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Dear Family Member,

There is a great deal of excitement in the village as we make preparations to build in East Timor. Through your timely support, **Serving Our World** will be building structures that will be used for our feeding programs, as well as education classes, for both children and adults.



This week we staked out each of the buildings for the site and, with the help of men from the village, are digging in a new access road, as we are currently in the rainy season. Thanks to a hard

working team from Australia, water is available for our use from a connection to a fresh spring!

The first phase of our building construction is to begin producing cement blocks using our new cement block making machines. We will train local men in the area to use these machines, thus teaching them a trade and providing an opportunity for them to generate income for their families. This project is self sufficient and is a major stepping stone in building the future for the entire village.

Although this is great news, we are at a critical junction in the project. To make further progress, we are in great need of a truck to haul supplies such as rock, cement and sand to make the blocks. The



We arrived at Cidera village after a difficult hike which included walking through the river as it is the rainy season. But look at all the beautiful children! It is amazing to see that already there are 23 babies. As I held them and played with them, I was overwhelmed with joy to see laughter and sweet smiles on their faces. All the moms are so excited!

With your help we are able to supply much needed milk for these precious people. As we approach our fourth year, we have gained the trust of the village people who see that we will not abandon them and believe that we are a real catalyst for good in their lives.

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ability to purchase these necessary items will enable us to build our buildings at cost. In this way, your donations will allow us to reach even more children who are in urgent need of our basic services. So often we are asked by anxious, forgotten children "when will you have room for me?"

But to make progress, we really need **YOU**. We need you so we can reach the lost and

hurting families, the many parentless children around this village, who every day watch as we make progress with our building. Our building plans include a *Good Life Home*, kitchen and classrooms that will enlarge our rescue efforts so we can say YES to those precious children who are so anxiously waiting. With your help, we can open our arms and say "please join us, we have room for you."

We know how important these basics of life are to each child and to their parents. We see the great joy they feel in knowing this facility will be for them and will be a place they can go to for the critical support they so urgently need.

Join together with **Serving Our World** and share your passion for those who are hurting, in need and lacking basic necessities of life. Your support will be more fulfilling and life changing than you can imagine. In a distant mountain village on the other side of the world, the people begin each day desiring simple things like clean water, food, clothing and shelter. With your support, we can make a world of difference as we provide for these daily life sustaining basics we take for granted every day!

Together reaching those in need,

Michael Thomforde
Founder/President



Good Life Home Dedication

From the government officials to the 200 plus guests who attended the grand opening of the *Good Life Home* skill training center, all agreed it was a tremendous success. The village chief was excited and honored to have this wonderful facility in his village. What a great blessing to those living in this area.

It was an exciting day as we thanked the Lord for providing this next phase. Our older girls living at the *Good Life Home* are so thrilled to be given an opportunity to learn a skill and trade. And then there are the boys who are constantly after me to get their shop up and running with the tools and equipment for their welding classes.

We are so thankful to have a professional teacher, but are waiting for donations to supply the necessary provisions and equip this space. Until that happens, the children are trying to be patient but are so very eager to start learning.