

# JESUS CHILDREN

For the past year, we have been planning, plotting and praying for the future of Cambodia Christian School/Orphanage at CCM Center. We will provide physical, spiritual and educational blessings to 240+ orphans and underprivileged children. Since this is a major undertaking, we have proceeded slowly and carefully to make sure we get things right. Apparently we have not been moving fast enough for the Lord because it looks like we are receiving 40 orphans along with house parents and nannies as they depart the existing orphanage in Northwest Cambodia. It is as if God said, "You are not moving fast enough – I am speeding up the process and placing 40 orphans in your trust now." Effective immediately we will be providing food and shelter for them in a guest house while we construct their future homes. Instead of two large dormitories (girls/boys) we will build individual houses for the children to experience more of a family environment.

Sokhom said, "Brother, I don't want us to call the children 'orphans' because we want them to be family. I want to call them Jesus Children." There could not be a better way to describe these precious children! The twelve Buddhist villages surrounding us call CCM Center Jesus Place. They call us Jesus People.

# In the future we will have <u>Jesus Children</u> at <u>Jesus Place</u> who will grow up and be called <u>Jesus People</u>.

Twenty children ages 3-13. Also pictured is the current director of the orphanage, Dr. Da, Brad Straley and Sokhom. At the end of September we will receive twenty more children ages 15-19 and four adult house parents/nannies.





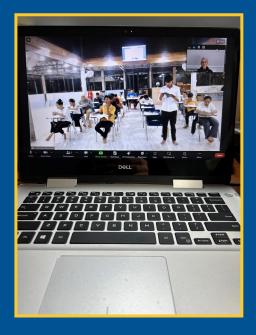
The majority of the children's daily meals have consisted of rice and some dried fish.

Mark 10:13-16 And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

#### CAMBODIA BIBLE SCHOOL

Several of our CBS students and/or graduates are taking classes at the University in Phnom Penh with the goal of becoming teachers in our future Cambodia Christian School/Orphanage. Pictured left to right are the students holding up in appreciation the laptops brought from America from generous Christians. Chuong, Sraynit, Sraylong, Sokny and Usa. If you would like to help financially sponsor partially or fully one of these students' annual tuition of \$3,000 please contact Mike Meierhofer.





Our 2024 CBS Student Body



#### Zooming

#### from American to Cambodia

Scott Sheppard (One Hope Church, Midland, TX), Herman Alexander and Mike Meierhofer (Walnut Hill Church of Christ, Dallas) teach via Zoom on the internet.



# CAMBODIA BIBLE SCHOOL ALUMNI







Tola is a 2016 CBS graduate. Tola and his wife, Sraypec, serve the Lord at one of the two orphanages we support on Kampong Leng Island.

Left: A great day of worship with the orphans and many local children.





Above: Tola conducts a home Bible study and helps a woman remove a voodoo wrist band.

Left: Many people are coming to faith and being born again as Tola shares the Good News of Jesus with them.

#### SPECIAL DELIVERIES FROM GOD



In 2022 ACU student Brad Straley interned to Cambodia with two other female students. Brad has had a heart for missions since childhood so on July 28, 2023, Brad arrived at CCM as a missionary. He teaches English at CBS, shares Jesus in area villages, and works with the cattle since he grew up farming and has a minor in ag-science. Brad recently had a birthday and CCM threw a party for *Cowboy*. We thank the Lord for sending Brad.

In July 2023 Mike, Sokhom, Dr. Tola and Dr. Da made their way into Vietnam for three days of Bible teaching with some house church leaders. A young Christian interpreter by the name of Chuong (fluent in four languages) interpreted for Mike. Chuong loved our teaching about Jesus and a couple months later made a commitment to join our mission effort for the Lord. She has a degree from the International College and Seminary in Cambodia. Chuong helps interpret for CBS with the Zoom teachers from America. She also teaches daily Bible lessons to the young people from surrounding villages. God has blessed us by sending Chuong to serve the Lord Jesus with us.



### **ORPHAN SUPPORT**

#### **Steel Cows**

During a recent mission trip to Cambodia we met SomAt, a director over four orphanages that total 80-100 children. The children have many unmet needs so without giving it another thought CCM committed to send \$300 per month to help buy more food in hopes that friends of CCM will help provide that support. We also sent \$3,000 so SomAt could buy two mini tractors (they call them steel cows). These tractors will help transport children and farm the land which will bring in more food. If you would like to help with these four orphanages contact Mike Meierhofer.





### From Cambodia Jungles to California Sequoias

The Pol Pot reign of terror ended in 1979 as Communist Vietnam crushed most of the Communist Khmer Rouge and drove the remaining combatants out of circulation. Unfortunately, Sokhom inherited a new enemy trying to kill him. So, in November 1979, Sokhom, pregnant wife Phaline, and two nephews began the month-long extremely dangerous journey through the jungles of Cambodia to the Thai refugee camp. Pushing a bicycle with 6-year-old Polo on the seat and carrying 4-year-old Siso on his back, they finally made it to safety. Recently, Sokhom took some much needed time off to vacation in California. He spent time with various family members and got the treat of a lifetime from his nephew, Siso, a United States Marine Corps veteran. What a God-blessing for a man of God who has sacrificed and suffered much in his life! As they drove north to the mountains Siso told Sokhom....

#### "Uncle, you carried me through the jungle – now I drive you to the sequoias."



Sokhom, daughter Sophadavy and nephew Siso

Sokhom amazed at God's creation.



## **CCM ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024
Brookhaven Country Club
3333 Golfing Green Dr, Farmers Branch, TX 75234



We thank the Lord for your faithful participation with Cambodia Christian Ministries. Please contact Mike or Sokhom to find out how you can help with this great work of the Lord.

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