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Dear Family member:

I would like to share with you this month the wonderful opportunities that **Serving Our World** has been asked to participate in. While our current village projects are progressing and we see the fruit of giving we know that each day we are committed and commissioned to do for others.

When in East Timor this past trip we were following up on the Christmas outreach that you helped make possible for 250 boys and girls. These were children from an area far from anything we can imagine here in the USA.

We drove along the coastline before turning inland and heading to the village. It is the rainy season so the mountainside is very green and beautiful along the coast. But then we came to a different landscape. The sign over the road read, 'Landfill'. I knew why we were there but to see such an area makes it even more of a reality with all the sights and smells.

We drove up the winding road till we could pull over and get out. Yes it is a dump where the whole Capitol City of Dili, with a population of 200,000 people, empties garbage. Here is where the narrow road leads to those in need.

Those that live here are those who use this garbage to make a living and to survive. Those who are looking for food, clothing or anything that can be recycled to make life a little better or just make it to the next day.

**Serving Our World** is here to bring you and I to another open door of opportunity. I know, usually when one thinks or hears about a 'Door of Opportunity' one thinks of making an investment with hopes of a high return.

Our commission is to seek out those in need and to not only help them but to give you ways



to enrich your life by getting involved. When you reach out to the life of another your investment does carry a high return.

It is here that we heard and saw the happy faces of children running down this narrow road past the garbage piles, so excited to receive something new. Not something buried in the rubbish and covered in dirt or rotten but something right from the store, packaged in love and given with compassion.

These were boys, girls and moms pushing wheelbarrows with toddlers filled with excitement. And they were there because you responded and gave.


As we were in East Timor this trip we discussed with the leaders what we could do to continue to change not only their diet but also their environment. They have nothing. Only what they can scavenge for.

The door is open now to provide a building, hot fresh meals as well as the teaching materials for building a better future. They need **you** and **Serving Our World** to walk through the door!

Together we can reach across the borders and down lonely roads to provide a place where children don't need to dig in rubble or compete for items that have been discarded. Let's show love in action! We can meet the needs of these precious children and families.

Today when you give I want you to know personally from me, *You are one touch away from those in need.* What you give goes to those needing help. Make an investment that grows in age and returns with New Hope and a smile, because of what you gave.

Each one, caring for another.

  
Michael Thomforde  
Founder/President

