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## ONSITE REPORT: EAST TIMOR



Upon arriving on the island of East Timor it was easy to see that everything was very green when normally at this time of year it would be very brown and dry. Actually I was a little disappointed at how lovely everything looked and found out from our friends that rainy season had come early.

The whole reason for coming was to visit our mountain project and remembering that if it rains there is no way to get to the village on the top of the mountain. The report was it had been very wet and the roads were bad and they were telling me we might have to postpone the trip to the mountain. Not what I wanted to hear, but I was believing for no rain while I was there so we could report the news of what your giving has accomplished.

After talking with the village director who had come down the mountain with no trouble, we discussed what we needed to do to see those children waiting in the village. It would have been

difficult for me not to go and have some fun with the children.

So we decided to rent a tough old 4 x 4 truck and headed to the village of Liquidoe, which if you remember is at the top of the world in East Timor. Bumpy, twisty, jerky and in general a cliffhanger experience, this best describes the road.

From drop offs to mud slides over our path we kept moving and at one time we were driving right through the clouds so thick it was hard to see around the next bend and yet the sun was out just minutes before. But as we enter the village we see smiles and smiles as children run to greet us.

We hosted a lunch for area leaders to discuss the project and how it has helped the village. Those that attended were the District Chief, the Chief of Police, the Chief of Liquidoe and others. It was a delight to meet all these men and ask them what they thought of the project we are doing each week providing meals and education activities for the children. A total of 15 attended.



What we heard was exciting, the District Chief started the meeting as I sat on

*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*

~Winston Churchill

Touching Lives, Building Futures

# Take a look at what YOU are doing through Serving Our World



## The Project:

1. Meals for 100 children.
2. Education for four different age groups with activities.
3. Directors, staff of four teachers, 3 cooks, and helpers.

Cost: **\$800.00** per month.

**Your gift gives life each week!**

They all say, "We need you every month." Here in this high and remote village you have friends and have gained the respect of village leaders and officials. It is here your donation is turned into lasting meals, providing the balanced food and educational training they so need.

Without your gift, the need can't be met. In East Timor 50% of children suffer because of malnutrition. Your gift counts! Your gift gives life each month.

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the edge of my seat to hear what he thought, waiting for the interpretation. "Very Grateful to **Serving Our World** as the project is really making a change in the children and assisting many families."

One after another all were saying much the same, how thankful they were for the **Serving Our World** project. Soon after we had lunch and as they talked more it was at one point I asked the interpreter what they were discussing. "Oh," he said, "all about the areas and they have all agreed one hundred percent that **Serving Our World** is the only organization they all want in the area." Wow! What favor and confirmation that we are in the right place doing what needs to be done for the poor.

I had the opportunity to interview some of the families in the village. Here is one reply after asking what the **Serving Our World** project means to them.

"Here is my harvest of peanuts to sell, very little to grow up here. Beans and root are what we eat. Without the project I don't know what we would have done to feed our children."



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## Message from the founder

This mountain top village has a population of 5,600. At this altitude wells for water can not be dug. There is an urgent need for a building with a water tank, classrooms and bathroom facilities. This would be a multipurpose building used by the whole village. The estimated cost is \$27,000.

There are many opportunities to reach more every week! Here is where they and **Serving Our World** need you every month to help us by giving to make a difference!