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Dear Family Member,

Greetings! We are very excited to share good news with you about the many things that are happening in Asia. The reports from the *Good Life Home* in Thailand are so wonderful! Your involvement in life changing endeavors for many children has made such a tremendous difference. And yet there are more and more children whose lives are at great risk.

One thing that comes to my mind is the intersection that each child stands at, one road leads down a path to sexual exploitation where the dreams of young children are lost in the horrors of greed, abuse and modern day slavery, as girls as young as 8 years old and up are forced into the unimaginable.



East Timor: Babies!

"The Birthing Center is booming", says nurse Branca, *"The 'New Generation' is arriving and keeping us all busy in Cidera."*

Here are all the new wonderful children born in this safe, clean facility. Meet Miguel, Benjamin, Timoteo, Isaque, Isaias, Sarah, Daniel, Moses and Rebecca. Rachel didn't make it to the clinic but was born on the way. Many children and mothers are so thankful for this lovely facility and to those who made it possible!

Down another road I see children participating in the everyday activities of our *Good Life Home*. These children are reaching towards their dreams, with opportunities available for them, recognizing that goals can be set and reached, daring to have hope for tomorrow. There is joy on their faces as they prepare lessons and learn skills needed to build a transforming future.

So what influences their direction? It is the intersection! At this critical time of their lives, you and I stand together, directing them to a better way-- the way made possible because we are there to show them and provide an alternative. For us, it is unthinkable that a small child should be forced or tricked into the horrors of child prostitution. Once down that road, their lives are destroyed, and all hope of a meaningful, fulfilled life is gone.

We need to be at the intersection - YOU and **Serving Our World** - working together to rescue and guide these children to hope and an exciting future!

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Touching Lives, Building Futures



Gig has many talents: Thai dancing, drawing, painting, handicraft, making birthday cards, cross-stitch, cooking and singing!

Skill Training

Gig on the road to her dreams!

Let me introduce Gig. Gig and her brother have been with us for about a year. They are happy and fun-loving children. Gig is a very positive girl. She

says, "Living at the Good Life Home, I am very happy as they have provided me with everything, a nice bed, food, and schooling, and I can live together with my brother; also I can study English at home."

Shortly after Gig's arrival, our director learned that Gig would like to be a beautician. We found a place that would provide on the job training during her spare time. Look at how much fun she is having! "I

am learning to wash and dry customer's hair, paint nails and even cut hair." "I am watching and then getting to practice, I enjoy the training very much!"

Providing the children with the tools they need to help them achieve their dreams and goals is only possible when ALL of us meet them at the intersection and get involved. When that happens, they, too, can be like Gig and look forward to a bright future.

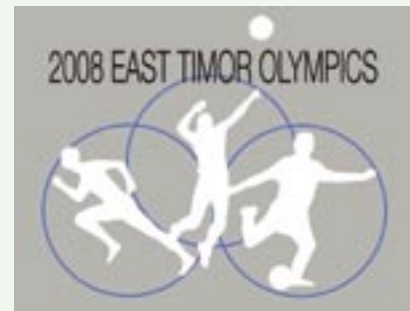
Across Thailand and East Timor, many children stand at the intersection, where hundreds of decisions are being made. So many children have no choice and are taken without warning, their future gone before they have grown out of childhood. This tragedy is why your involvement, at any level, is critical to insure these children can dream and have a future with meaning. Your one time, or monthly donation, is a treasured gift for these children who joyously see it as a miracle.

In East Timor the children are receiving regular meals, education and having fun each week, along with a first time ever **Serving Our World** hosted Olympic event. In Thailand, girls are learning the skills necessary to work in a desired trade, enabling them to have a future. Won't you join us today and become a part of their miracle, ensuring a brighter tomorrow?

Join with **Serving Our World** and share your passion for those who are hurting, in need and going without. Your support will be more fulfilling and life changing than you can imagine. Let your gift help an innocent child today!

Together reaching those in need,

Michael Thomforde
Founder/President



Olympics Begin

Yes, the **Serving Our World** hosted Olympic events in East Timor have started! There are eight teams competing in five different categories. It's a great event that is bringing families together from many area villages. There are 20,000 people living in the immediate vicinity so these games are a great opportunity to share fellowship and a message of hope to all who attend. More details will be shared with you in the next month's letter.