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Ministry Update

Dear Friends,

Our warm greetings and love to all of you who have so faithfully been behind the work of God here in Cambodia. Thank you so much for all of your prayers and financial supports to our ministry. Whether your gift is small or large, collectively have the power to bring hope and the love of God to the people of Cambodia. More important than the amount is that it comes from your heart. We serve an awesome and faithful God who sees our hearts and our actions together. *Hebrew 6:10 says "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you helped his people…"* Again, every aspect of your partnership with us truly makes a difference!

A Big Thank You

First, we just finished a building to care for wandering kids and to help for orphans in Bantey Meanchey province. This building is located in the northwest part of the country near Thai border. It has 4 big bedrooms, a kitchen and care taker room. There is a bathroom in each bedroom, and two bathrooms outside near the fence for general use. Half of the building will house orphans and the other half in front will be used for feeding the poor, wandering children in the community. Thank so much to Free Lance Ministries and her teams for their hard work to raise funds for this project and to all of our partners for your fervent prayers for our works in this region!

BMC Orphanage Building

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Second, we are near the completion of a provincial church building in Kompot province, located in southern part of the country. The maximum capacity in this building is for 200 hundred people. This building will be used both as a central

church for Kompot province and as a regional training center for pastors and leaders in the southern part region of the country. We ran out of

Kompot Church Building

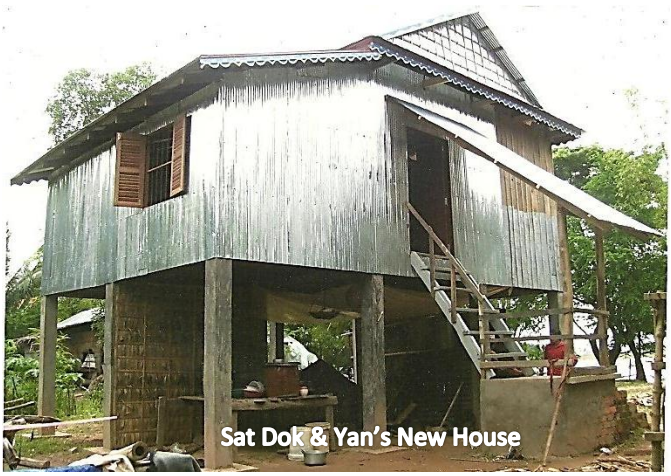
fund to put a brick fence around for protection. This brick fence will cost about $6,000.00 for 20 meters x 30 meters. We are trusting God for a provision for this need.

Thank so much to our faithful partners and Mrs. Nam Sok who is a member of Cambodian Harvest church in Long Beach, California for help providing some fund to build this building for our churches in this area.

Third, thanks to Free Lance Ministries and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Haight for helping Vannak Houl's with her medical treatment. She just completed chemotherapy treatment last month. Now, she is waiting for lab results and doctor's decision for her next phase of treatment which will include surgery to remove a breast and radiation. Vannak said ***"thank you for your kind heart to help me with my medical needs"***. Please keep her in your prayers as she will continue her next phase of treatment in the near future.

Vannak Houl Being Prayed For Her Healing

Also, Free Lance Ministries and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Haight helped to re-build a house for Mr. Sat Dok and Mrs. Yan Pang in Prey Veng province. Their home was destroyed by a fire. The house was finished. They were full of joy to have a place call home again and they wanted to say ***"thank you for blessing us with a wonderful home. May the Lord bless you and your family richly"*** Also, this house is used for worship service and bible study in this village as well. Thanks for the blessing to this couple


Sat Dok & Yan's New House

with a shelter and a help to permeate the love of Jesus Christ in their community.

Mercy Ministries

The River of Life ministry practices outreach to the whole person, not just evangelism or church planting, but we help started micro enterprise projects and humanitarian relief works. We are intended to bring the lasting transformation to the life of an individual or a community.

Feeding Program

Our monthly feeding program to poor children in Bantey Meanchey province near Thai border has been expanded to three locations now. Our activities consist of personal hygiene for children including shower, trimming finger and toe nails.

Then follow by praise and worship, bible stories and games. The highlight of the program is to provide

Monthly Feeding Program

good and nutritious meals to the children. Our meals consist of rice accompanied with either soup or stir fry dishes and fruit. All dishes are made fresh and contain meat and vegetables, making these meals very nutritious and good for their little growing bodies. For of most of these children this is the only good meal they have for the entire month.

Flood Relief

Due to a severe storm and heavy rains in October that drenched 13 provinces and destroyed thousands of hectares of rice paddy and killed at least eight people, we were able to distributed rice to over 400 families in the most affected areas of Porsat and Bantey Meanchey provinces. This was made possible through contributions from our faithful partners, Mr. and Mrs. Phalvuth Sim and Mrs. Nam Sok members of the Cambodian Harvest church in Long Beach. In Sophy village, Bantey Meanchey province (BMC), we were honored to have the mayor of the city and the commune official came to support our distribution to the flood victims.

Rice Distribution in BMC

Prison Outreach

Our church planter team conducts a monthly visiting and bible study in prison in Bantey Meanchey province. We have 305 inmate believers in a total of 882 prisoners in Bantey Meanchey's prison. It is very important to visit them and to teach them to understand God's promises for those who repent of their sins that God will forgive them. We believe that

Monthly Prison Outreach

the Word of God will change their hearts, and will make them a new creation, and to become His servants in the future through their true repentance. In addition to bible study, we distributed personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo and food.

Also, our team visit Battambang province's prison once every two months to teach them the Word of God. This prison located about 68 kilometers southeast of Bantey Meanchey province. Now, we have 500 inmate believers out of a total 1,150 prisoners at this location. We can see the power of God transforms these men and women lives in these prisons indeed. Their lives have been

changed from inside out. They pray, sing praise songs and act kindly to one another in their cell.

Training

Leadership training is always one of the focuses and it is very important in our ministry.

Leadership Conference

Through strong leadership, we can strengthen the churches; and the strong churches will greatly impact the society. This past December of 2010, we conducted a leadership conference for 125 pastors and leaders from provincial and city churches across Cambodia. The aim of this training was to encourage all of them to be strong in God, to stand firm in good leadership, to care for the flocks. Also, each person had an opportunity to share life experiences of their work in the village churches with one another.

The role and qualification of pastor and elder were discussed and taught from the Biblical and practical views. We encourage all leaders to spend more times in receiving the Word from God by devotion and studying the scriptures and to teach the people of His Word.

Family Center (Orphanage) Update

Our children in Phnom Penh city are growing fast physically, spiritually and academically. Pheara Thay, the oldest girl is in her first year in the university studying accounting. She just completed her first semester. Sovichea Long, the oldest boy is half way through his third year in medical school.

The rest of the children are doing fine. One is a junior in high school, five are sophomores in high school, two are freshman in high school, two are 8th graders, one is 7th grader, three are fifth graders, one is 4th grader and one is 2nd grader.

Last year, we rescued Ravann Thay, an 18 year old girl from a dire situation. She is a younger sister of Pheara Thay. Ravann had completed only 9th grade education in her village. She came to the city seeking for skill training by herself. She stayed with a family who were not a believer forbid her from practice her faith in Jesus. The daily living environment is dangerous for such a young girl like her. She had an old bicycle to commute sometimes at night between her training site and her living place. She does not want to continue her general education yet, but she desires to equip herself with some trade skill that she can support herself in the future. We decided to let her study tailoring. So far, she makes good progress in her study.

Ravann is sewing a shirt

Your covering prayers for these children are much needed for their daily walk with God and school. Also, please pray for our Phnom Penh orphanage property that every hindrance will be removed. The county has given a green light for us to build the orphanage, but not the city yet. A few things we have noticed that electricity and water

have been provided to the residents in the area. Also a theme park in approximate 10 hectares (somewhat similar to Disneyland), a university dormitory and a Christian school were built close by to our property. This could be a very good sign that more developments can be allowed to process in that location. Please continue to pray for a good resolution to this land and the orphanage can be built as we have planned.

A Word of Thanks

Thanks to everyone for your kind partnership with us and the rest of our ministry team. Because of your partnership, our ministry is still going strong today. We praise God every day in our prayer for our faithful partners who have been helping us to continue to serve the Lord in this great field of harvest in Cambodia.

We want to thank you again for your tremendous support of the Lord's work through your faithful prayer, your sacrificial giving and your love. We are humbled to have partners like you co-labored together to harvest souls for His kingdom. If it hadn't been for people just like you we could not have fulfilled the vision God given us for this nation.

Abundant blessings,

Pastor Mony & Kunnary Mok

The River of Life Church Cambodia Ministries

Here are some opportunities for you to get involved in the ministries:

1. *Prayer Support*
   - 1/. Pray for our ministries: Churches, orphanage and training programs.
   - 2/. Pray for volunteers from overseas to help in training programs.
   - 3/. Pray for Pastor Mony Mok and His family.
2. *Go and Help in many different areas that you are able to do:*
   - 1/. Evangelism through different ways of outreach
   - 2/. Teach in a short term bible training program
   - 3/. Teach English language and other skills to young people.
3. *Financial Supports*
   - ** Any amount of support is greatly appreciated.

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