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Dear Family Member,

Helia is a little girl from a poor family; she is the third daughter of four children born to Mr. Jose and his wife. We met Helia with her father and young little brother at the road side while they were waiting for their containers to fill with water from the pipe. Talking to Helia's father, we shared life experiences. Mr. Jose talked about his life on the mountain and how hard it is for people living there to survive. He also talked about how really important the **Serving Our World** projects are and how important it is for them to continue.

Here is just one family, but we see so many more as we travel along the muddy road past the stores of the city, climbing along the narrow path. This path has been beaten, deep with roots and rocks and ends at the top of the mountain at the **Serving Our World** project in Timore Leste.

Along this beaten path you won't see any shops, or find a place to stop for a coke or a snack. It is just a very twisted road, a few dotted thatched huts and every so often, a small block building. Our Director Mateus stops often to say hello to Helia, one of her brothers and her father as they sit in the dirt waiting with two plastic jugs as a rusted pipe trickles out water. This water will be all that is available for their family of six.



Since there are no shops and no work, their life is very hard and everyone is the same. For Mr. Jose, it is difficult to survive and provide for his family. He says, "So when we have been visited by **Serving Our World** it is a blessing to us, helping our community, our youth, families and widows, we are so happy now, we have hope again for our future." "It all started when **Serving Our World** began helping our children."



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Your giving makes you family to people like Mr. Jose and his family, whose precious children come to our big outreach events and are now waiting to join our education program. Little Helia says she would love to go to the **Serving Our World** school, she looks forward to the day when she can join our program, like so many others.

Each month you reach out with Hope to children like Helia who need someone to care about them. Can you imagine waiting an hour to fill an old, dirty jug from a rusty pipe? We can do something to change that situation as we develop fresh water springs, with your help, in response to this urgent need. Our project is growing as we start to build in this village and train the villagers to make blocks. No longer will they have to spend hours at a rusty pipe.

**Serving Our World** needs individuals that are loving, compassionate people with heart and a vision to turn Hope into tangible results! Results that take children off the streets in Thailand and give them a home so they won't have to be sold to a brothel and into the sex trade. Results that keep little Helia smiling, knowing that she is not alone, she has a big family, including all of you who want to help her!



We are so thankful for everyone who has supported and helped us to continue our goal to reach out each month with Love to children like Helia. But people like Mr. Jose and his sweet family need YOU now more than ever to help us as we move into construction and begin to build.

Millions of children are treated in the most horrible ways possible, whether that is through the sex trade or through lack of daily necessities. That is why we are so excited about all the opportunities you and **Serving Our World** are making available in East Timor and Thailand. As we provide these grateful families with the necessities of life, we help them to survive. It begins with a gift of love and kindness and ends with a bright future. Thank you for connecting with us to create a positive impact for those families waiting!

Together reaching those in need,

Michael Thomforde  
Founder/President