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SERVING OUR WORLD



An Overwhelming Good Report

As we begin the new year we would like to share with you what the **Serving Our World** projects have been doing, but before we do, there is no way to pass by all that has taken place in the last month in the two main countries we work in, during this special time of year.



Early in December we took a small team and headed to East Timor to hold the first community-gathering event which was focused on Christmas. As you might be aware in the last 9 months, this new country, that is only 5 years old, has suffered greatly again with riots, many homes being bombed and great loss of life. Upon arrival, across

from the airport, was one of the largest refugee camps with more throughout the city. So many living in tents, too scared to return home and some who now have no home to return to at all.

So to bring a celebration during this time of unrest, we experienced an overwhelming joy and a surprise in the village as we arrived. Normally there is a large playing field, but as we arrived and kids ran to greet us, we found much to our surprise that the whole village had come together and built a large pole building and covered it with tarps to seat the hundreds that were to attend the next day's event.



With Your help we were able to bring and buy toys for all the children and provide food and care bags for the adults filled with many various

Your Gift Is Alive!

A part of your donations were turned into pigs, goats and chickens! See how excited they were to receive a gift that helped their whole household and benefited them for the future. There were laughs and smiles as they left to bring their live gift home!

Together we empowered and equipped them and their family toward a healthy future. It all begins with a gift of love and ends with a brighter future. Thank you for being a part of a positive solution!





supplies, such as rice, oil, beans, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and more. We also gave away special gifts of goats and chickens to help strengthen these hurting families. We also enjoyed a special program from the children with singing and drama, as the event came to an end we provided a special dinner. We couldn't believe how many people came to the event and from the Chief leaders to the smallest child in this remote mountain village, **ALL** were filled with joy and smiles as they carried their gifts home.



Our next stop was our village in Thailand; this is our third year having a special event like this that is open to the whole village with both adults and children.

The field, which was once a

rice patty, was now full of boys and girls of all ages excited as they filled in the field and waited for the event to begin. Here gathered from all areas of the village were those in need, enjoying a time of fellowship in anticipation of the **Serving Our World's** community event.

What followed was drama, Thai dance, music and then sharing the true meaning of the first Christmas gift ever given! What a huge turn out as we gave out clothing for the children with food and supplies to the adults and gifts for everyone. What a wonderful

response we received and the joy of serving a whole community with your help was a tremendous success, even down to the giving of livestock to help the local farmers for the next year. You are making an impact in Asia every day by what you give.

All of what we do is only possible with everyone reaching out and helping to carry the load for the needs of others. We are seeing so much good fruit being produced on every level that we want to thank each one that gave to **Serving Our World** this past year! 2007



promises to be even greater as we enter into some new countries and opportunities and to extend our reach with your help. *What you give, Goes to those in need* and plants seeds of hope and is a blessing to those places where we together are working. We expect that as you give you are also going to be blessed in a big way when



you help the poor. Together we **WILL** rescue more children from despair!

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Message from the Founder

To bring about change is so easy and costs so little. All it takes are people coming together and committing to do something for someone in need. The people we were able to help this Christmas were so thankful for the daily supplies they were given. Our children are worth the effort it takes to say yes to benevolence, no to irrelevance. You really made a huge difference to those we serve. Let this be your greatest year as we continue to affect those hurting and struggling.

