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Dear Family member:

Greetings! I am writing you today to introduce **Serving Our World** and myself, Michael Thomforde. I have been involved in reaching the needy all over the world for nearly 18 years, working with charities and organizations and have recently founded **Serving Our World** to further facilitate that work.

With all the epidemics and wars of our current world, many children are left without families or hope, but through **Serving Our World** we can give them the love and care they need.

On one of my recent trips to Cambodia I was working with a group of children and near the end of the day, as I began to leave, all the children gathered around to say goodbye. I learned that these boys and girls, from age's 3 years old and up, were from the streets and garbage dumps. Some had been just wandering around not sure of where to go or how to survive.

Why were these things on the minds of young children? These are questions I have found in many parts of the world with those that have lost loved ones or have been separated from family members. But these little ones have not been put out because it was their choice or that they wanted their freedom. This was a decision forced on them because of their surroundings.

For some of them a land mine had made that decision or aids had determined that they must now make a way for themselves. They were not asked or were given a choice.

In that same group of children one little girl looked up into my eyes and spoke to me in a whisper with her native tongue. I asked the interpreter what she had said and she repeated words I would never forget, "She is asking if you would be like her father." With tears in all our eyes, I jump at the chance to become involved. What a wonderful opportunity!

Today as I have traveled to these remote areas, I see many faces asking the same question, “Who will be a father or mother to me?” You today can help **Serving Our World** answer that through your giving; you can reach the cry of the 99 million orphans now asking that question.

Will you help us to reach out to those that are suffering from lack of food and resources and bring hope to children across the world? For this reason **Serving Our World** is mobilized and ready to bring a solution with great impact. We want to continue to reach into areas where the needs are the greatest.

Serving Our World is already planning for Community Based Family Homes and will work in uniting extended family members in communities to care for and help these lost and abandoned children. Thus giving them new hope and quality care in rebuilding their future. **Serving Our World** is here to invite you to become one of the family.

At present we are working on home projects in Cambodia, Thailand and East Timor. In joining **Serving Our World** you are helping to build an extended part of your family. You are rescuing children and making it possible for them to be cared for and building their future together.

Will you become a **Serving Our World** family member? One that cares for the needs of others? One that takes action for those reaching out? One that is part of a family that is growing every day as we embrace the lost and needy children that are wondering what will become of me?

Will you help **Serving Our World** respond to the question, “Will you be like a father or mother to me?” Please respond to the call today.

Thank you for your participation in these life-giving projects.

Touching lives,

Michael Thomforde

Founder/President