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- Future projects could include: training, water filters, another water truck, or the drilling of wells.
- We will seek to leverage funds raised to secure government grants.
- We will invest in building trust and relationship with the people and leaders of Mishamikoweesh, looking for their direction in next steps.

### Be part of water justice in Canada this Christmas:

- This year, buy one less gift for Christmas.
- Give that money towards a living gift: water!
- Join a national movement to ensure everyone in this richly blessed country of Canada has access to water.

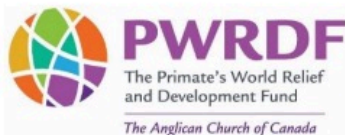
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**Each drop in the bucket can have a significant ripple effect! Your gift-giving this Christmas can be part of building this partnership and a path forward where all Canadians have access to safe, clean, living water.**

To donate **online**, visit [www.pwrdf.org/water-project](http://www.pwrdf.org/water-project) and click on the button at the top of the page. You can also **call PWRDF** toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 (leave a message and your call will be returned) or send your cheque marked **Mishamikoweesh Water Project** to The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2.

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