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Comment

AS wonderful as they are, in their own way, social observers are mildly concerned about the huge charity telethons we have all become accustomed to.

Some would point out that informing members of our society about the horrific suffering of those abroad – and encouraging them to annually sink their feet into the proverbial bath of baked beans to raise cash – blurs the line between *knowing* about such misery and *doing* something to challenge the status quo.

Others would say that it reduces the poor and disenfranchised into the role of passive charity cases, incapable of dynamic thought and action.

That's not to doubt the sincerity of those who generously give each year – especially children.

But, as the members of the Beaver Scouts have shown, there is a better way.

Putting themselves in the shoes of an African child by carrying water, they prove that feeling as well as seeing is the first step on the path to true understanding.

Now that is life-changing.