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Dear COTN Venture Partners,

We hope this letter finds you well as we enter a new year! 2020 was a year of challenges, disappointments, anxiety, and doubt. But we have also been blessed, encouraged and renewed as we watched God answer our prayers to provide safety, health and peace to our children and staff in Malawi, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Haiti and the Dominican Republic during this pandemic. We have also prayed for each of you and your families, that God would continue to bless you with peace, protection, and good health.

As many of you know, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Children of the Nations (COTN) cancelled all venture trips after February 2020. We thank you for your patience and continued support during this time. We also realize that many teams are anxious to return to their favorite countries in 2021! In anticipation of future travel, we are actively monitoring the travel and health restrictions in all five countries, as well as the travel routes to those countries. At this time, we are extending the cancellation of all COTN venture trips through May 2021. However, if you are interested in travel later in the year, our local COTN Reps would love to discuss your options and will reach out to you in the near future.

We will continue to monitor and update you on any changes, and we will notify you as soon as we can continue with safe venture travel. Our primary goal is the health and safety of you, our venture partners, and to protect the vulnerable populations in our countries from potentially infected travelers. We rely on the US State Department and the Center for Disease Control (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>) to inform our travel decisions. We also rely on our country staff to keep us updated on country specific protocols and to demonstrate adherence to safety requirements in each country before we send future teams.

We realize that many of you are anxious to plan venture trips for 2021 and we are excited to get you back to our countries. Our staff and our children miss you! If you have any further questions or concerns, or if you are ready to plan a venture trip in 2021, please feel free to call Sarah Clark in the Venture Department at (360) 633-1628 or reach out to your team leader or local COTN representative for additional information.

Sincerely,

Sarah Clark

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