

News from Cambodia



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Celebrating 25 years

In Humanitarian Aid and Training in Third World Nations

**Life is a
quarry, out of
which we are
to mold,
chisel and
complete our
Character !**

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It was in January twenty-five years ago that Tracey and I set off to India for several months to fulfill more of the call upon our lives to reach out to the needy. We had both been very much in God's work here in Australia. Tracey at such a young age was serving God by her singing, in leadership & training young people. I was involved in youth, children's work & personal counseling also doing nursing care. This call was planted in my heart for other nations in my teen years but not having the guidance or instruction on how to pursue it, was not to come about till after I had married, had children, then widowed & see my children brought up & instructed in the ways of God & set in their own adult lives. It was through each of my three children that I saw different walks of my own life. Tracey chose to serve God full time as she new at a young age she was called to minister for HIS cause. After we return from India, I then returned for what would be twelve years of serving in that nation. Tracey was under pastoral training as well as music leadership & Itinerate work. This would see her also be part of going to India and other nations. After India my full time living in India, I was in Africa for 3 yrs, Philippines 3 yrs and amongst al this continued work to other nations. Working with reputable organizations heading their programs in overseeing teams, leadership training, medical clinics etc. God planted the nation of Cambodia on my heart 20 years ago and 8 yrs ago I was finally led here to live full time & firstly established another organization on behalf of our church movement

Christian Outreach Centre who have been our covering and church for 30 yrs. Then God had us step out and start Love In Action four years ago. Through all our years experience Tracey and I have waited to work for God together on a full time basis and this was the time. So here we are it is our fourth Birthday here at Love in Action in March. There is never a dull moment working for God. We often say **"You want an exciting life let God be your Boss!"**

I am celebrating 25 years of living and working in Missions work. These years have brought much challenge and happiness. It also has cost both myself and my family. But God says who shall leave his father, mother, family, house's, jobs etc for my sake shall never lack. We have often reminded God of that promise in our times of weariness in the journey which you have, we get encouraged again to keep pressing on. It is not all easy sailing but as Trace and I often quote to each other

"It's a great ride..... just hold on"

I want to acknowledge my children and grandchildren especially at this time as they have sacrificed much. They often express their pride they feel in what we do. We want to express to all those over the years that have invested time, love & provision our gratitude reach's out to you all. We pray for God's wisdom for the next 25yrs. We will serve God until our last breath as He deserves all the praise. LIA is God's work and He will continue the legacy.

Our love to you all.

Ruth and Tracey

Vicki's Experience



My Awakening of What God Can Do !

I did not really have a clue why God was sending me to Cambodia or what was going to show up whilst I set off on this journey. I just said yes Lord.. What struck me at first was Ruthie didn't really have much to call her own. I know that everything she receives goes into the children & LIA she is truly selfless in her thinking, What a sense of humour ! God has two women left in charge who have never had children & we are in the position of caring for 3 babies night & day starting at 3 months old. Bottles. Tears and poop up to our eyeballs. God showed me through a Cambodian/Chinese baby eight months

New Home for Ruth

In November 2007 when Ruth was preparing for her visit back to Australia a team of ladies lead by their Pastor Leah Chandran from Christian Outreach Centre Maroochydore , Australia went on a mission to bless. They firstly made it possible for Ruth to come back to her family in Australia for two weeks. Leah & Vicki came for one month & took on the challenge to oversee all homes as well as care for our babies. Then two weeks later more of this team arrived. They set to the task of shifting Ruth, before she left, into her new unit that had never been lived in before. This unit has six bedrooms & also serves as nurseries for our babies occupying two of the rooms. This church raised funds to fully furnish & accessorize this lovely unit for Ruth. This is the most comfortable Ruth has ever lived on the mission field & as many people have observed over the years she has earn't the privilege. They fully furnished the nurseries with cots etc & also added accessories to our other LIA home for the girls & young ones. We are so grateful to God for people with big hearts and willingness to bless. These ladies also gave Ruth lots of laughs in the time she got to spend with them. It is valued people like this with a heart for Cambodia that leave an eternal impact on this nation. Here are a few pictures of the setup of their labors.

old called Elizabeth that I had unforgiveness in my heart to chinese people because of one betrayal involving a Chinese person. God also showed me that we have no understanding of our capacity to love until we allow Him to open our hearts. Caring for these babies Liz, Isaac & Joshua & all the LIA kids healed my broken heart. When Ruthie arrived home and walked through the rooms of her new home the look on her face was indescribable. When it was time to say goodbye to Ruthie & all the kids it was hard, but especially hard to leave Ruthie there by herself. I honestly believe we need to get totally involved in support to such a cause & vision such as LIA. Not just with finance but be willing to say Yes & go be the heart, hands, & feet of our Saviour who gave His all. This is the next generation to impact their nation just as important we need to go and support Ruth as she carries out this vision at times without much practical hands on support. Her & God together. But He needs us. Would I go again ? You bet! Only God could stop me...



Maroochydore Team



These are five of the six women with Ruth that we're responsible for all the work that went on during their stay



Babies Nurseries



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



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