Dear Friends,

Arms of Hope is incredibly honored to be able to minister to Mirella and Mia. These precious girls live on our Boles Campus, have such sweet spirits and are always so thankful for the blessings in their lives. Before coming to Arms of Hope, the girls’ future looked bleak and was filled with homelessness, indescribable poverty, hunger and hopelessness. Just having food on Christmas Day was the only gift they wanted. Sadly, this special day for many children, like Mirella and Mia, is not a time of joy, excitement or hope.

The girls sadly remember their lives before AOH. They recalled, “We were so hungry all of the time and remember our mommy waking us up early on Saturday mornings, so we could have breakfast from a church, who served it under the bridge with other homeless people. Sometimes we got to share a bed and other times we slept with other people in a big room at the homeless shelter. It was always scary. We wore the same clothes every day because mommy said we couldn’t carry too much while we walked around looking for food and a place to sleep. The shelters were so cold and their blankets were very thin, but it was way better than the nights outside. We celebrated Christmas last year under a bridge, but we did get one stuffed animal and breakfast!”

Then a miracle happened! “We prayed that God would help us. We cried with JOY that we finally had a home at Arms of Hope and that we would never be cold and hungry again. God listened to our prayers!”

Because of your support and love, this Christmas is going to be life changing for these two princesses. The girls are already so thankful for the “normal” gifts that your generosity provides. They smile and say, “We get our own beds to sleep in, as much food as we want and everyone is so nice to us.” Both girls love their new friends at Arms of Hope. They are thankful they get to go to school and church, but most of all, they are thankful for the stability and safety of living on campus at Arms of Hope.

The JOY of a Christmas filled with gifts, memories, cookies and parties will show these girls that they are worthy and deserving to have love poured out to them. “We couldn’t believe that we got to fill out a Christmas wish list and that people really are kind enough to give us gifts. We want to tell everyone thank you and find ways to give

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back to others! We’re going to get to keep our toys and not leave everything behind like we used to when looking for a new homeless shelter to walk to.”

JOY, the fruit of the Spirit that perhaps is becoming a bit more difficult in 2020, is what we all should try to exclaim this holiday season because it is what Arms of Hope provides for all of our precious children like Mirella and Mia. The JOY of clothing, food and a safe home with their own bed, the JOY of being loved by our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors and partner churches, the JOY of knowing that love is given to them is indeed because we all have the JOY of Christ and want them to have it too!

At Arms of Hope, we are JOYful that in 2020 God has turned what the enemy had for harm into something wonderful. Not only have we helped more children and families at AOH than last year, God has given us the ultimate gift of celebrating with more new followers of Jesus than ever before! So, I humbly ask you, as you celebrate your blessings with JOY in your heart, to please make a tax-deductible Christmas donation to Arms of Hope, so we can continue to provide JOY to hundreds of children and families in our care.

We, at Arms of Hope, sincerely pray that your Christmas is a time of unspeakable and unexpected JOY. As we all prepare to remember the birth of Christ with our families and shout “JOY to the World!”, thank you for agreeing with us that helping those in need is the true meaning of this season.

Your support and giving JOY to so many in need means the world to us. We are extremely grateful, but have much more JOYful work to do and can only do it with the generous financial support you provide. Please consider a Christmas donation to our ministry today.

Have a Merry and JOYful Christmas!

Troy Robertson
Chief Executive Officer