

Ruthies News from Cambodia



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Touch
Through me
Holy Spirit .
Touch
through me.
Lord my
hands will
be your
hands
reaching
out to
others.
Flow
through me
Holy Spirit
just like a
river in the
desert flow
through

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Tracey's Note

Hello to you all,
What a great month as many of you know I got a wonderful surprise being taken out for coffee one morning and Tracey came in singing as she had arrived a week early & I did not know I got quite a shock. It was such a lovely unexpected blessing. She has now be here one month & it is great. We have had two teams in this last month one from England and one from OZ and also others who come to work with us. They have been a great blessing to us. Our overall gratitude to those of you who donate gifts & finance with these teams & visitors.

I find myself brought to tears while writing this to you as the need is so great in this land. Just this morning I was asked to take three young girls and two boys as their mother has been shot in the head & died & there fathers whereabouts is unknown. So we have five more children to love. The

Reing & be with Vannak. We could easily have hundreds of children in these high risk circumstances. My heart aches for the pain of the people of this nation. We will take those we can and see them come to know what real love is and that way we will make a difference. God's word says:

"In my Father's house are many mansions & He is preparing a place for each of us." That is the promise we bring to Cambodia not just now but for eternity. There will be no lack in heaven.

Please pray for more workers to come and labour with us as we need many, to reach many. In the village where we do our clinics in Srey Reing a friend from America is sponsoring a man to teach the children English. We see God's provision in so many ways it is amazing. As you will notice by our photo's we have our own LIA T-Shirts it is great to see team members around

Cambodia wearing them it is like seeing the vision of LIA walking. Keep us in your prayers for God's wisdom, favour & provision.

Our God is Good all the Time. Love Ruthie

Personal Child Sponsorship

Many have asked about one on one sponsorship of our Children at LIA. We specifically do not operate this way as it takes many man hours & costs to operate and communicate this sponsorship. . Office staff would be needed in Cambodia to officiate this service. Operating the way we do lets us give a large majority of funds to the specific needs of the children & the work of Love In Action in Cambodia. We want the funds to go where they are meant to be. Helping the unfortunate! In doing this we aim to keep administration cost at a minimum. We do however give a group photograph of our children if people desire.

We have our Van



What a Good One !

Well Glory to our God here it is. We have our Van. Now this is a lot of sausage sales from the fundraisers in NZ. Our children all put their hands on it prayed & thanked God when we drove it into our garage. We have been very blessed it has all new upholstery and paintwork it has also been totally resprung for child safety. We purchased it from the khmer head of AOG churches in Cambodia and he sold it to us for less than he bought it. It is a stick shift Mitsubishi ,twelve seater. Great to ride in & easy to drive. When God gets into finding something He does it well. We are in the process of employing a daily driver to take our children to school. We also use it to transport teams around while they are here. God is Good.

Chomroung's Story

Check out our website:
www.loveinactioncambodia.com



Left in poverty and hopelessness

Chomroung came to us from the province of Srey Reing. He was one of many that Ruth was asked to take when commencing the work of medical clinics etc after gaining favour with the village elders in the area. Chomroung and his siblings had been living with their elderly grandmother whose poor health was not allowing her to care for them any longer.

They all lived in a little mud hut and did not have much to call their own. He was destined for a future of poverty and now he has the ability to be able to see beyond what he had. Chomroung has been with us at LIA for eighteen months and has come from being an angry and defensive young man to one of sensitivity and openness. He is now one of the first to reach out a hand of kindness. It does our heart good to see the transformation in our children. Chomroung is now fourteen yrs old. He is in year seven at school. His favourite colour is red. He loves to eat cake. He would like to one day be a doctor.

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!

Forgetting what is past I press on to the goal God has Called me to ! Romans 3:14

Photo Gallery



Ray & Children



DR. Matt from UK learns how to relax

Trace & Ruth



Our new LIA T-Shirts



English Team



Our Children doing a Bible drama.

Srey Reing



Our work in Srey Reing continues to grow as word spreads about our clinics & young people's home. Vannak is a wonderful teach-

able young man and we thank God for him. He has such vision & passion for his own people. Below is a photo of our three young teenagers who also live in our Srey Reing home. Their Grandmother is very frail & could not care for them any longer.



Glenys' Cambodian Experience



I am from Hamilton NZ. For me, most of what I personally learn't in Cambodia had nothing to do with what we did or the country. It was about me & my walk with God. I experienced physical healing in my body, I learn't that I could be a person to make a difference in the life of a child, to be open to the possibility of living in a country like this and it was available to me someone with no qualifications but someone who could create a

home & open my heart to the children of Cambodia. I also learn't that I was hiding behind a past event in my life & was using this as an excuse not to live life to the full. Two & half years ago I had bowel cancer & had major surgery which left me with a permanent colostomy. I wanted so much for this experience to change me but I felt I had the right to use this event as a reason to give myself a protected life. I seemed from the outside to be brave & adventurous but in my heart & emotions I was keeping myself safe & secure. I don't know what the future holds for me but my time in Cambodia made me look at my life and how I will live the next 25 yrs. I am very aware that I have a second chance at life and that I can make a difference. I see the difference in a child's life that comes from being loved by a woman like Ruth and that Cambodia's only hope is God. The challenge for me is what can I do to Help !

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 & Srey Reing
3. Srey Reing work.
4. Bec, Tracey, Karin, Teams , & Volunteers as they work with us at LIA.

PRAISE POINTS

1. We have our LIA Van.
2. Twenty of our children are in private Christian schooling

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



Tracey's Note

Here I am in the land of Cambodia once again amongst our work & our children. God stirs my heart for the lost people of our world afresh each time I am here. Joshua 1:3 says **"Every place that the sole of your feet shall tread upon that I have given you"** says God The promises of God are true to the end, if we just dare to hold tight to His ever present hand. He makes it real for us. I personally take Him as the supply for all needs & believing He is mine & will not doubt it.

Footprints can mean possession so lets claim what is ours !

Cause when Jesus says it we know it's true. His promise covers you so take the promise that suits your need. Whether it be physical, spiritual or emotional .Place your foot flat down upon it do not be afraid that it will not take the weight that you put upon His promise for you. Then stand upon it forever. Let hope be your guide and love be your strength. We can march up to that mountain & make it ours. I have particularly noticed this trip to Cambodia that where we live Christian music is ringing out about the neighbourhood. God is taking possession of this land & it is our privilege to be part of God laying claim to what is Promised !

Volunteers

At present we have Bec from Oz who has been with us seven months she really is a blessing to us & carries the vision of LIA , Karin from Sweden who is with us for four months and is also a great assistance. We have many short term people that come through continually some from Ireland, American, Australia, NZ etc.LIA is a place of may cultures working together to make a difference.

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