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What Do Bees, Goats and Wells Have in Common?

Dear (Preferred Name),

They actually share **two things** in common. **First**, they help hungry children and families survive!

In drought-ravaged Liberia, Sierra Leone and Democratic Republic of Congo, families whose crops have failed now [raise bees](#). They benefit not only from honey, but also from the sale of beeswax and propolis (a bee glue).

In war-torn Afghanistan, returning refugees receive the [gift of a goat](#) from UMCOR, providing immediate sustenance through life-giving milk and the added benefit of wool to provide warm clothing.

In Darfur, where the tragedy of armed conflict and massive displacement of children and families continues, the need for drinking water is critical. The answer? Wells. By the end of the year, we will have completed [10 new water points to provide fresh water to 250,000 people](#).

The **second** thing these things share in common is **you**.

Your generous support of UMCOR helps us launch programs like these to alleviate human suffering when help is needed...and we stay for as long as we're needed.

Your giving enables UMCOR to **Be There** and **Be Hope**.

Your partnership and friendship in this life-giving mission is a blessing. *And that's why I need to ask you for help once again.* **During this season of giving, please give generously to provide for the needs of children, women and men who suffer in severe poverty.**

Together we can make a difference.

[Please click here to give online today.](#) And look for my next letter in the mail.

God bless you,

Sam W. Dixon
Deputy General Secretary, United Methodist Committee on Relief

