You’ve been there for some of the most extreme events around the world this year: disasters, climate change, war and conflict, pandemics, political upheaval—all things that can devastate normal life in an instant for any person. Every single gift, every dollar you’ve raised, every volunteer hour you’ve put in protects families who are recovering from this devastation. You’ve provided emergency support and long-term help so that communities can adapt—and once again thrive—despite these changes. This year’s Annual Report shares a few of the many ways you’ve stepped in. Thank you for being an incredible friend who cares.

A Note of Thanks

"Those who serve their neighbors are serving God."
- HECTOR ORTEGA
HONDURAN ASYLUM SEEKER

Helping People Find Home

Families are fleeing for their lives at record rates, but this isn’t about numbers. This is about real people like Julia, who you’ve been helping this past year.

Julia grew up in South Sudan. Her father was a human rights lawyer—a dangerous job in her country. When Julia was 16, the danger materialized. “They killed my father in front of me,” she recalls. “Then they killed my elder sister. Then they arrested me.” She spent about a month in prison before she ran for her life to Cairo, Egypt.

You support a Community Hosting program that finds safe, nurturing homes for refugee children who are alone in Cairo. It was a gift to Julia; it changed everything. She met her “host mom” Alawiyah, who is herself a refugee from Sudan. Julia finally has a place to belong.

“I’m happy to be with her,” Julia says of Alawiyah. “She’s like my mom... it has helped to feel like a human being again.”

Food, water, shelter, safety, healing—we are committed to helping refugees like Julia around the world in every way we can. You are part of that story. You are a force of kindness for each refugee in need of welcome.

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Kenya is experiencing a deadly weather pattern. Communities are scorched by long, ravaging droughts. Then the cycle flips. Heavy rains trigger floods and landslides that wash away homes, crops and roads.

You support families as they navigate this new reality. This year, that meant emergency food packages and blankets for thousands of people who lost everything in floods, and supplies to help them rebuild.

Your gifts create healing in the long-term, too. Here’s how:

**BEEKEEPING**
Because HIV leaves above floodwaters, bees outlast the heavy rains. With this eco-friendly livestock, farmers now have confidence in their harvest... whatever the weather brings.

**SAVINGS GROUPS**
Neighbors are pooling their money into savings groups that they can access during times of emergency. In stable times, savings can also be used to start new businesses!

**Your Response to a Climate Crisis**

Roughly 2,000 people participate in community savings groups worldwide through CWS programs.

Coronavirus Pandemic Response

From Brazil to the United States, Bosnia, Kenya, Indonesia and many countries in between, the CWS community is standing with families to help them face the urgent needs that the pandemic created. Here are a few highlights from that work.

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