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NOTE:

Dear Ms. Thurman,

The attached letter outlines a request from Virginia Woods for a time to meet with you sometime on March 6-9 as she will be in Washington.

Your granting of this request would be greatly appreciated.

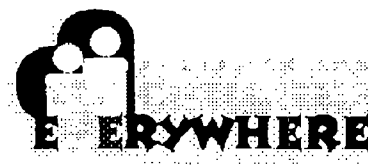
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Sandra Thurman
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February 16, 2000

Dear Ms. Thurman,

I am writing to request that we have an opportunity to meet during the time I will be in Washington, DC. March 6 – 9.

By way of brief background, for the past thirty years I have been pioneering church-based child welfare programs in the United States, Guatemala, and Peru. For the past three years we have been facilitating and financing an inter-denominational child welfare partnership in Zambia; **Christian Alliance for Children in Zambia**. As the partnership has grown and matured, the Christian leaders themselves are now assuming the critical operating roles.

Alliance for Children Everywhere now serves the partnership as a conduit, not only for our own expertise, but also for other organizations and churches with a *desire to give* their talents and resources to orphans, street children, families and communities through the multi-faceted work of Christian Alliance for Children in Zambia.

In less than three years:

1. We have strengthened the capacity families to cope with their problems by providing a supplemental meal for 1,100 orphans and needy children. Working in collaboration with community local churches, the feeding programs operate in four Lusaka communities, made possible by major donors in the USA.
2. My dream from the time we arrived in Zambia was to open a "safe home" for orphaned infants. In September 1999, we opened a crisis nursery in Kanyama compound to infants and young children in danger of abandonment or death. The Presbyterian Church-USA is funding this pilot.
3. To encourage and support communities to care for orphans, we introducing a proven church-based foster care program with a self-sustaining component. Re-written in the Zambian context, we hope to launch the program this year.
4. Through weekly outdoor Bible Clubs, which work in collaboration with local churches, we teach the principles of God's Word to hundreds of children

and youth, assisting them in making critical life choices that may help save their lives.

5. Our philosophy of partnering has enabled a nine-branch local church to open a "free" Backyard Community School for 300 primary aged children in Mtendere. We later located a partner for this project who equipped and opened an Educational Resource Center to teach children to think through hands on experiences. One of the goals of the Resource Center is to identify young leaders who have the ability and the will to further their education. A second backyard school will open this summer in Jack Compound.

We would like an opportunity to share our business plan and goals for the year 2000 with you. Your experience, insight, and suggestions would be extremely helpful as we continue to aggressively mobilize resources that will assist the Christian Alliance for Children in Zambia in its work. And, I would be personally blessed to spend time with a colleague who shares and cares about the children as much as you do.

Virginia "Jennie" Woods, Founding Director/CEO
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