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2020 Faith Build Update

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Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta

She is a woman on a mission to create a stable home for her family. Not only is she working, taking care of her daughters, she is also taking steps to bring her husband and son to the United States. This home will not just be safe and affordable shelter for Marie’s family, it represents a new start and a place where her family can prosper for generations.

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