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Why Rescue A Child... Family... Stranger?

This month we really want to share some of the personal trials that are taking place every day in the lives of those in the countries we are working in. While each of us may be facing struggles that do matter and are very important, others don't have the opportunities we do and yet they are facing insurmountable walls to overcome.

We would like to share with you what a great impact you can have by doing something that seems so small, you can remove the walls and obstacles and guide them toward a future, leaving their past behind!



Meet Dtong! Dtong is a 12 year old boy who has just joined the *Good Life Home* family. His mother was sent by an aunt of one of the children at the *Good Life Home* (Max). She came to us in tears to inquire about a place for her son. Dtong's father is deceased and she was remarried, but her new husband will not accept her son, which is not uncommon in Thailand. She sent Dtong to live with his grandmother who left him many times alone while she went to play cards and gamble. Dtong's mother was very worried that he was not receiving the love he needed from his grandmother and was getting into trouble with his friends.

As we visited his home, we found that his living conditions were horrible. Dtong was sleeping on a rugged mat on the floor as his grandmother is extremely poor. Our director Aj Boonsong talked with him and as he did Dtong said that he wanted to come live at *Good Life Home* because even he didn't like the friends he had who were getting him into trouble. At first he was a bit hesitant at the *Good Life Home* and shy, but after only a week he is happy and can't stop smiling. Change has taken place and he now enjoys taking part in all the activities at the *Good Life Home*. The other children were very accepting and took him right in and helped him to feel comfortable. It was like they had known each other for years.

Phuket

Here a man and his wife who heard about a need, Stopped and DID something about it! Look what happened to the children and how happy they were to be off the floor and to have their first bed!



In each life there are different circumstances that need to be overcome and that's what rescue is all about. What is impossible for them is possible for us and so we offer them help and lift them up so they can get back on their road to a positive future.

You have seen in the past what change can take place when all of us **do** something. It is one thing to read about it or to be touched by and yet nothing counts until you do something physical, which changes the destiny of someone else who can not make it on their own.



A team from the USA went over and taught English, not just to the children at the *Good Life Home*, but also for the villagers and together they had an outing at the falls!



East Timor

Our Director Mateus in East Timor writes to us about what they are facing,

One thing we would like to let you know about our current situations here in East Timor "the political crisis of the Leaders". The effects are mostly to the small people and the communities of this country suffer very much. Early this month people were fighting between the members of the party, four hundred fifty houses were burned and fifty destroyed. Many vehicles were burned and three children were lost, one died as seven thousand refugees fled to the mountains. Our people need immediate relief for these refugees.

We see so many in need and can you hear what they are saying? Will you stop and help so we together, can begin to care for them with the meals, homes and the supplies they need? Rescue takes just a moment to help for the sake of saving others as we see their plight and know they are unable to continue unless we stop and get involved.

In each of the locations we are there offering support and giving direction to those who are desperate. For those in Thailand childhood is being exchanged for sexual slavery or the one being left alone with no one who cares. In the south of Thailand we have children waiting, deserted and living in horrible conditions needing care and with your involvement more can be done for those who are lost.

In East Timor where violence spreads and homes and lives are being destroyed we have the great opportunity to intercept them as they flee and offer the message of Hope and Help, showing them that there are a people who care and are willing to stop and help. That's **YOU** and **Serving Our World** together bringing relief and rescue!

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Message from the Founder

Whenever I travel in these countries I love to get a stranger to smile and to show them that everyday can be a surprise.

I've watched many westerners or others ignore a local or try to take advantage of their hospitality. So I usually try to do something to counter act and to leave them with a positive reaction. A kind greeting, tip or a smile to show they are appreciated. I guess it comes down to observing what is going on around us and thinking what can I do? Today, stop with us and let us DO something to benefit others!