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Lending a hand...



By working together with partner organizations PWRDF shows how Anglicans in Canada lend a hand.

For ten years, from 1993 until 2003, PWRDF worked in partnership with organizations from Iringa Tanzania to develop the Village of Uhambingeto. Local government had been ignoring the village. As a result of the development work by PWRDF and its partners, by 2003 it became a thriving community. It no longer required funding from PWRDF, and the government started to invest in the village with improved road access and by supporting the health care clinic.

It all started with water. Without clean, drinkable water, illness was rampant, and young children and adults died from illness at very early ages. PWRDF helped bring a gravity-fed water system from the mountains 12 kilometres away; they built a health care clinic and a daycare. This allowed mothers to work at growing food for their family, while their children were cared for. The number of children and adults dying dropped significantly. Anglicans in Canada truly made a difference.

As a family write a hand prayer: Trace the hands of the children in your family, and on each thumb and fingers write a prayer. Can you see how everything is connected, the fingers to the hand, to the body? That is how it works in life, we are connected with our family, our communities, our country and God's world.

Think about what you value:



If someone listens, or stretches out a hand, or whispers a kind word of encouragement, or attempts to understand a lonely person, extraordinary things begin to happen.

Loretta Girzartis.



Paul Jeffrey

Ten years is a long time to see such change and takes a lot of patience. What is the longest you've had to wait for something and how did it feel? Check out www.familiesforpwrdf.org to see other stories.

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