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Dear Family Member,



As I walk on a narrow pathway through a village in Thailand, I see the people living practically on top of each other, using throw away items to build makeshift homes for their children, desperately trying to scrape out a meager living. Sometimes this narrow path breaks off to a dead end where I see a den of people who are barely surviving. For some of these people their "homes" are next to sewage and piles of garbage. I think to myself, "where does this severe poverty lead, and

how do these people survive to live another day?"

My friends, the people **Serving Our World** is reaching are much like this maze of paths. All the times you generously donate and especially at Christmas, you make it possible for us to search for and find these precious children who NEED YOU AND I! We go forward HAND in HAND to offer hope and love in the darkest of times for so many innocent children!

There is great excitement as we begin to make preparations for our Christmas Outreach events. This celebration will be our 6th year in the villages where the people wait with anticipation for us to host our big event. Sadly, many villagers lack even basic daily supplies and food staples. So, what can you do to help as we plan this Christmas season for countless families who won't celebrate without you? Your giving this season will provide care bags with basic food staples for each family, along with blankets and toys for the children.



We have asked for your assistance in the past and we are so thankful for all you have helped us do for these people. To see the faces of each child and know you have brought joy into their life by what you do is rewarding beyond words. We hope we can count on you to help us do as much again this year.

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Touching Lives, Building Futures

As you read the story from the widow in East Timor it might seem like this is a fictional story, but it's not. It is a loud cry to you and me! These are village people we know who come to us at this time of year asking for help.

With a budget of only \$17,000, we ask you to help once again, help us to encourage these dear people. You and your friends and family can support this event by sponsoring the meals, hygiene, and clothing or by providing the groceries that each widow desperately needs to help her children. And there are so many others like her. Most of all through these events YOU WILL BE SHOWING THAT CHRISTMAS IS ALIVE!

In advance, let me thank you for your Love and Compassion to families who are in need this coming Christmas Season! As you donate this month, think about how big an impact your gift will have on these thankful people. We are already busy making plans and preparing things. Our goal is to purchase needed supplies for over 2,500 families and parentless children who are anxiously waiting and hoping they will not be passed over.

We wish you could all be with us to see for yourself the truly humbling joy expressed by the grateful families this Christmas season. But since that is not possible, please believe me when I tell you about the fresh hope for a better life experienced by these happy recipients of your gifts. Gifts that most certainly will change the lives of people in ways you can't begin to imagine.

Together reaching those in need,

Michael Thomforde  
Founder/President



## The Story Of A Widow

Josefina has four children, one going to school and three other that are not going because she has no money to support all her children in school. "It's very difficult for us to earn money even for our daily needs, sometimes the only way for us to get money is growing vegetables then sell them, sometimes we make \$ 1.00 or \$1.50 but sometimes people are not buying our vegetables, then we bring it back home." "If sold then we will be buying soap, washing soap, salt, sugar and any small things that we need."

"Our daily foods are cassava, old corn, beans etc. and if we have money then we buy rice, but if not then just eat what we have in the garden." "That's why I am asking for if there is anybody who wants to help me with my children, I would say thank you, I am not able to pay back, but our God will do." "Thank you for visiting us."