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Dear Friend of World Vision,

As I look back on 2019, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for God's blessings on World Vision's work. At the start of the year, the Lord put it on my heart to "press into the miraculous." And through the faithful efforts of our staff and partners, and the humbling generosity of our donors and supporters, the Miracle Worker enabled us to make a significant impact for children and families in need around the world.

Thanks to total gifts from our U.S. donors of \$1.138 billion, we were able to dedicate \$89 million **more** than the previous year to equip families—including 1 million children in our sponsorship program—to change their own futures.

With God's power and the partnership of donors around the world:

- » We continue to reach one new person every 10 seconds and three more schools every day with clean water. Since 2011, we have helped provide safe water to **22 million** people, improve sanitation for **17.5 million**, and support hygiene behavior change for **25 million**.
- » Every 60 seconds, a family gets the tools to overcome poverty. Last year we provided microloans to **1 million** hardworking people in 28 countries, helping them build their businesses and provide better care for **3.4 million** children.
- » Every 60 seconds, a hungry child is fed. In 2019, we used **145,923** metric tons of food to help nourish children and families.
- » Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, four more children benefit, too.

That's miraculous impact!

We also saw God's favor on this year's launch of Chosen®, our new invitation to child sponsorship. Through Chosen, kids are empowered to choose their own sponsors. It's a simple yet profound switch that recognizes their dignity and their ability to transform their own lives—as well as their sponsors'. We believe that choosing a sponsor is the first of many important choices they can make to open the door to a brighter tomorrow.

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My wife, Leiza, and I were thrilled to be chosen by two beautiful boys, 6-year-old Wuilmer in Guatemala and 4-year-old Masrafi in Bangladesh. Through this experience, we felt a reminder of the beautiful truth that God chose us before the foundation of the world. By God's grace, we have all been chosen for something more—for life in all its fullness, as Jesus promises.

As we look to the year ahead, we are prepared to face challenges. Extreme poverty continues to burden millions of children and families. But we serve a God who has chosen us to play a role in His kingdom. We will continue to press into this calling—following Jesus into the hardest, most fragile places, where He is already at work. As we do so, we can expect miracles!

Thank you for your faithful partnership to empower so many children and families this past year in Jesus' name. In this new decade, let us press on, together, to equip even more people to create hope and lasting change in their own lives.

May God richly bless you,



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