

# Ruthies News from Cambodia



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The steps of a good man are order by the Lord, though he fall he shall not be cast down for the Lord upholds him with His hand. Psalm 37:23

Hello to you All,  
Here we are another month has passed. We are keeping busy as you can read by our news. I am very excited that Tracey is coming over in October. I so appreciate my little mate. God has given us a special bond which I have aimed to have with all my three children. Please pray for her safe travel & continued restoration. It never gets easy being away from all your family but God's grace is sufficient and fills my heart with more love to give to my family here. This last month we have had teams visit us & also we have had one of our Love In Action Directors (Ray) from OZ with us for three & a half wks. I am so grateful to have a good team standing with me. There have been some extra spiritual challenges over here lately. So I would appreciate your prayers. There is such an onslaught from the enemy to try and make us all

give up. But hold on! **All the way our Savior leads us and He does all things well.**

We have no need to be anxious because if we slip and fall He still reaches to us in limitless love. There are many people around us who need our support whether it be family, friend, neighbour or even a stranger. As the bible says "**be tenderhearted forgiving one another as Christ also forgives you**". No one stops being a good person because of a mistake. That would wipe all of us out if that were the case. We may be the only hope some ever see of getting a chance in life or helped & loved through a challenge. Our responsibility is to say , How would Jesus handle this? And do as He would act, say, & think. Oh how God loves us and longs for us to be close to Him. We are covered under the shelter of His wings literally cradled in His care so no harm

can destroy those who love Him because ultimately we will be with Him forever. We will face our hard times but be encouraged we will have complete rest in our eternal home. Heaven ! **Our God is Good all the Time.**

Love Ruthie

## School Sponsorship

Twenty of our children are eligible for the private Christian school commencing in October. Included In the curriculum of this school is Khmer, English, Bible, Music, Art, P.E and Computer Studies. The cost per student per month is fifteen U.S dollars. This is an ideal opportunity for our children. We are all very excited about the options and lifestyle teachings it will impart to our LIA children. Please continue to pray for sponsorship for this area.

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## Bec's Thoughts !

I wish you could see everyday what I see! I was thinking about it the other day and I was just awestruck, wowed and amazed by just how blessed I really am to be spending each day with these children. Just in the hope that you may get a glimpse of what it's like over here I'll share some of the precious moments I've had and that happen on a regular basis. I wake up to children singing praise songs in harmony below my room. I hear the five little ones 3-5yrs giggling & playing together, when once they wouldn't even smile. When I do go downstairs I get a welcoming call from 35 children calling "Becca" or "Hello Becca". I get hugs EVERYTIME I walk in the gate. I get smiles all day long from staff and children. I'm told I'm loved in words, hugs and eyes of these 35 children daily. I get to sing with them everyday and teach them a song. I get to give hugs and tell them I love them. I get to see them grow and learn to care for one another and to love Jesus more and to hear them continuously ask to watch the Jesus DVD. I get to tickle and chase these children until we're all in fits of laughter. But most of all the best thing is not what impact they have on me, or I on them but to see JESUS really change their hearts. They actually Shine. Just to see the change in them from the backgrounds they have come from, is amazing. This is all because one person said YES Lord I will GO to this nation and make a difference. Imagine what you can do right where you are. It is a privilege to be in this nation for God. Please pray for Ruth, the children and me to and all the extra work of "Love In Action. " In Gods Love, Bec

## Kimloun's Story

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[www.loveinactioncambodia.com](http://www.loveinactioncambodia.com)



Rescued from the street

Kimloun is now fourteen years old and has been with us at Love in Action for two & a half years. His mother is deceased and his father deserted them when he was born. Kimloun lived with his uncle for a time until he could no longer care for him. He was then destined to a life of living on the streets until Love in Action took him in. We had the privilege of rescuing this young man just before his life became a life filled with theft and drugs. He is a very teachable and sensitive young man and he loves to make people happy and loves God with his whole heart. He is in seventh grade at school and his favourite colour is blue. He enjoys playing the guitar and of course loves music. We see the gifts on his life developing daily and his willingness to care for his fellow "Love in Action" family members is encouraging to watch. He is always one of the first to say sorry whenever problems arise. God has Kimloun in the palms of His hand..

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!

## Sally's Reward



I am from Hamilton NZ and co-led a team of nine to LIA in Cambodia in July this year. For me the biggest thing for me to experience while in this nation is how \$100 dollars in our currency can do so much. I had it pretty tough as a young adult while studying and bringing up a child. But Cambodia took me back and actually beyond where I had been and to know that even if I can give a little it means so much. One Hundred dollars can buy shelter in a village, half a cow, medical supplies for a clinic in a remote village and supply a well so a 10 yr old girl can return home and go to school instead of collecting water. So how can anyone who lives as I do deny sharing \$100-00. The other impact it has had, is on the children I teach at my school. They're so interested. By listening to their conversations it has expanded their world. Even if for a moment in a day they stop and consider another child in another land and in their later life reflect on "that's like when Ms McDougall went to Cambodia" then that is an awesome reward for me.

## Children helping Children

The five year olds in Sally's class at Hillcrest Normal School, Hamilton, NZ decided after watching a powerpoint presentation of the children at "Love in Action" children's home to make them some books to assist them in learning English. The impact this project has had has been astonishing. A conversation overheard by Sally of one of her students said "I've been to Disneyland" and one other student replied " Well I want to go to Cambodia when I grow up" No wonder Jesus told us to be as little children !!

### Ra reading one of the books



# Srey Reing



Vannak, Tida & baby Sarah

We now have two Love in Action home churches in Srey Reing. Vannak is doing a wonderful job imparting his life into the people of this area. We have four teenage boys as well as the uni students living in our accommodation. Three of the teenage boys Ruth took down two weeks ago and settled them into their new life. They came from a province called Prey Veing and had not known their parents. These young men had no where else to go and no one to care for them. They are settling in well under Vannak's care & go to school there.

## Teams and Volunteers

We have quite a few teams and volunteers coming through in the next two months so please pray for all of them as they work with us and continued strength and help for all at Love in Action,

## Special Thanks

We want to make mention of Randy from the US who spends half of his time in Cambodia. They have recently opened their own children's home, newly built half an hour from Phnom Penh. Congratulations! We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the teams that he brings in that work with us at Love in Action and give there support in every way to us. They just love our children & our work. They impart into Ruth personally by their joy and strength. When in Phnom Penh their teams come in regularly and play, sing etc with our children. We now class each other as "sister " children's homes and our children will visit each other. Blessings!

**Do not fear, for I am with you, Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes I will help you. For I am the Lord your God !**

## 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. Srey Reing work, Vannak and family and new teenagers.
4. Bec, Teams ,Volunteers as they work with us at LIA.

## PRAISE POINTS

1. Tracey is on her way. God provided her airfare through a wonderful family.
2. We are looking at a Van that sounds very hopeful. We are testing it out this week.



## Tracey's Note

**Do not be afraid Stand Still and see the salvation of the Lord ! Exodus 14:13**

This was quoted by Moses as he and the children of Israel were standing at the red sea. They had no way out, for their enemy was behind them and a desert at the side. They had to have a miracle. So God parted the waters and they crossed to the other side. Makes you want to let out a yee ha or something doesn't it ? But God's miracles are not limited to the Bible. God loves a good challenge so He can show

God delivers again !

us His love & power. Do you have a need to be met? Many tell of God's provision for them to come and help us in Cambodia. How suddenly someone will pay there way or give towards them going. I am an example of that myself as is our whole work of LIA. Many victories in this world are made by the Power of the One! That one will set a pace or stand in a gap to change their times. Right through history and the bible we see how one person can make a difference for good or bad. In history the power of one vote changed or prevented world events.

**One vote:**

**\* gave Hitler power of the Nazi party**

**\* gave America the English language instead of German.**

**\* changed France from a monarchy to a republic.**

Ponder on this for a while & see what you can influence for good in our World. We invest in our children at LIA the capacity to believe that they can change their world for good.

It only takes ONE !

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

## Donations

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