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Dear Family Member,

This month in Thailand our children at the *Good Life Home* participated in fun family time with young friends from Australia. The children were gathered around the table, laughing together as they made beaded items. This simple experience is so different from their life before coming to live at the *Good Life Home*. For a child living in the village, this is a typical home. Many children live with extended family members, as many of their parents have moved to another city, leaving them abandoned. As these children grow up, they are expected to work to help support the household. They are rapidly given more and more chores to do, helping to care for those relatives who have taken them in.



Soon the rice will be harvested and the children will spend hours in the fields every day in addition to helping with chores at home. Also, at this time, abuse can start for children as young as seven years old. These children are seen as commodities for visitors from the larger cities, predators seeking to make money. Unfortunately, child slavery and being forced into the sex trade is prevalent everywhere.



Sadly, this everyday, common occurrence of sex slavery and human trafficking, clearly rob once joyful children of their lives, forever destroying their future.

So when our children enjoy a family activity, carefree and happy, we are so thankful for your support! Your participation has a huge impact! As you help us rescue these children, you completely change their lives in the most profound way. But so many more children are waiting! We need your regular involvement to expand into more villages where kids have NO ONE who cares about them. Offering an alternative way to live and provide opportunities like our skill training center will make such a critical difference.

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Touching Lives, Building Futures

Although we met many other children during our trip, it was these children at the Good Life Home that were most filled with Joy. They laughed, they played, they recited scripture, they sang, they danced!!! They blessed our team greatly with their spirit and heart.

– Comments from Canadian visitors

From East Timor, the poorest country in Asia, a team from Australia has just put in a new water system that will supply water for the whole **Serving Our World** community projects. Just imagine taking a shower for the first time!

We have the open door to go into areas right now that are critical to the lives of hundreds of children, and to begin to build and reach thousands with the help they urgently need! To continue this very important work, we depend heavily on your involvement. Remember, your generous support makes possible our expansion to more areas where children and families are suffering.



Julieta's Story

Julieta lives up in the village of Lequedoe. Her parents have six children, so not all of them are able to attend school. Julieta is seven years old and loves the **Serving Our World** project! Julieta says, "I love to come every day and laugh and have fun with friends." "We get books, pens, pencils, balls, hats and color pencils." "I love to hear stories of animals and I love to play and after class and we always have meals, so I like it."

Because you give, we are able to help children like Julieta. In this remote village, and the surrounding villages they are so excited for what is being done. It is opening up doors for them and giving hope to these poor people and to their children.

Please, commit today to join us in making a future possible for these beautiful, innocent children. Be the difference that changes a child's tomorrow.

Together reaching those in need,

Michael Thomforde
Founder/President