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Dear Family member:

Did you know that every day the family structure is breaking down across the world? The definition of family is a collective body of persons who live in one house and under one head; a household including parents and children. Yet in many households today this is not the case.

In developing countries the family structure is torn apart by war and poverty leaving children to fend for themselves. Their families have disappeared, the parents they have looked to for support are now gone.

As a **Serving Our World** family member, together we can answer the cry of the little 9-year-old girl I saw living in the dump in Phnom Penn Cambodia. She digs for plastic to turn in to be recycled. This she does for about 5 days until she is so sick from the toxic fumes of the burning rubble, she now has to leave. When she feels better she will return and repeats the cycle again in order to survive.

We will speak for her to have clean living conditions in a community-based family home with provisions such as food, clothing, medical care and education. Care in a loving environment that will build and restore her future and others like her.

Reports say from zero to 5 years old a child dies every 15 seconds because of a curable disease. The number of children orphaned each day is staggering. And statistics say that some 1.3 billion families live on a dollar a day. They need a family surrounding them, they need someone to hold them, and someone they can look to. They need you and me!

Becoming a **Serving Our World** family member links you with families struggling, children helplessly roaming the streets and dumps and real life circumstances. You can be a part of the cure. They can be united and they can receive new hope.

Not long ago I met five brothers in a remote area and heard their life-changing experience. They had a good family that worked the rice patties together. Their parents were healthy and plowing together side by side with their family owned ox one day.

In a split second a world and a family were torn apart and hopes and dreams shattered. The plow hit a buried land mine left over some 20 years ago – destinies collided and ruined. What would five brothers from 8 to 14 years old do now? Would they know how to survive in a country already in poverty?

I am happy to report these boys are now a part of a wonderful family and growing and learning. They have a future and their destinies have been restored. These are some of the life changing stories you can be a part of by becoming a **Serving Our World** family member. Countless numbers of children are waiting and hoping that someday they will have a family again.

Together lets build your extended family through **Serving Our World**. Our vision and goal is to touch each life and give them back hope. You will be changing futures and fulfilling destinies!

Thank you for caring for the needs of others!

Building Futures,

Michael Thomforde

Founder/President