thomas is also planting trees. He lives in Doroba area with his 10 children. He said he has many reasons for wanting to plant trees but mainly so "my children and grandchildren don't suffer in the future." He has planted out 700 trees this year.

Here they are in their tree nurseries and recently planting out their trees.



Rachel from Thandazga Community Group

A happy Thomas planting trees



Above left: Some of the Chiomba fruit tree members, Above right: Students planting fruit trees

We continue working with schools and community groups to plant fruit trees. Chiomba Community Group have raised 1,500 fruit trees this year of which you have funded 500. They have grown papaya, lemon, avocado, tangerine, orange and guava.

These fruit trees are split between the members and they donate some of the trees to local primary schools and to vulnerable people within the community.

In 2019 we shared Maggie's story. Back then, Maggie had planted three woodlots but she now has five. Last year was her final year of planting out as she has used the land available to her. Now Maggie and her children care for their trees and coppice branches which they can use for firewood.

When we originally shared her story, her husband was recovering from a stroke and it was a pleasure to see him walking again after months of rehabilitation.



Top: Maggie stands with her trees, **Middle:** She collects coppiced branches for firewood, **Bottom:** Maggie cooks with her granddaughter using one of our fuel-efficient cookstoves

If you have any questions, do let me know and look forward to continuing to work together.

Kind regards,

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