



December 3, 2009

Dear Friend:

As we approach the end of 2009, we are grateful for God's abundant provision to Covenant Mercies. Despite difficult economic times, we have received almost \$70,000 toward our \$80,000 matching gift challenge for New Life School (gifts are still being accepted toward this fund, which we hope to complete before year's end). That is amazing! Thanks so much for your participation in this.

As we turn the corner toward 2010, I want to inform you of an exciting new matching gift challenge we have received. As you may know, our Orphan Sponsorship Program is the "centerpiece" of our international ministry. Whether in Uganda, Zambia, or Ethiopia, this program forms the foundation of our work as it targets the nutritional, medical, and educational needs of specific children. However, our work in each of these areas goes far beyond the individualized care we provide to our children through the Sponsorship Program.

When we drill wells in a rural village lacking access to clean water, or build children's homes, health clinics, and schools to meet broader needs, the funding for these projects comes from what I like to refer to as our "general war chest." We never use Sponsorship monies to fund these broader mission initiatives, even when a project will directly benefit our sponsored children. Projects like these are funded by gifts to Covenant Mercies that are not designated for any particular purpose, but rather are available to be used wherever they are most urgently needed at any given time.

As our ministry expands in its breadth and geographical reach, our general war chest needs to be fully-supplied, now more than ever. With this in mind, a generous donor has come forward to help us establish a tradition of monthly giving toward this need. For the entire 2010 calendar year, this donor has agreed to match all non-sponsorship monthly pledges to Covenant Mercies, up to \$3,000 per month. Beginning in January 2010, we will tally up all gifts in this category at the end of each month; and this donor will give us the exact same amount, up to three grand! What a tremendous opportunity!

If you would consider signing up for a pledge toward our general war chest in the coming year, we would greatly appreciate your help! Please visit www.CovenantMercies.org/match. There, you will find an online form that will walk you through the steps of monthly giving via automatic bank draft, credit/debit card, or check. If you are already a child sponsor, any amount you can add to your existing monthly Sponsorship contribution will be a great help toward meeting our \$3,000 monthly goal!

Finally, we would be delighted if you would keep Covenant Mercies in mind as you consider your 2009 year-end giving. If you would like to make a one-time gift at this time, please remember that your gift will be deductible for the current tax year if it is received or postmarked by December 31.

As always, you can mail your check to us at: Covenant Mercies, One Fellowship Drive, Glen Mills, PA 19342. Thank you so much for your support!

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Hayes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "D" being particularly large and stylized.

Doug Hayes
Executive Director