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Dear Family members,

Last month I had the privilege of meeting and welcoming the new children that we have rescued. It is really remarkable how fast the children were able to adapt and adjust, each one becoming a part of the family, acting as if they had been brothers and sisters all their lives.



It was also a holiday in Thailand, the Songkran Festival. This Thai New Year Celebration contains some unusual customs. For example, during this time, people throw water on each other, in the street or in cars or most times motorcycles as they pass by. The recipient will slow down or stop, smiling, as they enjoy a splash from a cool tub of water.

This celebration also contains humbling traditions. One of the local customs, showing respect towards adults, has the children taking a pale of water with flowers floating in it and washing the hands and feet of the adults. As I was having my hands and feet washed, I was overwhelmed with the feeling of love from those who have been rescued and are so thankful. After the children finished, I did the same to them to show that we truly love them and are so blessed to have them in our Good Life Home. No longer will they be out in the streets, risking abuse or exploitation.



During this time, I was thinking how YOU make it possible for these at RISK children to be so thankful, generously giving the crucial help they need. The children honored me and, in turn, honored you for your selfless giving each month. Your GIFT connects you to new hope for each child and the smiles that light up their faces. Truly, the transformation in each of these children is remarkable, and is a reflection of what we can accomplish together.

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While I was in Thailand, we made room for more children. And with more children, there are more financial needs. Can we count on you for even \$25.00 a month? We are constantly reaching out to more and more children who have no one and are in immediate danger. But to continue this work, we desperately need you! Won't you join the *Good Life Home* family today?

At our locations in East Timor, we are so thrilled to see more beautiful babies born safely at our 'Birthing Center' in the village. And, this summer, we are very excited to be hosting the first Olympic event in the mountain village of Lique DOE. This sporting event is a great opportunity to bring seven villages together for an exciting time of fellowship, meals and a message of encouragement.

As you know, we are always looking for ideas to equip those in need, to help them gain self sufficiency and thereby strengthen families. Recently we were greatly blessed with the funds to purchase a block machine for the mountain village. With this machine, we will provide training and give families the resources and tools to repair old buildings, as well as, build new facilities to feed and teach more children, thus expanding **Serving Our World** in this remote location.



WITH your involvement and support, we can plan and provide for the 300 hundred children who are without the very basics of life, but will soon be a part of the **Serving Our World** programs. It is only through partnership that this work can be accomplished and amazing results can occur. We are so excited about all the opportunities in East Timor and Thailand, and we know that even small donations each month can make a big difference. As we provide these appreciative villagers with equipment, such as the block machine, we empower them with the opportunity to be self sustaining. It all begins with a gift of love and compassion and ends with a bright future. Thank you for partnering with us to create a positive impact!



Hi Mike, here are two more babies born yesterday in the birthing center, they are all doing well. God is good!

Blessings,  
Soraya and Branca  
East Timor

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