Dear Friends,

Do you have a song, scripture, or quote that has been a mainstay for you this past year, to remind you of God's unfailing faithfulness during the storms of life?

The *Goodness of God* has been a song my neighborhood church in Chicago has led worship with for many Sundays. During the first year of the pandemic, amidst the uncertainty, quarantines, and challenges of it all, the spoken truth through these specific lyrics was a source of encouragement and welcomed perspective.

All my life you have been faithful,
All my life you have been so so good,

With every breath that I am able,
Oh I will sing of the goodness of God.

Over this past year, as I have stepped into this role, I have had the privilege of learning the names and stories of many orphans and vulnerable children. They are in the forefront of my mind and on my heart each day. This song that was once a prayer of thanksgiving has become a prayer of petition for every one of them. May every child know of His love and one day sing these words with praise.

TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE FAITHFULNESS OF:

• **God,** for all provisions and growing hearts for vulnerable children and families, turning heartbreak into hope for so many this year.

• **Our national partners**, who - amidst a rapidly changing landscape - have faithfully and tirelessly ministered to children, families, caregivers, and churches, while assisting government efforts and improving policies for children.

• **You**, our faithful supporters, who provided during uncertain times to those in their greatest time of need.

Thank you for answering His call to care for the orphaned and vulnerable. Without your sustained provision, none of this would be possible. **Because of you, 176,565 children and families experienced the "goodness of God" last year.**

May you trust in a totally faithful God during the storms of life. May the stories you are about to read fill you with joy and remind you of His steadfast love and faithfulness.

With gratitude,

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