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Dear Family Member,

Exciting events will be taking place in our American family this year. Our youngest son and his wife are expecting their first child this fall and, right before the baby comes, our daughter is getting married! While we are thrilled about the growth of our family here, in Asia we are concerned about the latest news regarding poverty predictions, where together, we serve hundreds of families who are not experiencing such a happy future.

The World Bank announced that Thailand and East Timor, along with several other countries in Asia, will have 10 million more people who will remain living in poverty than they had predicted from the previous year. World Bank authorities expect the economy to suffer the most among developing East Asian countries. As happy as we are about the great success of our projects and how they are providing so much support for those in need, this news is devastating for so many more who lack the basics of life.



For us, these are people we know and care about. We have been guests in their huts and sat together on mats outside their homes while we shared a drink and a conversation. These people are family to **Serving Our World**, living in the villages that surround our projects. This increased poverty will be devastating as even more children will be added to the current estimate of 23 children sold every hour so the rest of the family may have food on the table.

For the poor villagers, the little they have for their family will have to stretch even further, leaving them desperate, as they struggle to feed their children. Because we have developed relationships with these people we want to reach out more than ever to assist them in their great time of need! And because of these dire circumstances, they have no other option left but to join in the line hopefully waiting for a meal.

Be assured that we are doing everything we can to stretch our support to reach more children, showing them love and a plan to provide for their urgent needs. In both countries we continue to

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provide quality care and skill training, demonstrating our concern for each child as our family. We are expanding our Liquidoe project and building, as we prepare to meet this urgent need and assist more children and families.

Will you connect with **Serving Our World** and respond this month so that those waiting in line for our meals won't have to be turned away hungry? Help us to say yes to those so anxiously waiting to attend our classes and learn a skill. We NEED your help more than ever before so we can welcome those precious children who have no family to care for them. Your loving response will be a miracle to those who are in such great need. When each of us do our best, none will suffer without!

Each year millions of girls and boys are exploited in the most horrible ways imaginable—they are raped, enslaved in the global sex trade, or sold and trafficked in a multi-billion dollar industry to poverty stricken families who are desperate to feed their families. In this difficult year we ask YOU to join us as we expand and reach out to more children! Through your support, you are personally involved in giving these children and families what they so urgently need. Your positive response will make a huge difference, you will be the one to hand these precious children their food. For your generosity, on behalf of the children, we thank you so very much.

Together reaching those in need,

Michael Thomforde
Founder/President



Palm

I am pleased to introduce to you ten year old Palm. She has been coming to the *Good Life Home* outreach programs for 5 years! She writes, "My hobby when at home is to wash the dishes, in my free time I love playing badminton and singing songs, as I have dreams to be a singer one day." "I can cook rice and make fried eggs and boiled eggs."

Palm loves to come to the *Good Life Home* program and play volleyball, learn in classes and eat ice cream. She has treasured all the t-shirts that were given to her at our Christmas program events in her village. Palm is learning English, developed loving friendships and is an important member of the *Good Life Home* family. For Palm and so many like her, your giving is more significant than you can imagine. As for Palm, you can see on her face how very grateful she is for your loving care.