

Ruthies News from Cambodia



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Think on This!

How great the Father's love for us. How great beyond all measure. That he gave His only son to make me His Treasure!

What a gift we have in the palms of our hands to give us hope!

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Hello Everyone,

I am writing this while in Australia recuperating. I returned six weeks ago still quite ill from dengue fever. We all agreed that it was best that I return here to gain strength and be restored. Tracey and Lindsay have been caring for me and giving me lots of love. I am so grateful to have a place to call home each time I return and I know God will bless my wonderful family. Not many knew I was back here until recently as I have been quite bedridden for some time. Now I am regaining strength and getting back out amongst the world. I thank those of you who have helped us with some meals and our church pastors for all their support in every way to our household. Tracey is still going through some challenges, together we stand in God's promises. I am looking at returning to Cambodia the last

Knowing Cambodia

Part 1

Cambodia is a jewel of a country bordered by Vietnam, Thailand and Laos. It is just beginning to be recognized by the outside world. Once known as Kampuchea it went through a horrifying genocide from 1975-1979 during the rulership of Pol Pot. It is estimated 3 million people died during this time due to execution, starvation and disease. After 1979 through to 1991

week in June. Kerry Norman has been managing LIA while I am away being assisted by Rebecca West. I am grateful for their willingness to be trained. They are doing a great job and have other workers assisting them from organizations that we network with. We are grateful to all these gracious people for their help. It is very significant in these countries to work together as the power of a team spirit gets much accomplished. We are having a team from New Zealand with us from July 4th for two weeks. They assist us around the LIA home with the children and go out on medical clinics etc and network with others. We find it very enjoyable for both parties when each team is here. At the moment we have Josh and His sister Jenny from the USA staying helping us and others. Welcome to all of you from us at LIA. God has placed such a

Cambodia continued to go through civil war. Only since 1998 with the final surrendering of Khmer Rouge forces which ruled during the Pol Pot era has Cambodia really began to see political stability as a nation. Cambodia is a constitutional Monarchy. The government is headed by a democratically elected Prime Minister. The King's duties are mainly ceremonial. The present prime minister is Hun Sen. This government is still very corrupt and there is much to be done to renew this nation.

love for this nation in my heart and I long to honour Him in serving here. It can be such an unjust and cruel nation, but God loves Cambodia and its people. We are here to help this nation through the Love of God. Please continue to Pray for US.

Our God is Good, All the Time.

Love Ruthie

Donations are Tax Deductible

A reminder to Australians that we are now a tax exempt charity in Oz and donations for our humanitarian activities in Cambodia are tax deductible through our partnership with Global Development Group in Brisbane, Qld . Please when you send donations send us your address details for receipting purposes. Donations over two dollars are tax deductible!

From the oldest to the youngest alike, all are affected by decades of unrest.

It has been said that the only hope for Cambodia is the unborn.

We as Christians know that the true hope for this Nation is the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The main Religion in this nation is Theravada Buddhism at 95%. Please pray with us for the nation of Cambodia.



CAMBODIAN FLAG

Lena's Story

Lena became an orphan from the age of 11 yrs old. She has an older sister and two younger siblings. Their parents died of cancer within one year of each other. Their older sister worked to try and keep them for three years after their parents died. They lived in a borrowed house in one of the most dangerous slum area's in the city of Phnom Penh. They are one of the lower class of Khmer people so their future was not bright. A friend of Ruth's came and told her about them so she went to visit them and asked if they wanted to live with our LIA family. The older sister continued her work and did not come with her younger siblings. It has given them all a future to look forward to. Lena is now fifteen years old and is very smart in her

school work and very good in physical education. Her desire is to do further study to be a teacher. Lena works very hard around our LIA home and helps look after our younger children. She studies very hard at school and we enjoy seeing her mentored in our work at Love In Action. She has a kind and teachable heart and always willing to help where she can.

Lena helps us a lot with our foreign visitors. It would be great to one day employ her as one of our teachers.

**Nobody should seek
their own good, but
the good of others.
1 Corinthians 10:12**



What a Cutie !

Here we are everyone this is Ootsa ! Yes and the first thing you feel like saying is, Oh... what a darlin and let out a big sigh... The first thing you notice about this little three year old is his sparkling big dark brown eyes. You can see your reflection in them they are so shiny. His nature is as lovely as the sparkle in his eyes.

His story is a sad but a happy one.

We first had Ootsa and his sister Sreynie brought to us by his mother who was told about LIA's work with children. She asked Ruth if she could look after her children while she worked to pay off a rather large debt which she had accumulated. She loved her children and did not want them to end up scavenging or begging for food. So mummy Ruth took them in for however long it would be to see the mother freed of debt and have a safe place to house herself and her children.

Oosta and Sreynie were with us for eight months and within this time they had become part of our family. With tears of sadness and joy we handed them back to their mother who had a home prepared for them. Her sister from the US had bought them and there grandparents a house. Now they can all be together again as a family.

Farewell Ootsa

This is what our work here in Cambodia is all about seeing families united where possible and if not, providing a family for those who have none.

We are grateful to God that we could have a part in influencing these two children's lives with the love of God. Their mother also asked Jesus as her friend and saviour through contact with us.

We give you Glory Lord !

**I have not come this way
before & may never come
this way again.
But while I am here I will
gain from my journey !**



Tracey's Note

The Lord will fulfill His purpose for You! Our God is a God who applies grace to the long view of life. We are not excluded from high places because of a handicap or hardship. He gives favour to all who ask!

This is the God we want this nation of Cambodia to know. No matter what background or class they are from, God is no respecter of persons. We all have the potential to be what we dream, if given the opportunity to do so. We tell this truth to our children and all who come to us. God is a God of the poor and the rich alike.

Many men and women have come from the humblest and most hopeless of backgrounds to arise and make a future for themselves because they dared to hope. Only God can give true fulfillment of what hope can accomplish and with the promise of eternal life.

With Blessings of Hope!
Love Trace



UPDATE

Sponsorship: We are still in need of sponsorship for our children and support for Love in Action's work. If you desire to assist us please contact us on our details below.

Thank-you: We wish to express our sincere gratitude to those of you who are assisting LIA through your giving. It is keeping the wheel of this work moving!

Teams: If anyone is considering taking a team or would like to go on a team with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Take time to laugh
it is the music of
the soul!
So serenade yourself regularly**

PRAYER POINTS

1. Favour and protection within Cambodia for Ruth, our children and all who work at LIA.
2. Financial provision. We still need partnership to sponsor our children.
3. Ruth's health and wisdom for Love in Action.
4. The expansion of our work in Srey Reing
5. Kerry, Rebecca and Volunteers as they work with us at LIA.
6. Teams as they come to Cambodia to gain experience in mission work.

Open your mouth for the speechless and plead the cause for the poor and needy

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