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Dear Valued Partner,

We praise God for another great year of serving the needs of people living in poverty through KARIS. YOU helped make it all possible. Both here in the United States and abroad we continue to financially support a group of carefully-vetted organizations and projects serving the needy. One of our exciting new partners is a program in Indonesia. Here's a summary:

Heritage Home, Batam Indonesia

John and Rebecca Covert have a farm near Roanoke, Virginia. In 2011, John visited Indonesia on a short-term mission trip following a devastating earthquake there. Indonesia has a population of 250 million people spread over 17,000 islands and is 89% Muslim. John visited several orphanages on the trip, and was dismayed at the corruption he found in the institutions. The orphanage owners got wealthy from donations while leaving the children in poverty. After John returned home, he felt God calling him to start the Heritage Home, a Christian home that now provides housing, food, education, and Christian community for 12 young people from elementary school children to nursing school graduates awaiting certification. Key to the success of the home is Lisda Lahague, who John met on his first trip to Indonesia where she was working in an orphanage. Lisda is now the on-site director at Heritage Home.

KARIS started providing funding to the Heritage home in 2021. As we saw the fruit of that commitment, and got to know more about the ministry, we increased our support. This project compliments our ongoing support for organizations providing clean water, assistance with agriculture, training pastors, etc.

We invite you to stay informed and engaged with KARIS:

- Visit sowingkindness.org to see the latest on KARIS projects, as well as our online donation option through PayPal (PayPal account NOT required).
- Like us and get news on the KARIS Facebook page.

As always, 100 percent of our administrative costs are covered thanks to the financial support provided by our board. This means 100 percent of your gift goes directly to the projects we support.

With great appreciation for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Giancola".

Nick Giancola, President

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