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Dear friend of World Vision,

As I reflect on the past challenging year—dominated by the global COVID-19 pandemic and turmoil here at home—I am struck by the tremendous generosity of our supporters, the faithfulness of our staff, and God's goodness to us as we turned to Him in utter dependence.

In such times of trouble, it's clear that our Lord is not only a God of the good times. He is a God for all times. He never stops working in our lives, inviting us to align our hearts and plans with His. And His special concern for the poor and vulnerable never changes.

Early in 2020 when the pandemic hit, that same concern compelled us to immediately launch **our first-ever global emergency response, and the largest in our 70-year history**—including robust relief programs in the U.S. Thanks to our steadfast partners and supporters, this response led to our highest annual revenue ever, \$1.2 billion—meaning **\$95 million more than in 2019 to serve vulnerable children and families in the name of Jesus.**

The impact we have had together over the past year is nothing short of miraculous, made possible by our trust in the Miracle Worker. Consider the impact represented by these achievements through our global COVID-19 response at the close of our fiscal year in September:

- Every 60 seconds, we helped nearly 180 people survive, recover, and rebuild from the effects of the pandemic.
- Every 12 seconds, a person got cash and vouchers, helping vulnerable families pay for immediate necessities like food, rent, and medicine.
- We worked with 20 new pastors and faith leaders every hour to spread factual information about COVID-19.
- We provided protection and support to a new child every second of every day.

**I'm especially encouraged by our response in the U.S.** For decades, we've lived into our calling to support local churches as they minister in their communities—and in 2020 we took that commitment to a new level. Hand in hand with a network of over 1,300 U.S. churches, as well

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as schools and other local partners, we delivered nutritious food, hygiene and protective items, educational resources, and other essentials to families in need across the country, **bringing hope to 6.7 million children and adults.**

It can be said that 2020 put hope itself to the test. But the hope of Christ overcomes, and we are bearers of that hope. That's why I choose to look back on this year as a time when thousands of child sponsors faithfully and often sacrificially cared for children, and when Americans gave so that families near and far wouldn't go hungry.

Thank you for bearing witness to the hope of Jesus through your generosity this past year, despite so many challenges. The gratitude I feel echoes Paul's words in Philippians 1:3—"I thank my God every time I remember you."

God bless you,



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