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Aloha Board members and others,

I want to share some thoughts with you. I also want to share why we (Rachel, Olivia, Heather and myself) have worked so hard to keep these clinics alive. I appreciate all that you do, but we work around the clock on these clinics, and for a great reason.

- When you go on ground and witness one beautiful healthy birth after the next areas that have the highest maternal and fetal mortality rates in the western hemisphere and Africa.
- When you realize that we are keeping natural birth alive, helping many babies and mothers birth with respect, healing the family and communities.
- When we realize that we are creating birth centers that use traditional modalities and that other midwives, apprentices and health care practitioners have the opportunity to learn these ways and this is rare for birth attendants of all degrees to see these days.
- You will realize why i have taken on two extra jobs to keep these clinics alive. I can say the same for Rachel and Olivia.
- I can tell you that I spent \$30,000 last year and now we are getting close to having a sustainable clinic in Haiti and Rachel and Olivia have done the same in Northern Uganda. I gladly gave and worked that hard, like they say the more you give, the more you get.
- I can tell you that Joe supports what i do in all ways and helps in all ways , also financially year around.

MHI merged this year as you know. I can say that we are blessed for this merge and for our ability to do this sacred work. We thank you for all you have done to keep Soley Lavi in Haiti and Ot Nywal Me Kuc in Northern Uganda birth centers strong.

I recently called two of our board members, Misha and Jade to see if they would give a donation, both of them gave \$1,000. I am asking you to give generously at this time. It is the time of giving and we as a family all realize how important it is to give and not waste the money on a material thing called Christmas. **Please ask others to do the same.** They will. Send them to our website which we are filling with lovely amazing stories. Let your friends give and know what they are giving to. It is a tax deduction of course but more than that it is helping at this important time in history. You can use this letter from me. I will be sending to many.

Again I thank you for all you do and again I ask for your help.

With much aloha,

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