Greetings from Northern Mozambique, where I’ve been based at Nkwichi Lodge visiting some of the villages of Manda Wilderness, and asking farmers, teachers, women’s groups, chiefs and children what help they need to live happier, healthier and fuller lives.

As guests at Nkwichi Lodge always find, the people you meet in Manda Wilderness are as friendly, lively and smart as anywhere in the world. But the very fact that they all live in a very remote corner of a huge African country struggling to build its economy from very low levels, means that no matter how resourceful the Manda Wilderness people are, they still need help to build healthier lives and a good education for their children.

Help to maintain and expand tiny schools where classes of 50 pupils are the norm and a simple desk is a luxury beyond their means.

This classroom is at Chigoma primary school, built with MWCT funds, and supported by the local chief.

Help to send their children to the only secondary school many hours walk away. These girls are first cohort to use the MWCT-funded girls’ boarding house in Cobue.

Help to introduce food and cash crops to extend a diet of just one staple, cassava, as here on our demonstration farm. Or Help for women to set up businesses such as weaving cloth or, like this villager on the beach in Chigoma, drying fish.
So ... How Can We Help?

The Manda Wilderness Community Trust has provided help wherever it can over the past years, always trying to respond to villagers' own requests and enjoying working alongside them in seeking results. We've rebuilt and extended 13 schools together, opened a boarding school for secondary school girls and taken part in setting up our first maternity clinic. And we've had fun together at the annual choir festival and sports tournaments.

But we - the villagers and the Trust - can always use more help and that usually means more funds.

With Christmas looming, and presents to be bought, we hope you might consider making a donation to the people of Manda Wilderness in addition or in lieu of a gift to family or friends. A £20 donation will buy a pack of seeds for a farmer, a £30 gift will provide pens, pencils and paper for a school class for a year, £50 will pay for a school desk. You can donate via BT Donate using the button below.

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A contribution of any size helps far beyond its nominal value, and if you can offer a regular payment, the Standing Order and Gift Aid form is attached.

To conclude this message, here is a link to a video clip of the new Manda Wilderness Choir formed of the best singers who performed in our annual choir festival. Their song is a popular hymn, so perhaps appropriate to many of you at this time of year.

With best wishes

Jeremy Toye
Chair, Manda Wilderness Community Trust

If you would like to read more about the Manda Wilderness Community Trust, please go to our website at [www.mandawilderness.org](http://www.mandawilderness.org), or email me at jemtoye@gmail.com.

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