Dear Mr. Pratt

I admire how you have the courage and the animosity to help those in need even when you might not have any real connection to them. I learned through my local church leader that you and your family have been through some of the same experiences as mine. I am a mother of five and my youngest child, Sampson, was born three months early and suffers from many defects as a result. I was told by doctors that treatment was necessary for him to have a normal and full life.

I reach out to you because I believe you might be the only person to understand my situation because of your child Jack, as he also is having to deal with the difficulties of everyday life. I do not have enough money to give my son, Sampson, the life he deserves, and I have no one that I can hope to depend on for his treatment. I have heard from a friends and family who now lives in South Africa that your donations to March of Dimes have helped her improve her children’s life greatly. Sadly, March of Dimes does not reach all the way to Malawi, which means my child cannot benefit from your generosity. I hope that my country will stop the fighting for generous people like yourself to come in to provide care for families like ours, but Sampson may not have the time to wait for that. There have been several skirmishes in Malawi lately, and my husband has gone off to war. We are not sure that he will be return, leaving us without any income. Due to the cost of Sampson’s care, we have become financially strained. I am sure that you can relate to this stressful pressure of being a single parent raising a with disabilities.

I cannot ever fully repay you, and I will never forget my debt to you. The Kwacha is worth very little at this time as compared to the U.S. dollar, it would be sufficient to supply my family with five thousand American dollars. If you could transfer this gift to my friend in South Africa, [Iliyana](https://www.behindthename.com/name/iliyana) Naidoo, she could get the money to me without fret of it being lost. Any money that I do not use will be donated to the March of Dimes charity in your name. I will also attempt to share your work with people around the world and give mothers around the world hope for themselves and their children.

I understand how bothersome this might seem, but I hope that I can one day have a life with him like you now have with Jack. My children are the only important thing in my life and they are the one thing I truly love. I understand that you may have your doubts about my message, but for reference I have included an image of myself and one of my children. My children and I are all extremely grateful that you at least may give the thought to read this message and acknowledge our plight. We hope to hear from you soon Mr. Pratt and we pray for only the best for you and Jack.

Trusting in your generosity, I will remain faithful to your cause,

Aemilia Nomoko

