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Building Houses For Poor Widows

Unlike America, there is no safety net for the impoverished or elderly in Cambodia. Widows must beg or rely on their extended family for support. Often when a widow turns to faith in Christ, she faces persecution from her village and the members of her own family. Many times we have seen widows forced out of their family's homes and left to survive on their own. This harsh reality provides an opportunity for HAP to partner with the local churches to demonstrate the love of Jesus. It's a beautiful thing to see the Body of Christ open their arms and hearts to share the little they have. The local pastors work as a team to build simple homes and enfold these new believers into the Christian community. This is one way Hands Across the Pacific invests your financial gifts.



COVID-19 takes a toll On March 3, 2020 The Cambodian Ministry of Health confirmed that the first case of the COVID-19 virus had reached the country. A Chinese man from Wuhan, China entered Cambodia and was immediately quarantined in the city of Sihanoukville. Although the government moved quickly to contain it, many more cases around the country followed with resulting deaths.

Greetings from all of us at Hands Across the Pacific:

The pandemic, both here and abroad, temporarily suspended our newsletter and website blog entries. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support as we weathered that challenge. Your intercession and gifts have continued to provide encouragement to us and the families we serve in the outer province of Kampang Chhnang. During this time, the government restricted religious meetings to 7 or fewer people. Undeterred, the pastors went out with smaller teams and continued the work of reaching the more remote villages with the Gospel and serving their practical needs .

It's estimated that Only 2-3% of Cambodians know Jesus:

Although we are seeing an increasing openness to the Gospel, there remains a lot more work to be done. Thanks to your generous support, HAP was able to send resources to buy hand sanitizer, masks, water and rice for distribution in the outer countryside. As always, once there, the Gospel is shared with power and many come to Christ. Please visit our website to see the exciting things God is doing in Cambodia. Keep in mind that it is your prayers and sacrificial giving that make all these works possible.. God will not forget your kindness and faithfulness to these struggling people.



*Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in His holy habitation" Psalm 68:5*



Members of a local village saying "Ahkoon!" or "thank-you!" for the desperately needed supplies of masks, hand sanitizer, water and rice provided by H.A.P. during the COVID crisis.



Parents in the countryside, many in dire poverty, are easily convinced to leave their children to get factory work in nearby Thailand. Sometimes they are gone for several months at a time. They rely on extended family or people in the village to watch their kids. This, tragically, does not always go as planned and the children are vulnerable and very much on their own. With your help, HAP meets the needs of these children by supporting the local Cambodian pastors who tirelessly give and advocate for these kids.



How can You help ?

Hands Across the Pacific is a registered 501c3 Charitable Organization. That means your generous, tax deductible donations are our sole means of funding. We do not take salaries, as we are all volunteers. Because of this, you can be sure your donations go directly to helping and reaching Cambodian families with the Gospel. Please visit our website:

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and hit the "DONATE" tab to explore all the ways you CAN make a difference!

"As one person I cannot change the world, but I CAN change the world of one person"
- Paul Shane Spear
It can seem overwhelming to think about the great needs of Cambodia. I know I felt that way during my first visit. It looked so big, so desperate, so impossible - it would have been easier to just block out what I saw and return to my comfortable life in America. But I couldn't. Something in me changed. I couldn't forget what I saw. And when I prayed about it, I didn't sense being asked to do EVERYTHING. Only what I could. So do you know what I did? I gave up my daily Starbucks habit (except for Saturdays!) and set aside the money for Cambodia. It wasn't enough to save the country, or a village or even a family. But it helped ONE person to eat and get medicine. And knowing that has made all the difference.

