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BRINGING HOPE AND HELP TO CHINA, CAMBODIA & ETHIOPIA



Pastors Joe Dillingham from CA and John Thomas from PA with pastors from Svay Rieng province.



American and Cambodian pastors and HBC staff!



Pastor John Begin from Costa Mesa, CA, catching a ride in Phnom Penh!

Harmony Outreach Launches Harvest Bible College in Cambodia!

by Linda Huckaba

With great joy we bring you the good news that 21 indigenous pastors and church leaders became the pioneer group to launch Harvest Bible College on March 3, 2013! From idea to inception, in a little over a year God brought to fruition His plan to immerse in His Word indigenous pastors in Southeast Asia!

Cambodians are very open to the Gospel, but Khmer pastors have little knowledge and almost no options for Biblical education. HBC's mandate is to provide training in four areas: the essential doctrines, inductive Bible study method, the lay of scripture, and practical courses on how to be a pastor. One problem we faced is that most Khmer pastors are not paid. All work to support themselves and their families. These poor pastors cannot afford to take a month off work, travel to Phnom Penh, and pay for their food and lodging while studying at HBC. For Harmony to train them, it required us to provide them transportation, lodging, and food and replace their lost income. Because Cambodia is a poor country,

\$100 per pastor (\$2,100 total) was all that was required to replace their income, and we were able to feed and lodge them at HBC. This gathering provided a beautiful opportunity for worship and prayer and allowed them to bond together.

The second challenge we faced was recruiting pastors from the U.S. willing to go to Cambodia and teach for two weeks. Since the training was for one month, we divided the instruction into two sessions of two weeks each. This way participating U.S. pastors would only be away from their churches for two Sundays.

The classes taught were the Gospel of Mark, Genesis and Old Testament Survey. Genesis and Mark were taught by Jim Orate and Joe Dillingham of Rancho Cucamonga, California, and John Thomas of Fredericktown, Pennsylvania. Picking up the second session were John Begin of Costa Mesa, California, and Joshua Schmitz, an American missionary already serving in Phnom Penh. (Cont. on Page 4)

"We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy!"
John 1:4

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

by John Bentley

Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Svay Rieng, Cambodia
Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam

The last words Jesus spoke on the earth before He ascended into heaven are recorded in Acts 1:8, ***“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes....”*** It is radical for me to realize that these words, spoken over two thousand years ago predicted what is happening in my own life and the ministry of Harmony Outreach right now!

SVAY RIENG PROVINCE



Southeast Asia is the backwater of the world, and Cambodia is the backwater of Southeast Asia. In this corner of the world, where Jesus is largely unknown (95% Buddhist), one of the most remote provinces is Svay Rieng—along the Vietnamese border. The reason the country is 95% Buddhist isn't because the people aren't receptive to the Gospel—they

are! The problem is that there are far too few people sharing the Gospel with them.

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’” (Rom 10:13-15)

Despite Svay Rieng's backwater status, every month Harmony missionaries and visiting pastors from the West are holding 2-day mini-seminars where over 30 village pastors come to receive biblical training. One weekend per month our teams leave Phnom Penh early for a 5-hour drive that puts them in Svay Rieng in time to have a traditional Khmer lunch prepared by the village women. They spend the last half of the day in in-depth Bible study and worship. The next morning after breakfast and worship, they provide several more hours of teaching followed by lunch and a 5-hour return drive to Phnom Penh. They love it, we love being there to help them, and all of us love Jesus for calling us from the United States and sending us to the very ends of the earth to bring good news to remote Cambodia!



INTO VIETNAM!

We have been saying for some time that Cambodia is just the launching pad for a wider calling we have to expand and equip the church in Southeast Asia. So you can imagine how excited I am to report that April 7-10 pastor Jeff Meyers and I traveled to Ho Chi Min City (aka Saigon), Vietnam, to meet with Vietnamese church leaders who have requested our help. Here is a message we recently received from Pastor "P" in Vietnam:

“I do hope you will have a trip to visit us.... “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” I can say it is the time for you to involve the ministry of training church workers and ministers. The situation is still strict, but you and your friends can do something for Christians in Vietnam, especially equipping church workers....” 🌱

The enclosed DVD documents the life-changing experiences of Harmony trip participants during our **January, 2013, Cambodia trip.** We



would love to have you join us on an upcoming trip to China, Cambodia or Vietnam! Go to the "Trips" page of our website for more information.

UPCOMING TRIPS

CAMBODIA	September 16-26
CHINA	October 14-25
VIETNAM	Stay Tuned for Dates

WOMEN VISIT CHINA

by Linda Huckaba

Christy Johnson at the Forbidden City.



the participants. This time some of our ladies enjoyed helping our Chinese cook make *joudza* (3), a Chinese dumpling—and then we all enjoyed eating them for supper! We also were able to spend time with little Lily at the hospital (4) where she was

Can 13 women enjoy each other and get along for 8 days? They can if they are on a mission trip to China! When **Christy Johnson**, a pastor's wife from Menifee, CA, and I hosted 8 women and 3 of their daughters from Charlotte, NC, on a trip to China in February, everyone was full of joy and having a wonderful time. The highlight of every trip is spending time with the children at Harmony House—holding the babies (1), helping feed them (2), playing games with the bigger children and taking them to McDonalds or KFC, reading to them, taking pictures of them (or they taking pictures of you with your camera!) and just holding and loving on them.

Each trip takes on a personality of its own depending on

recuperating from a bout with meningitis, and the ladies found time—even after cleaning and organizing Harmony House's garage—to "shop till they dropped" at Wal-Mart, purchasing new shoes, hair ornaments and small toys for the children.

We also spent time at the Great Wall, took in an acrobatic show, visited Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, and took a flight down to Xi'an to visit Egg Granny, purchase new shoes for her children, and visit the amazing historical site where the Terra Cotta Warriors have been excavated.

Get your own group together as this one did, or join us on our next advertised trip October 14-25, 2013. We would love to have you! 🌱

MEDICAL UPDATES ON HH ORPHANS

by Linda Huckaba

We rejoice that recently three of our Harmony House babies have come home from the hospital. Baby **Lily (4)** was hospitalized a second time—again for over a month—with a recurrence of meningitis.

Rudi (5) had his second hydrocephalus surgery where doctors inserted a shunt to drain fluid from his head. The first shunt had to be removed when Rudi developed a stubborn infection. We are grateful to report that this time the surgery was successful.

Little **Kari (6)** returned to Harmony House after a serious surgery. She had a large benign tumor removed from just above the nape of her neck. Called a meningocele, Lily reports it was also related to hydrocephalus and had created an opening in her skull as it developed. It will likely require more surgery in the months ahead, but for now she is back home "mothering" the younger children. Kari has a protective and compassionate little heart.

We are most grateful to our partners who have donated ALL the needed funds for these surgeries! 🌱





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Classes ended on March 29, and now there are 21 church leaders who have gone back to their villages to share what they have learned. The program was popular with the pastors, and all want to come back next session to continue their Biblical education. Word about HBC is spreading quickly throughout the Christian community of Cambodia, and now 30 new pastors, including many from other provinces, want to join the original 21 during our next session. We are not yet sure how we are going to pull this off, but it is a great problem to have.

Upcoming courses are scheduled for the months of May, August and October. We need American pastors to teach and financial help to support the Khmer pastors' stipends, transportation, food and materials. This is a team effort, and if you would like to help us train these pastors to reach their own people, go to the Current Needs page of our website.

Most of all, we need your prayers that God will use HBC to spread His message throughout SE Asia! 🌱

*"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."
Mark 16:15*



SURGICAL NEED FOR CAMBODIAN ORPHAN

by Linda Huckaba

Rin (name changed) is an orphan from Cambodia who broke his elbow in a moto (scooter) accident. The cost of the surgery to repair his elbow is \$400. If you would like to sponsor this need, visit the "Donate" page of our website or send a gift designated for him to our address below. 🌱

"Pure religion in the sight of God is this: To visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted by the world."

(James 1:27)

JOHN ADOPTED!



We are happy to report that on March 11, 2013, God provided John with a family. His new home is in Jackson, Missouri.



BOTTLES FOR ORPHANS!

by John Bentley

We always say that Harmony Outreach is nothing more than a team of people from around the world who are reaching out with hands of love to the world. One of our youngest team members, and one of my personal favorites, is Giovanna, a seven-year-old from Farmington, NY, who began collecting and redeeming bottles and cans for cash—in support of Harmony's work. Her efforts have already raised several hundred dollars!

I spoke with her parents to see if they would allow me to adopt her—but they demurred. So I guess she will have to remain a member of my "extended" family. Thanks Giovanna for being part of the team. We love you! 🌱



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