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Dear Family member:



We are writing this month from East Timor where we started a new outreach, which began in June. And because of the rainy season we were unable to visit this village called Liquidoe located high in the mountains of East Timor.

We now understand why. The trip was and would definitely be very difficult when the monsoons are in progress. Now in their winter season and with everything dried out we ventured up the mountain only to be reached by a 4x4 truck. I have seen many roads and been tossed about at times but for Gwen and I this trip ended up on the top of the list.

Some would say it was paved but that was maybe 20 years ago, now all that remains are rocks, potholes and very sharp turns. On parts of the road we were left spinning to make the curves, which seemed to be every few yards.



From our truck windows we could see that the tires were barely keeping on the crest of the road and the road narrowed on the top of the ridge and then dropped off. What we could see on this journey was the tops of trees and clouds as we made our way to this remote village.

What brings us here is the need and cry for a connection to feeding children and working with the village. A cry to please help with educational needs, and a feeding program which provides nutritional meals.



The chief of this village told us that they have over 1,000 children in this area, which stretches along the mountain peaks. As we entered the village about 12 children ran behind us all the way greeting us, smiling and running.

After the welcome and some singing the children were then taught by 3 teachers on how to spell their name and also to count. All of them looking on

and helping each other to succeed. And isn't that what its all about? Showing love in action and helping those struggling, helping wherever there is needed!



We left the class early to talk with the leaders and shortly after a swarm of 100 boys and girls came running up the hill to be first in line for the rice, chicken and vegetables!

As you can see they were given very large portions of food but much to our surprise they were able to eat the whole thing! We could not believe it but they did not waste anything. They ate everything right down to the last piece of rice. Then they were so happy to play, run and have a good time.

Serving Our World family connecting the dots and becoming family is so rewarding, not only for us but also for you as a member of a growing family that is active. Your giving is reaching the mountaintops and touching this small village of Liquidoe in East Timor. Why?

For this village, with families of 5 or 6 children and with an income of only \$20 a month they eat this root Gwen is showing me for every meal. But now for only \$8.00 per child, each week we can feed them a hot meal, which is good and good for them. This also covers paying the director, teachers, cooks and the supplies for teaching. WOW!



The more connected, the more meals and children can be reached to receive the love and care that will make a lasting difference. And we get to connect with love and help someone in need.

Thank you for caring for the needs of others!

Building Futures,

Michael Thomforde
Founder/President

