

Ruthies News from Cambodia



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There are many things in life that will catch your eye, but only a few will catch your heart...

Pursue those!

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Hello Everyone,
We have many pressing issue's in the nation of Cambodia with the Dengue fever outbreak to Christian activities being monitored closely by the government. We urgently need your prayers for this nation & that God will continue to give us wisdom in working here. With lots of challenge also comes blessing & we are seeing growth & blessing around us as well. Tracey is now back in Oz.

I have a gentlemen here from my home area being of great assistance to me for an extend period of time. His name is Geoff . I am grateful to those that say yes Lord I will go. Our children are flourishing in all they do & are a great blessing to many. We have many hear of us & drop in to be with our work for a few days or weeks. We have had teams again recently. Thank-you for your continued prayers and love.

Love and Blessings to you. *Ruthie*

Severe Dengue Fever Outbreak

This is a very important prayer request. The newspaper in Phnom Pehn is reporting how severe the problem is in Cambodia. There is double the amount of people affected by this disease then last year, which can be fatal especially in children. The spraying of the wetland area's came to late to be of much affect! The monsoon season is here & it only makes the disease spread more rapidly as the mosquito breeds in dirty water.

What is Dengue Fever ? Dengue fever is a virus spread by mosquitoes. It causes high fever, joint pain, rashes and in severe cases haemorrhaging. It is spread by the "tiger" mosquito this mosquito has stripes and only bites during the day. It is spread by the mosquito biting someone with the virus then in turn biting someone else. There is no specific medication for dengue or prevention but early diagnosis can

prevent fatal results in children & the elderly. Because of the severe haemorrhaging this can cause, hospitals are in need of blood donations as a transfusion is the only thing that can save a life when it gets to this fatal stage. The only thing that can be done is educate the children and villagers of the importance of cleaning any stagnant water or vessels which may hold water. Those of you that may recall in February last year Ruth got dengue fever & had to be sent back to Australia to recuperate as she was dangerously ill. It also can be fatal if you get it for a 2nd or 3rd time. We reviewed the statistics together recently in Cambodia and there were more than 20,000 reported cases & more then 250 deaths this year to date. Pray that LIA will be able to assist were needed & for the safety of our staff, children & work.

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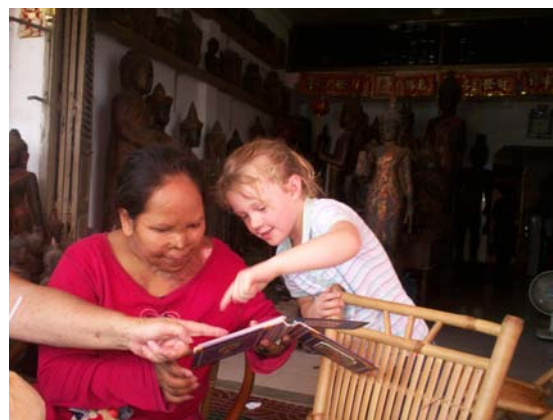
Ugur, Trace, Kathy & family.

Those of you who may recall our story on Ugur who at the time I called Macaroni Lady so named because of her horrible scars she bore from a house fire & what she would have to do when she had a cold to breath more easily. She put macaroni or hollow pasta in her now unrecognizable nose. (the story is on the website under news issue 19) An Adelaide family had read this story who have been with LIA. Kathy (pictured far left above) gave it to her 85 year old mother to read and she donates a small one off gift of her pension to someone each year that is in need. This story touched this dear old ladies heart. Kathy comes to Cambodia & works with the poor for around 6 weeks yearly or when she can. This family themselves have been now stranger to trails. Last year Kathy was told she had cancer & for several months was in a fight for her life. She had an operation then followed by chemo, she was a very sick lady. As you can see she is alive and well. Please pray for her continued health. This time her daughter and granddaughter came to be with her for a little time in Cambodia. So they wanted to meet with Ugur & give her this gift of money to help with her young family. As I went to the local market one day hoping to find Ugur (as she sells books) when I was there I felt that tickle in my side she gives me as Ugur came to greet me. So the meeting was arranged. As you can see it was a special time for both families swapping information about each other. Ugur was very humbled by the love of this family.

Ugur has such a giving heart I met this dear lady later that same day buying a gift to give this family who had shown Christ's love to her. There is a special language in love that is like no other & only the things done in Christ's love will last eternally. Kathy's sister Helen has come twice to work with us at LIA and Kathryn, Helen's daughter. That is how this connection was made & look at the results that come from saying I will go even though I don't think I have much. I found out Ugur now lives in Phnom Pehn and does not have to travel the 2hr trip each way from a province area 6 days a week. That gives her more time with her family & finance to look after them. I admire this lady who goes against all odds to keep her children & works as well. It encourages us all to keep going.



Kathy presents Ugur with the gift



Sharing family Pictures ..

School Year Awards Ceremony !

Here are some pics of our Kids in their end of school year awards ceremony and concert. Many of our children got very high achievements and one of them was the Dux of the school. This hope in our children is made possible because of people like you who give, love & pray for Love in Action.



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