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Let my heart be broken with the things that breaks God's heart

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Hello to you All,

Much has happened since last newsletter with some change in Khmer staff and more children added to our family. As you will read throughout the newsletter other avenues of our LIA work are growing. We have had wonderful assistance through our long term workers Bec and Kerry. Bec is still with us but Kerry has left after being with us for three months. We appreciated her input into LIA and we pray God's guidance in what He leads her to do. My friend Faye has returned to OZ. I so appreciated her spiritual back-up. We have a busy time in this next part of the year so pray for continued strength. We have the opportunity for our children to go to a Christian school so please pray for this provision.

I want to thank all those that raise funds for our LIA work! From an art exhibition to a Birthday party and instead of

gifts, they asked donations be given to LIA. I am so blessed by the generosity of people's hearts. This is the selfless giving that Jesus speaks of, that we look beyond our desires and give into the lives of others. I have an exciting testimony to tell. One of our older teenage girls, while at school (government run) she started a bible study with some of her classmates out of her own initiative. While having this time together the teacher even stayed to listen in. It takes great boldness to step out and declare your faith in this country and being a young women especially. My constant reward is seeing all the young lives God has placed in my care being developed in everyway. I am truly the honoured one to be here doing this work for Our Saviour.

Our God is Good, All the Time
Love

Ruthie

School Sponsorship

A Reputable work in Phnom Penh is opening a private Christian school in October. Pastor Chuck from the USA has lived with his now grown-up family in Cambodia for eleven years, has a church and works within the Cambodian community to assist the people. Our Children are involved with this Church. We have thirty of our children eligible to enroll and be assessed by the standards of the school board. This will give our children a better education, that is Christian based and English is part of the curriculum. The government system of education is not monitored very well, is corrupt and the standards are not high so the level of learning lacks. We have enrolled our children believing that God will provide the extra funds for this education. A better education in this country means a greater future not just for each child but for the whole nation.

Combined with Godly principles we believe that our children will be greater people. If anyone is interested in donating towards the monthly school fees, fifteen US dollars per child please contact us. mail@loveinactioncambodia.com

Knowing Cambodia

Part 3

Cambodia is a tropical country with two seasons, rainy (May through October) and dry (October through May). The temperature rarely falls below 27 degrees Celsius.

The animals found in Cambodia include monkeys, water buffalo, tigers, elephants, leopards and crocodiles.

The national language is Khmer. Chinese and Vietnamese is spoken by those who are from those nations.

English is widely taught and spoken as it gives greater job opportunities and communication skills for the people. Ninety percent of the people are Khmer while the other ten percent are made up of Chinese, Vietnamese and others.

Cambodia's national currency is reil but the US dollar is constantly used.

The average life expectancy is around fifty-five years of age. It is often cut short due to serious health issues such as aids. Many also lose their lives due to untreated diseases and injuries. The level of literacy amongst the Cambodian people is around

sixty-five per cent. Many children have to drop out of school at an early age in order to work so that they can assist in supporting themselves and their families. One major emphasis at LIA is education, in addition to Khmer schooling we have the children taught English daily. This extra cost is often donated towards by the generosity of others. We aim to give them as much opportunity to be all they can be.



CAMBODIAN FLAG

Sreynout's Story

Check out our website:
www.loveinactioncambodia.com

Donations are Tax Deductible

Australian donors 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!



Beautiful Spirit

Sreynout came to us in January 2006. She was with the Sister's of Charity in Phnom Penh for three months and no one had a place for her in any other children's home or family. Her parents are both deceased and her older brother did not want to care for her. The living situation

she came from was one with a great threat of sexual abuse. We remember the day we picked her up traveling through Phnom Penh back to our LIA home. With tears streaming down her face as she was going to another unknown destination. With each new child we ask God to comfort them and that they feel His love as they come through our LIA gate. We see God constantly do this very thing they feel surrounded by His safety and love with the security that Ruth provides in our Love in Action homes. We are grateful that she was rescued in time. Sreynout is now 13yrs old. She is very teachable, has a sensitive heart and is always ready to give of the love that is within her. Sreynout is one of our major helpers in caring for the younger ones. She is thriving amongst her new family. Her laughter is contagious. She is developing her skill in English and loves school. Her favourite colour is orange ,she loves to eat ice cream and wear pretty clothes. With the great love that is within her Sreynout will go on to help many people.

Teams & Volunteers

Wonderful people come and volunteer their time and experience in all area's. Some are in teams that stay with us short term, others come in for a few hours daily networking with us while some are with us more long term . The key to surviving in a country like this is team work. We all need each other. We are very grateful for all the assistance, and we know it has an effect on the lives of those that come. These volunteers assist in area's that range from maintenance, medical, teaching , craft, music and generally having fun and loving our children. People from many nations come and work or train with us. Our vision is providing this area so that others may come and fulfill the desire in their heart to help the less fortunate. All that come to us are self funded and never take from our work & love is given in return. Some teams stay in our team house upstairs on the same base as our LIA children's home. So they get to experience the day to day running of LIA. Any further information on this area is on our website ,

www.loveinactioncambodia.com



Doing Crafts



Medical Clinics



Dressing up for a special afternoon Tea



Repairs around LIA home Phnom Penh



Games in the cool of the morning.

Srey Reing



Vannak, Tida & baby Sarah

Meet Vannak and Family ! As previously mentioned he oversees our LIA work in Srey Reing. Vannak is a valued worker for us in the area of Srey Reing. University students continue to stay in the house free of charge as part of our support to them. We have recently accepted four teenage boys to live in our LIA home.

Srey Reing is fast becoming a training centre for young men and teenage boys under the guidance of Vannak. We are running regularly monthly medical clinics in the area. Vannak is also setting up home churches, caring for and giving people guidance. We are seeing such growth after eighteen months of working in this area and gaining favour with the village elders and local people. Whenever Ruth sees the elders they welcome her with open arms. We are grateful to God for this favour and there are many children and young people in the area in need of care and support.

A few of the Uni Students.



UPDATE

New Children

Within the last month we have another ten children we have brought up from the Srey Reing area. They have settled into their new home with us at LIA

Teams & Volunteers

We have a busy time the next few months with teams and volunteers coming to stay and work with us. We have had a recent visit from a few Australian's. One of our directors of LIA arrives at the end of Sept. A Volunteer from Sweden for 3 months. Two Teams from Oz and one from England. All these are before early November.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Favour and protection within Cambodia for Ruth, our children and all who work at LIA.
2. Financial provision for us ,especially for the new School Fees
3. Purchase of our new Van. Still Looking ! Believe for more Funds
4. Srey Reing work, Vannak and family and new teenagers.
5. Bec, Teams ,Volunteers as they work with us at LIA.
6. Tracey as we believe for her to visit Cambodia in October

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



Tracey's Note

Stop for a moment and view the tapestry of your life not from the underside where all the knots and joins are seen, but view from above where you can behold the beauty of the finished touch. Only by doing this can we have more understanding of our divine purpose. Life and pain are equivalent. With one comes the other. It is how we make the pain of life work for us. I have continually found this on my own journey. And the times when I couldn't feel or see for myself, my God was standing in my midst. God

"I am a fighter and I will not lose this fight . Cause I'm a believer and I have put my trust in Him. I am a fighter and I will win."

may seem slow to assist but He is constantly on call. Recently I reminded myself of the meaning of my name. "Tracey" means "fighter". I felt God's still small voice within reminding me of how each of us are known before we were born and He has placed His individual stamp upon our life. We face challenges that test us to the very core of our heart & strength. Some lose the fight for their very life. God is still God ! Many children and people in Cambodia have this inward fight, which is a source given by God when He formed us.

Faye's comments on her visit !



I was especially inspired by the growth and strength of the work of Love in Action. The atmosphere of love within this work is great. How God has honored one woman's faith, stepping out in obedience to what He asked of her and the positive effect it has on so many. Whenever Ruth goes she is given trust and respect. I admire her boldness to go into any situation, take control and give to those around her. I am truly encouraged to keep living life to the full and give to others.

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