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Dear Family member:

For many of us the summer months are a busy time of vacationing, reuniting with families and then preparations for back to school. But life is very different for a 10-year-old boy in Thailand, named Teerachok. His father died of liver disease and his mother lives under the poverty level. He has not vacationed. He has not participated in the activities of summer. His preparation for school is minimal.

Serving Our World would like to change all that for Teerachok. And with your help we can. We have all thought of doing something that would make a lasting difference in the life of another, but we might think it is too great a task and that it will require more than what we have.



And yes, perhaps it is too big a task for one person alone but *when little is done by many than much is accomplished and great things can happen.* A daily trip to your favorite coffee shop or bagel store could mean the needed support for a child like Teerachok.

As a family together you can have the privilege of giving back into the lives of children who will in turn change their community. Every child deserves to have an education with the hope of a better life and future. And we, together with you, at **Serving Our World** would like to make that difference.

Our greatest responsibility is not what we have but what we do with what we have. Children are our greatest asset and the future. Now imagine taking a return look at Teerachok with an education, with the proper care and direction. He can make his community a better place and in turn help those in need in his area.

One great man in history, George Washington Carver, was himself an orphan. His father died before he was born and he and his mother were kidnapped and separated when he was very young. He never saw his mother again. Left alone and hidden in a barn he was found by Maria Watkins. Had it not been for her love and compassion he would have remained in slavery. Maria stepped up and made it possible for him to have a new future!

We enjoy many of his discoveries today, as he was the founder of peanut butter, mayonnaise, plastic, pavement, adhesives and the list goes on! He became known as 'The great man of Agriculture' and a man who influenced many lives. Yet his own education started at the age of twelve. Great possibilities happen when people like Maria respond to someone in need.

All that was accomplished because someone cared enough to share of their blessings with a child who had a shattered family and life. Teerachok is just one of countless boys and girls that we have met. With just a gift of \$20.00 or more, big things can begin in small ways to make the impossible, possible.

Serving Our World wants to challenge you to get involved by reaching across borders and cultures to lend a hand. Your gift will enable the dreams of children to become the building blocks of their own success stories. Follow Maria's example by providing the daily essentials for Teerachok and others on a monthly basis. It is this simple service of sharing that will measure each of our the success of our own lives.

Together touching lives,



Michael Thomforde
Founder/President

George Washington Carver: "It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts. These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success."



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George Washington Carver's epitaph: "He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world."