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HOLIDAY FROM THE HEART

Lights are going up, stores are decorating and television has gotten busy with holiday ads. There is so much going on till the end of the year, so many plans to make. Lists are being made and the big questions are being asked, "What do you want for Christmas?" Children are excited as each day grows closer to Christmas morning.

Yet in East Timor they don't get a chance to imagine. They make something from their surroundings to play with or just go without. When we were planning for Christmas this year we decided that we need to do something for those who don't have the opportunity to go to a store or ask parents for something they have seen on TV.

Can you even imagine a country with no big toy stores, no advertisements of the latest and greatest toys for Christmas? I know it's something to think about, but there is just NOT anything in East Timor. Sure they have a few toys



that are old and dusty on some shelves but who can afford them? Living on less than 55 cents a day saving up is not an option.



With your help we can bring more than just the thought of a blessed Holiday! Some pass right by Christmas without even know what it's about, there are no decorations or Christmas trees or music playing everywhere. For many it's not even on their mind.

What would it be like to bring Christmas to this remote village and give them for the first time a community event that brings everyone together to learn of this special day? Can you imagine their faces and the smiles as they stop at the tables of food, after living on beans and roots for 364 days, to have the opportunity to eat and be full! To be given supplies to take home! To bring Christmas into their home and to present the children with gifts which are not leftovers but NEW!

"Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself."

~Norman W. Brooks

Touching Lives, Building Futures

Take a look at what WE can do together this Holiday Season

*Your Gift
keeps on giving*

Not only is your gift meaningful, but will provide for a whole family!

Giving a live gift means your investing into the day to day welfare and strengthening of a household.

\$100 provides live stock (goats, chickens) and a future for families.

It doesn't have to be forgotten or passed by just like any other day. Celebrating the Holiday from your heart; to those who might not even know why or have never had the experience of someone giving a gift from their heart.



Each year **Serving Our World** holds events like this and what a blessing for them and us, as we share with those in need. Their faces light up and the look in their eyes as they smile and thank you is worth more than you can imagine.

Dear **Serving Our World** friends, let your Holiday be from your heart and you will know that you are not just giving a gift but so much more, your giving will be received by those who are so grateful. You will be a part of hundreds of children and families hearing the message and being taken care of with your gift.

So this season Give from your heart to their hands, so that they will experience the love of those who have a desire to reach out to them in a physical way at this precious time of year.



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Message from the founder

What is it really to enjoy and express the feeling of the season? Can it be measured or is it just about gifts going back and forth with some being returned and some forgotten? I believe that by giving and sharing this Christmas Season and doing something physical, it will be felt by those who will be receiving. This is because it is all about being a real part of the solution and giving something that will bring about change to those without.

JOIN with us to celebrate a life with a special donation that will help us show them what this season is all about and to express your heart for the needy.