



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for **your steadfast support for orphans and vulnerable children** through what has been such a difficult year for the entire world. In the midst of a global pandemic and our team's great personal loss of our beloved Executive Director Micala Siler, we remain **hopeful because of you**.

Because of you, projects in nine countries deeply affected by COVID-19 have been able to press forward and serve orphans and families in new and creative ways.

Because of you, our team has been able to adjust course after a devastating and sudden loss of a valued leader.

As you read through the stories in this annual report, I hope you will be encouraged by the transformation taking place in the lives of these precious children around the world.

In 2020, you helped nearly 65,000 children and families! Thank you!

We are **steadfast and hopeful** together.

Moving forward, our focus remains on helping orphans find loving families in their home countries. This is even more vital now as the global landscape is shifting in light of COVID-19.

In the coming year, you will have an opportunity to step in and meet NEW needs that have arisen. For example, the increase in adult deaths in India have led to surges in trafficking, child marriages, and an increased number of orphans and street children. Additionally, the governments in several countries have ordered orphanages to close down due to COVID-19. This meant that thousands of children were sent back to biological families who were unprepared and/or unwilling to care for them. There is a huge need for programs that focus on prevention and family support services so these children can be protected and cared for... and families can ideally heal and grow together!

As we reflect on a particularly challenging year and look at the tasks ahead, let us take comfort in the words found in Deuteronomy 31:8 "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

There is so much to celebrate, and so much left to do.

May you carry these words into this new year, remaining steadfast and hopeful in the Lord!

With gratitude,

Sarah Wolfe

"And... the fatherless... who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do." Deuteronomy 14:29