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Richard Stearns has served as president of World Vision US since 1998, bringing with him twenty-three years of corporate experience. Rich and his wife, Reneé, have supported World Vision since 1984. They have five children of their own plus millions more around the world. Follow Rich at RichStearns.org.

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