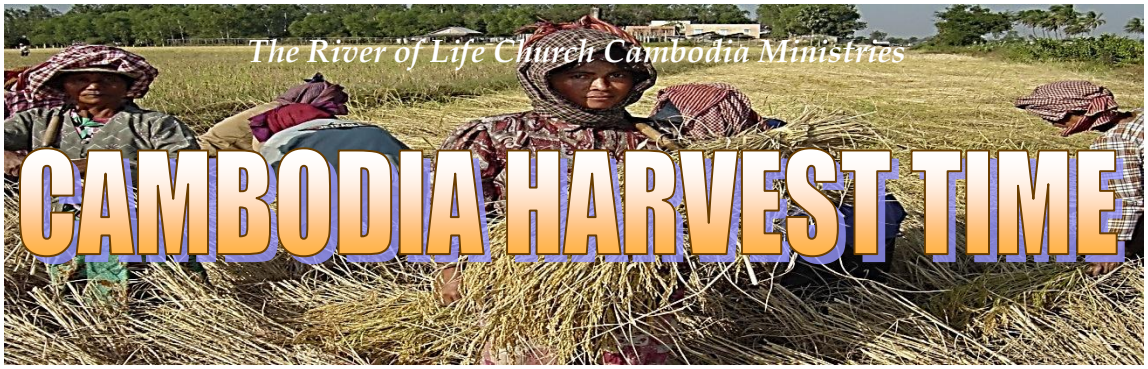

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Ministry Update

Dear Friends,

With our apology for being behind sending out the quarterly newsletter update on our ministry this year. Everyone in the ministry team is well. We want to send 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 love, prayers and supports. Every aspect of your partnership with us truly makes a difference!

Without further due, here are the recent happenings in our ministry.

Our Ministries Perspectives

Our main objectives are to evangelize, to plant and to strengthen churches across the country of 24 provinces and in the city in Cambodia. Even though the economy crisis had hit the whole world including Cambodia, our ministry team continued to focus on the goals we have set. In each region people tried to witness the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to their communities even to the remote areas. We had more success in the west, and the south provinces. There were some responses but less in other regions. We still have Vietnam and Laos in our objectives, but the doors to those countries have not re-opened for us to enter yet.

Our holistic ministry projects had turned out better than the previous years. Small business enterprises such as groceries and clothes shop seemed not just to survive the crisis of bad economy, but to bear a good witness of God's blessings for the church to the communities.

Leadership trainings greatly empower our leaders and churches to be able to disciple many new Christians who have come to their faith through the River of Life Church ministries. We do challenge our people to understand that part of fulfilling the great commission is to do the discipleship to the new converts as well as to do the evangelism to the nonbelievers.

August 2010

This month we are excited to have several events happening! Please pray that hearts will be touched and lives will be changed for the glory of God!

This month a team from City Central church in Tacoma, Washington will be doing village outreaches in three provinces, conduct freedom conference for young people and evangelistic concert here in Phnom Penh city to reach out to the university students and many young people. Please pray for a break through, provision, protection, victorious and fruitful result for this event.

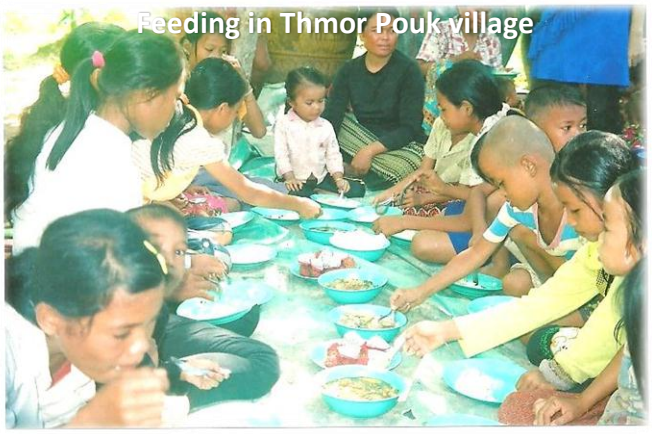
Thank you for your prayers! They are making a difference!

Feeding Program

These programs are designed to reach out to the vulnerable children in the provincial villages with God's love and care. Our goal is to help these at risk children to have a better life and hope for their future such as better care and education….etc. These children are often left homeless to live in inadequate

conditions with poor relatives or neighbors. Most of these children are left by their parents who have

Ministry Team gave children a bath


Feeding in Thmor Pouk village

Feeding in Sophy village

died or have abandoned them to seek work in far country, or they cannot support them. Eventually, they become easy prey for the human traffickers and bad living condition. This is not rescuing children out of human trafficking, but getting to vulnerable kids before the human traffickers get to them.

Currently, we conduct our monthly feeding program to poor children in Sophy village and in Thmor Pouk village in Banteay Meanchey province near Thai border. Our activities consist of personal hygiene for children including shower, trimming finger nails, toe nails...etc. Then follow by praise and worship, bible stories and games. Lastly, the highlight of the program is to provide 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 most of these children this is the only good meal they have for the entire month. We want to provide help as much as possible to these at risk kids if funds are provided.

Our goal is to expand these outreaches to more provinces in the country and eventually, we want to establish "family center" like the one in Phnom Penh city. Please pray fully consider being a part of this life changing and hope giving project to the vulnerable children in Cambodia.

Family Center Update

Our children in Phnom Penh city are growing fast physically, spiritually and academically. This summer, Pheara Thay, the oldest girl will be graduating from high school. She has been preparing to take the grueling national 12th grade exams next month. She will be the first girl to go to university from the center if she'll pass the exam. We are so proud of her for her hard work! Please keep her in your prayer.

Also, five of other children in 9th grade are taking private classes with a tutor to prepare them for the 9th grade national exams this month as well. They must pass this exam in order to go to 10th grade level. These five children have been working very hard with their study.

In June, we started an art and craft activity for the children. We hired an art and craft teacher to help teaching the children with different craft projects. On their first lesson, the children learned how to make a simple greeting card. Everyone loves

their first project.

Art & craft class

Sros, Neen , KimEng showed their finished project

Grandma Fran had dinner with the girls

Also, the children were excited to see Grandma Fran and her team came to visit them. They were blessed to spend some time with her and the team again this year.

We want to say thank you to Fran Lance's ministries teams and to our faithful partners who greatly helped this ministry to be able to bless these under privileges children to survive, to have good education and a place to call home.

Women Conference

On March of this year, we conduct the women conference sponsored by Mrs. Fran Lance, who is the founder of Freelance Ministries in Seattle, Washington. The theme of the conference was "Your gifts and fruits for evangelism". We held the meetings in our main church in Phnom Penh city with 150 women attended from selected provinces and from the cities for five days.

The highlight of the conference this year on top of being together in class for three days and nights was a one day retreat at the beach and water baptized for 23 women in the ocean. The women were full of excitement and awe to see the vast body of salted water for the first time. If not for this retreat, many of them probably will not see it at all in their life time.

We returned back to close the conference in Phnom Penh city on Friday night. On the closing night, Fran and her team did a fire tunnel and prayed for impartations for everyone went through the tunnel. The women were full of joy and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In addition to train the women, Fran Lance

Women conference in Phnom Penh city

Fran's team prayed for the ladies after water baptized

gave out bibles rice and sarongs. At this conference Fran's team distributed 150 bibles to the ladies. Each bible cost $7 in Cambodia; most women could not afford to buy one for themselves. The bible is our spiritual road map on how to live and walk with God that every believer must have. Now, the ladies can read and study the Words daily. Also, Fran's team gave out small gift bags such as body lotion, toothbrushes...etc. and 150 sarongs to women at the seminar as well.

Lastly, Fran's team visited two villages in Kandal province, which is about 1 1/2 hour drive from Phnom Penh city to distribute rice to 208 families there.

Thank you, Fran and the team for blessing our women!!

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.

Occasionally, there are needs that exceeded an individual and the village church resources. Presently, we have two individual families are going through a major crisis in their life. The first one is Kandal province. There's a woman name Vannak Huol. She is 49 years old. She lives in Prek Run village in SaAng district. Vannak have been suffering from a terrible pain and changes in one of her breast for one year now. She could not seek any medical treatment due to financial reason. Her family daily income is $1 to $2.50 a day.

In May of this year, she decided to ask people to pray for her due to the unbearable pain in her breast. Then her brother and one of our village church leaders decided to take her to see a doctor in Phnom Penh city. The doctor did biopsy to remove some tissue from her breast for further examination.

Vannak Huol

About two weeks later, she was diagnosed with a stage four breast cancer.

The doctor advised her to get medical treatment as soon as possible. There will be a multiple process to treat her illness. The first phase is to undergo six times of chemotherapy treatment ($158 each time for medicine only). The second phase is to remove the breast and radiation treatment (radiation will cost about $400 more, and the cost of surgery to remove the breast is not yet known). As you can see the cost for her medical treatment is enormous. Definitely, her family cannot afford it.

We shared about her medical needs with one of our friends, and the person donated enough funds to help cover the cost of her chemotherapy treatment. But she still needs financial help with surgery and radiation. Any amount of your donation to help her fight this illness is greatly appreciated.

The second is the elderly couple in Peam

Chor district in Prey Veng province which is 90 kilometers away from Phnom Penh city. The home was completely destroyed by the fire started in the kitchen. All of their personal possessions were

Mr. Sat Dok and Mrs. Yan Pang

devoured by the fire. Now, they are homeless. They need help to re-build their house so they can have a place to live in again. This is the first family who accepted the Lord and opened their house for Bible study in a new region of church planting. The cost for materials to re-build the house is $600. Any amount of your donation to help providing a shelter for them is greatly appreciated.

Freedom Conference

In December of last year, Ms. Kitsy Gregory brought her team to conduct a "Freedom in Christ"

Matt Nelson taught in a session of the conference

class for pastor couples and young people. The focus was God has an incredible purpose and plan for all of us. Our privilege is to live for the glory of God. As we go through our daily life circumstances and trials, it easy for us to lose our focus on the promises of the

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Word of God. These hindrances can prevent us from being freed to serve the Lord wholeheartedly.

The team ministered to each couple of their original design that the Lord has for them, and prayed to break any strongholds in their live that could hinder them to serve God to full capacity.

Everyone experienced a sense of release and refresh and was looking forward to serve Him even more than before. Thanks you Kitsy and the whole team who brought much blessing to the people.

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 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 fulfill 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*

   1._____ $5 Christmas gift box for 1 **child**.

   2. _____ $50 monthly support for 1 **orphan (food, shelter and education).**

   3. _____ $300 sponsor 1 **feeding program** for 100 people.

   4._____$30,000 build 1 **regional training center.**

   5. _____A onetime gift of any amount_____**.**

   6. _____A monthly pledge for 2010 of $25☐, $50☐, $100☐, $300☐, $500☐

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