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Thanks is What They Say

As our director Mateus reports on a regular basis he tells us of the turmoil that is daily in East Timor. There is continued violence related to the inter-gang rivalry in the capitol city of Dili. One official in the country states, "I am convinced that the people of Timor Leste deserve better than this". Many people are protesting and demonstrating, fighting for their freedom. In the midst of the fighting it was reported last month that 700 bags of rice were stolen from a World Food Program warehouse in Dili, which only leaves more despair and hunger to those already hurting.



But in the midst of all the turmoil you can see our director is happy as he reports of the meetings he has been holding with the administrator's of the surrounding villages in the mountains. They are so thankful for your help and support at this difficult time. In Mateus' words

as he expresses to us their feelings, "They are really happy to hear about us and they said, 'Can you do any more activities or projects in other places'. 'They hope that we can have good cooperation in working for our people.' 'Thanks', is what they said to me."

San Diego Benefit

Recently, we traveled to San Diego California, where there was a group of young people who hosted a benefit fund raiser for **Serving Our World**. When we got there, it was much to our surprise that this group was made up of high school students, who wanted to make a difference in their world.



They created a night full of performing arts including, singing, dancing and spoken word pieces. They arranged this whole program in order to raise support for **Serving Our World**. It is always refreshing to meet young people who are ready and willing to make an impact on the world around them.



Thailand

So we continue to move ahead with the support they need and we are so thrilled to offer you the opportunity to extend a helping hand in East Timor. It begins with a gift of love and ends with heartfelt thanks! These children and



families are worth the effort it takes to say yes to compassion and no to apathy. We hope that you will join with us, and together we can help them at this difficult time by reaching out with supplies and strengthen families in turmoil.

For only \$8 a week YOU can feed and educate an East Timorese child. Help carry the load with your giving.



This month the children in the *Good Life Home* in Thailand will be ending their school year and in a few weeks will begin a new one. With the new school year will come more children into the *Good Life Home* filling up the beds and rooms. We have remarkable children that have been such a blessing and are so easy to love.

Last month Ob celebrated his birthday at the *Good Life Home* with his new family. Ob used to live with his younger sister O, his father who is disabled and his grandmother who is 80 years old. His grandmother was the sole provider for the family as she made rice baskets for a living and earned roughly \$30



a month. Now Ob lives with his sister at the *Good Life Home*.

He enjoys

fishing and riding his bike. He loves to help out around the house, especially in the yard. We think he is a joy and want to connect you to him for the daily support he is in need of.



As we prepare for more children to enter the *Good Life Home* in Thailand we have an urgent need for a Van as we have been using someone else to get the children to and from school. As rainy season is coming we don't want the children to ride in the back of a pickup any longer even though that is very normal in Thailand. The estimated cost for a van is \$20,000. With the new school year around the corner you can help and make a huge impact with your giving.

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Message from the Founder

As I meet people in Thailand or during times in East Timor when asked what I do and I share what we together are doing in the country, the response is always the same from the nationals, "Oh thank you for helping my people". You along with **Serving Our World** are having a great impact in countless lives each day and being a witness to those in the countries we serve in. Thank you for your help and support!

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