



Dear Friend,

ONE IN FIVE.

That's how many Lutherans were left homeless by 1945, at the end of the Second World War.

That same year, Lutheran churches in the U.S. mobilized to help in Europe through a new agency called **Lutheran World Relief**.

Within a decade, the mission expanded, sending love where needs were greatest, often to places off the radar of the rest of the world.

And we have continued to draw on God's strength, responding to God's call to be the Body of Christ in the world, reaching further, staying longer, standing faithfully alongside our neighbors in need.

For three generations, you and your parents and grandparents — making up such a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1) — have been a light in the deepest darkness for those in need around the world.

This year, we are celebrating 75 years of faithful impact — **and the work that lies ahead**. We must not become weary in doing good!

The reality is that so many of our neighbors still suffer. Without your continued and steadfast support, they will continue to suffer.

Where I see a trembling, feverish child, a family traumatized by violence, a mother watching her children grow weak from lack of food, I also see you. Seeing your neighbor. Extending love. Reaching across borders.

We are deeply grateful to God for your faithful partnership in this ministry. Please persist **until your love reaches every neighbor**.

In Christ,



Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard

President and CEO