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Dear Rick and Karen,

Ask children what they want to be when they grow up, and you'll hear: "firefighter," "teacher," "doctor" or "nurse."

Recently, in Malawi, a little girl announced that she, too, would like to be a nurse some day. Her name is Virginia, a proud little 7-year-old with a very interesting story . . .

In 2009, Virginia was one of the first children to be part of World Relief's Early Childhood Development (ECD) program in her small community. She enjoyed daily Bible lessons, nutritious meals, healthcare, and the nurturing environment.

Her parents knew she was enjoying the activities – but it was only later that they realized how much she had learned.

Once Virginia entered primary school, her teacher and the school headmaster approached her parents. They praised the little girl's exceptional performance. Both academically and socially, little Virginia was making remarkable progress. She continues to receive top test scores and is a leader in the classroom.

Today, little Virginia has her heart set on becoming a nurse, just like the nurses she sees in the local health facility. And she's inspired other parents to send their children to the ECD classes.

When I hear stories like this, I see hope for the future. And I know that hope begins in small ways – with gifts of a few dollars from compassionate partners like you.

Our Child Development programs are the kind of low-cost, high-impact intervention that has marked World Relief's ministry since we began in 1944. Helping a child like Virginia costs very little – approximately \$1 per child for the entire school year in Malawi – but the impact is life-changing.

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Around the world, World Relief's ministries are producing similar results.

- **Emergency food is provided for pennies per day after a disaster.**
- Moms with children under 5 are taught how to prevent diseases – like malaria – for less than \$3.
- For as little as \$3 in some villages, a fruit tree offers a rural family a desirable crop that will pay dividends for decades to come.
- Seeds, tools and training can transform farms in hungry nations for less than \$24 per farmer.
- Loans of less than \$25 enable men and women to launch life-changing businesses that provide income and security for the future.

It costs so little to transform a life! And I hope you will join me today to transform so many more.

Your gift – of any size – enables local churches in places like Malawi, Haiti, Darfur, and Indonesia to minister to their communities. If you think a small gift can't make a difference – think again!

- You plant the fruit tree that yields a nutritious crop for generations of families.
- You provide the treatment for a child that restores health and ensures a long and productive life.
- You help little children like Virginia thrive in school . . . and make plans for her future to help others.

Because of partners like you, World Relief is able to help in many nations with transformational ministries. Your impact is global!

True change begins with you – and it continues forever, in the hopes and dreams and abilities of people you have helped. **I hope you will prayerfully consider investing in hope today!**

Serving Him,



Stephan Bauman
President and CEO

P.S. I've seen firsthand how a handful of seeds, a new well, or a simple open-air schoolhouse can transform lives and communities. Today, imagine your gift changing the future for families! Thank you for offering hope for many with your gift of any size.

To give securely online, please visit www.WorldRelief.org/invest-in-hope

INVEST IN HOPE TODAY!

YOUR GIFT WILL CHANGE THE FUTURE OF A CHILD LIKE VIRGINIA

YES! I want to be a catalyst for change and help provide hopeful futures for families around the world. I'm enclosing a donation of:

- \$75.00
- \$100.00
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