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Dear friend of World Vision,

*Look for where God is working, and join Him there.* This humble yet effective approach to ministry has been practiced by Christians for generations. It’s also what World Vision has exemplified since our founding more than 70 years ago.

For the past two years, the entire human race has been reeling under the effects of a global pandemic. We believe that even in this, God is at work. And we’re joining Him.

In 2021, we joined this work through our robust response, everywhere we serve, to the impact of COVID-19. With the partnership of our dedicated donors and supporters, we came alongside families and communities debilitated by economic and educational restrictions, new virus variants, and deepening hunger—with incredible impact. Together, over the first 18 months of the pandemic—from its start in March 2020 through the end of our fiscal year in September 2021—we reached more than 66 million people globally, including 29 million children. Our work included:

- Distributing nearly $39 million in cash and voucher assistance and providing food security assistance to more than 8.4 million people.
- Constructing or rehabilitating more than 127,000 water and sanitation facilities and distributing 6.4 million handwashing supplies to support safe hygiene practices.
- In the United States, serving over 15 million people with food and other essentials in collaboration with churches, local partners, and the U.S. government.

The miraculous way that people of faith have come together to answer deep needs at this historic time reminds me that this is God’s ministry, and as His people, we are accomplishing His purposes.

There’s even more to share. One of the exciting events of 2021 was the public launch of our Every Last One campaign, an unprecedented $1 billion vision to empower 60 million of the world’s most vulnerable people with life, hope, and a future.

When we felt God leading us to start this campaign, we could not have known that the world would soon face a once-in-a-century pandemic, causing ripple effects that would result in the reversal of years of progress toward ending extreme poverty. But we did know the God we serve—the Miracle Worker. And as always, His timing is perfect.

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The goals of Every Last One could not be more relevant in a world turned upside down by COVID-19. This work empowers more children and families to create lasting change—and resilience against future shocks. Our solutions are comprehensive, ensuring access to life-giving clean water and vital healthcare; creating hope through Christian discipleship, child protection, and emergency response efforts; and building a sustainable future through economic empowerment and education programs. And since poverty is not just physical but also spiritual, rooted in broken relationships with God, self, others, and the rest of creation, World Vision bears witness in all we do to the good news of restoration in God’s kingdom.

None of this life-saving, life-giving work would be possible without the faithful support of our partners and donors.

In the midst of a devastating global crisis and increasing hunger and poverty, I believe God is inviting all of us to a deeper commitment to vulnerable people. He is equipping us for the tremendous work ahead. **This is His ministry. And this is our time.**

God bless you!

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