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## Challenges Change Lives

In each of our lives every day we face challenges and obstacles to overcome. Some can be routine or monumental, but when we achieve success no matter what the measure we have a sense of accomplishment, triumph and peace of mind.

When we arrived in East Timor recently a reality awakened me as I saw the Life struggles so many of our brothers and sisters, the Timorese, face as their personal Life challenges. Joshua, our son told me of one father who was holding his child as he looked at his home or I should say the ruins of his home after it was bombed. Then, as we drove over the hill our Director Mateus continued to point out remains and debris, which represented the homes of many families who had lost everything in just the past few months.



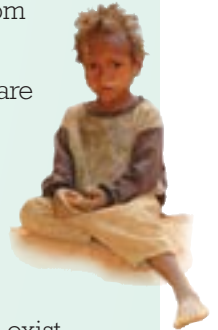
East Timor is daily struggling, not only as a nation but individuals fight each day, not just from fears and man made conflicts but away from the city in our project I see daily the struggles of the one's so small against something that is easily conquered with our help.

As I sit down I am reminded of the scripture, 'He who is been given much, much is required'. Much is measured not in the scope of what we have, but what we can do with what we have.

When I walk the path of the village

## Help Meet A Challenge

- Provide nutritious meals for **1 month** for only **\$23** per child (300 waiting now)
- Nurse request in a remote village to build much needed delivery room only **\$5500**
- East Timor children are 50% illiterate, much needed **education building \$35,000**
- 60,000 - 70,000 refugees living in tents, need food and supplies to exist. Government cutting them off, ship **2 - 40' containers** filled with food, clothes, relief, medical supplies **\$17,000**
- Countless homes bombed, lost all belongings. **Rebuild and furnish** one home each **\$9500**



## Be A Part Of The Big Picture





and talk to an elderly widow and she shows me the meal that is not just for today, but the meal most will eat everyday and maybe only once a day, I say to myself, "I want to meet this challenge." Most have no resources to draw from and no one to turn to as every family or hut is struggling to survive or to rebuild their home when no jobs are to be found. What is required of us?

After the community event that drew over a thousand hurting families, children and widows I was amazed when our director sent me the pages of names of orphaned and abandoned children desiring someone to come along side and help

them in their challenge to survive. As well as pages of youth wanting to have class and learn English.

The same was true for Thailand as hundreds of children gathered for the event, showing us that there is a need that we can respond to. By offering more community events we can help and support in even a greater way. Many are facing challenges that will have life time effects. Young girls face being sold for as little as \$400.00 or are being traded for sexual pleasure, starting as early as seven years old. They have never even had a chance to enjoy the simple pleasures of being a child or playing freely.



Can we not add these children to our lives and show them we want to be a part of their success by providing love in a tangible way? By rebuilding a home for a refugee, or by shipping clothes, food and basic household goods we can help those who are lost begin again.

Can we be a part of providing a building to feed and educate those barely surviving on roots and beans?

Yes as 2007 starts **Serving Our World** and YOU can and will multiply our efforts, our reach and our outcome will be measured in the countless lives of those we have the opportunity to stand up for.



Join the '**Challenge For Change**'! It requires you being involved and doing as much as you can in this next year and as a result we will bring about changes in the lives of the many children in need.

Together lets help those without to face their obstacles. Your part can change hearts and lives!

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## Message from the Founder

I have had countless opportunities to help someone that did not even know where to turn or had lost hope and I have felt the immeasurable Joy of seeing that one lifted. That may have taken sacrifice on my part but was well worth the effort it took and the wonderful Joy is seen in the smiles of the children. That can not be expressed in words, but it excited and motivated me to do even more.

Working together we can take the challenge and do more for others then we have ever done before, more success waits our daily decisions!

