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Dear Family Member,

Christmas is the Season of spreading HOPE! As you prepare for the Christmas celebration, we ask you to connect with **Serving Our World** and with the many who are in need. As I walk through narrow pathways in the slum districts of Thailand, I see rows of homes made from meager amounts of leftover tin. Down these paths, I search for the most desperate children, children who have nowhere to go for shelter but under exposed and dirty cement stairs. More frightening than that, I know I am not the only one looking for them. Tragically, there are evil predators who force these innocent children into abuse and sexual slavery, hoping to trade children's lives for money.



This Christmas, we at **Serving Our World** desire to create a new beginning for those forsaken and forgotten children, and widows, so they can experience the JOY of real LOVE. YOUR gift will be a hand reaching out to them with a LOVE that has power to changes lives, connecting to those who have nothing and whose existence without your help is uncertain. **Serving Our World** is you in action reaching out to children and families in need.



Short Words of Ana Lemos

Grandma Ana, with her two grandsons were at their home when **Serving Our World** visited them. Grandma talked with **Serving Our World** staff about her life as a widow. "I am old now, I can't do nothing, just stay home with my grandsons, and my son he is the one who went to the garden every day cleaning and growing things for our daily meals." "It's really not that easy to get foods, sometimes they spent all the times just in the garden to get the foods for us." "I am old now, sometimes I get sick so I can't help them very much."

"**Serving Our World** in Lequedoe is very good for our children's future and I want for **Serving Our World** keep develop it to reach more children to come to the classes. And I hope even for me as a widow and old, **Serving Our World** also can help us. Thank you."

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Whether in Thailand or East Timor, we invite YOU to be a part this Christmas Season through one of our greatest outreaches! Help those who are suffering and Change Hopelessness into a Joyous Season of Hope! Together we will not only be sharing in feeding, clothing and caring, but bringing whole villages with their numerous parentless children, widows and struggling families, together by encouraging them with a message that will change their future.

What does it mean to enjoy and to express the feeling of Christmas? Can it be measured or is it just about the frenzy of gifts, some that aren't quite right and must be returned and some forgotten as quickly as they are opened. I believe that the physical act of giving and sharing this Christmas will truly be felt by those who are in desperate need. My joy is in being part of the solution and giving the gift that will bring change to those with no hope.

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

As we seek to serve more children, we desperately need YOU to make it happen. Your contributions will bring so much hope to these children and families in need. This year, will you include a few desperate children to be part of your Christmas Season? Or will you help a widow like Ana and her two grandchildren so she does not feel alone?

Serving Our Word promises to deliver special packages on your behalf to these remote villages. On the other side of the world, you will be reaching out to these desperate people with supplies and so much more, a message of Love that makes all the difference!



Remember, in the time it takes you to read this letter, another child in Thailand, under the age of 12, is lost to the horrors of the sex trade. Your thoughtful donation today will help save these children, one life at a time. Please choose to rescue a child – it will be one of the most important and selfless decisions of your life.

Together reaching those in need,

Michael Thomforde
Founder/President