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grand opening!

This month for the **Serving Our World** family members, we want you to share in the grand opening celebration of the *Good Life Home & Center*. So many have been helping to make this day a special day not only for us, but mostly for the children in and around the area.

This was dedication time and many attended to share in the joy of a dream made into a reality that will be helping to provide for many needy boys and girls. As we sat during the program we were

filled with tears and joy, along with much thanksgiving for all of you who have believed and given and helped show His love.

Lately the children have been spending their weekends in the home to get accustomed to their new surroundings. As they were spending the weekend during my visit, one of the new firsts for the girls was to do their laundry. It was a delight to watch them opening the machine, taking handfuls of suds and laughing as they swung the suds around. They had probably never done their laundry this way before and were enjoying this experience as much as I did watching it.



After a while there was a bit of water on the floor as director Chaba came in, so quickly someone was sent for a mop to clean it up as she began to instruct about the machine and how it works. It was a joy to see how these girls worked together and enjoyed their weekend. As for me, I will never again think of this everyday chore of laundry, without thinking of those happy little girls!

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being.

Touching Lives, Building Futures

Take a look at what YOU are doing through SERVING OUR WORLD

GOOD LIFE HOME & CENTER

After the dedication I escorted the head chiefs through the *Good Life Home*. I was so excited to watch their reactions to the home. Despite the language barrier, I could sense their approval by the wide spread smiles on their faces. *Suay, Suay* was the word they repeated throughout the house, which translated means beautiful, beautiful. What a privilege it is to know those you are serving are excited about what has been built for their community.

We still have work to complete on campus as our second home is still under construction. This home will be used to house our English teacher in addition to other caregivers. With the design for landscaping done, we are looking to include a vegetable garden as well as fruit and banana trees.

These trees will not only provide food but will also supply plenty of shade for the children. Finally, we would like to include areas for the children to play soccer, basketball, and volleyball. We need your help to make it all possible.

As we move from the construction phase to bringing the children into the home, we are hiring staff and translators. They will begin teaching and training our children to reach their potential. Thus making the difference in a life that would otherwise not have any direction.

Be involved at any level in giving to provide the hands that are needed to bless each child in a special way. From \$10 or more to the *Good Life Home* or to our project in East Timor, "*You Make It Happen.*" Your giving today will provide for someone else's tomorrow!



East Timor

Coming Next Month: East Timor's Open Doors

- See the children we reach each week.
- Hear interviews with whole families.
- Find out what the District Chief and leaders had to say regarding **Serving Our World's** projects.



Message from the founder

Gwen and I were getting our hands into the soil as we all worked together to lay sod and plant flowers, getting ready for the dedication of the Good Life Home. Even some of the first girls like Nui joined in with watering. What joy as we see the family beginning to take place. While we were there we also had the weekly outreach so the home was filled with children everywhere laughing and having the time of their lives.

I would enjoy your comments or questions, e-mail me at: mike@servicingourworld.org