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# Serve the Children News

## *Financial Update from Serve the Children Board President, Dr. Doug Collier*

There are not many good things to say about the economic situation in the United States. The stock market is in a free fall, our banks and financial institutions are in chaos and the housing crisis continues to plague our country.

As a CPA, I am meeting with many of my clients this time of the year and so many of them are struggling. The recession has impacted their jobs, decreased their retirement savings and changed their way of life.

Giving for Serve the Children was down in 2008 and we actually lost money. Our tax return is reproduced on our web page ([www.servethechildren.com](http://www.servethechildren.com)) for your review. General giving for 2009 is down 26% from 2008 figures and we might miss our first payroll in about 10 years.

If we trust in God through the good times, we must trust in God through the bad times. Otherwise, what hope do we have? Look at the promise that God gives the exiled Jews in Jeremiah 29:11; "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

All of us have needs. Please help us pay our staffs in Liberia and India. We need to raise almost \$10,000 per month to pay for salaries (over 40 staff and their families depend on us), food for our staff and children, school supplies, medicines, etc. We have no payrolls in the United States, we pay no rent, postage and office supplies are donated and so your donated dollar goes very far in Liberia and India.

Please remember us as you decide how to make your donations this month. We appreciate every one of our donors and prayer partners.

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## *Annual Spring Fundraiser*

Tickets are on sale now for our Annual Spring Auction. Join us Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Rotunda on the University of Puget Sound Campus for dinner and the auction.

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Items include:

- \* Golf at the Oakbrook Country Club
- \* Tickets to the Children's Museum
- \* 3 month membership to the YMCA
- \* Spa package
- \* 12 meals from Dinners Done Right
- \* 1 week condo accommodations in Mexico
- \* And much, much more . . .

## *2009 Mission Teams*

The 2009 May Liberia Mission Team has formed. Please pray for the team members as they prepare for their trip. They will be in country from May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>. The May Team includes:

- \* Doug Collier
- \* Lovely Haynes
- \* Michael Johnson
- \* Joyce Harrell
- \* Angena Hunter

The 2009 June Liberia Mission Team is still forming but will be finalized soon. If you want to go to Liberia in June, please call or email Serve the Children soon.

## *Join us in Prayer*

“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” 1 John 5:14 We pray for our staff and students in Liberia, India, and Indonesia, for their health, safety, and future. We pray for Kyle Bristow as he teaches English and serves our children at the Ankoor Children's Home in India. And, we thank God for the opportunities He gives us to make a difference in the lives of others.

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### Sponsorship

Our sponsorship program supports the bulk of our programs. For \$25 a month, you can insure that a child can go to school, have a healthy meal at least once a day, and receive basic medical care. Hundreds of children are waiting for sponsors, can you help them?

### Meet Sanju Sunil Chandekar



Sanju was born January 24, 1999 in Lohara, India. Her mother works in a cotton mill to support Sanju and her sister. Their village has no school, so the girls live at Ankoor Children's House during the school year. Sanju likes Math and geography and wants to be a doctor when she grows up. She works hard and is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Neither of the sisters has a sponsor. Can you sponsor Sanju or her sister?

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### Meet Jai Vinayk Nagpure



Meet Jai. Rohit is 10 years old and calls Ankoor Children's Home in Lasina, India home during the school year since his village, Yavatmal, has no school. He loves studying Hindi and wants to be a doctor. His parents are laborers and care for him, his three sisters, and two brothers. Only one of his sisters goes to school. Rohit is waiting for a sponsor. Can you sponsor him or one of his sisters?

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