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Hi guys... I dont know how formal this is suppose to be, so I will just tell u what I have to say.

I have 4 children. I wasn't so selfish to think about money and my career over having children. I have always had my own house and lived quite comfortably.

The main reason that I do not go back to full time work however is the fact that I need to care for my children. I can not manage to run the house and kids and work full time. In many overseas 3rd world countries women go back to work after having children. The reason is this... because they have either parents at home to look after the children or they have a "servant" to look after the house and children. Because we can not do this in Oz, it makes it very difficult for us to take on everything. So if I had a lady at home to cook and clean for me, I would be out of the house tomorrow.

We haven't had family to look after the children either and we choose not to put them into childcare because of costs, so that means that a parent needs to be home with them all the time. So we sacrafice our work for our children.

You want us to have kids, great, then also help the poor nations of the world and get us some home help as well. These ladies would give their right arm to come over here and work.

Think about it....

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