

Dear Partner,

The past year saw people everywhere speaking out for their concerns, with demonstrations erupting around the globe. In fact, TIME Magazine's "Person of the Year" for 2011 was "The Protestor." But as so often happens, the voice of the global poor—those hardest hit by these trying times—went largely unheard by those in power.

Scripture reminds us to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute" (Prov. 31:8). At World Vision, we are grateful that God has granted this organization favor, influence, and a voice that we are able to use for His purposes.

With the support of friends like you, we continue to come to the table on behalf of millions living in poverty both around the world and right here at home. Our greatest reward is when, through our joint efforts, their voices are amplified and their needs are answered.

Here are some of the ways our efforts resulted in help for the poor in 2011:

- Generous donors like you responded to our appeals on behalf of 13 million people in the drought-stricken **Horn of Africa**, enabling us to continue delivering critical food supplies, access to clean water, medicine, drought-resistant seeds, and more.
- We used \$70 million in food grants and nearly 100,000 metric tons of **food supplies** to help nourish children and families in need around the world.
- More than 500,000 children and adults in 10 African countries gained access to **clean water** through our combined water, sanitation, and hygiene efforts, including the drilling of approximately 800 new wells.
- Through our **microloan** program, more than 688,000 poor but hardworking entrepreneurs in 38 countries started or expanded businesses, creating or sustaining more than 1.5 million jobs and benefiting over 2.7 million children.
- World Vision's 30 Hour Famine enabled 400,000 U.S. teens to raise funds and awareness of **hunger and injustice**.
- We delivered aid to the most vulnerable children and families in the **tornado-devastated areas of five U.S. states**, including Joplin, Missouri, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
- More than 150,000 donors gave \$32 million worth of specific items from the **World Vision Gift Catalog** to benefit more than 800,000 families worldwide.
- We moved closer to the launch of the **biggest poverty-fighting initiative** in World Vision's history—seeking to help millions more children in the coming years.

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I invite you to review other ways partners like you helped us serve those in need this past year by exploring our 2011 annual review, available at www.worldvision.org/ar.

There you'll also find our FY11 financial report, which highlights that:

- World Vision's **total revenue** increased 2 percent over last year, to \$1.058 billion.
- **Private cash donations**, our most important financial health measurement, increased by 5 percent, and, when adjusted for non-recurring disaster donations such as the Haiti earthquake (FY10) and the Horn of Africa crisis (FY11), by a healthy 9 percent.
- **Gift-in-kind** donations continued to be strong, with 16 percent growth over FY10.
- **Public grants of food and cash** were down 18 percent in the uncertain economy.
- We were honored to be listed among the **top 10 charities** in the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* "Philanthropy 400."

This past year the stock market fluctuated wildly and the world's financial situation remained unstable. Yet despite the troubled economic climate, our generous donors gave sacrificially—proof that God's economy does not depend on the economies of the world. As these markets remain uncertain, it's even more critical that we maintain our strong voice for the poor and vulnerable.

God has been so gracious in providing committed friends like you to walk alongside us toward the goal of building a better world for children. As we look together to 2012, I am confident that, as we place our work in God's hands, continually seek His provision, and remain committed to our calling, He will remain faithful. Thank you for joining us on the journey.

Blessings,



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President, World Vision U.S.

