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# Dear Friend and Partner,

Following is a summary of what God did in and through us during our stay in the "Land of Wonders". **Thank you** for your prayers and gifts that make this ministry possible.

### TRAVEL TO CAMBODIA

The team of five were made up of Byron Pirolo from Big Bear, Greg and Marci Pirolo from Boulder City, Bedros Ohanian from Sunland, CA and Aaron Smith from Hawaii. We all met at LAX for the 20 hour journey to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We arrived at our sleeping quarters Thursday night a bit after midnight. This was my return after 12 years and Greg and Marci's return after 5 years.

### ORIENTATION & THE PASTORS CONFERENCE

Six hours later we were up for a quick breakfast followed by a time of orientation with Randy Fleming and Curtis Johnson, long term missionaries with Water of Life and Inspired Missions. Preparations were made and then we left on our 4 hour drive out to the Svay Rieng province near the Vietnam border. Dinner and a good night's sleep at the Red Cross hotel and we were ready for the 1-hour drive on the dirt road out to the village for the monthly Village Pastor's Conference.

Greg had the privilege of teaching the 25 pastors and their wives on the fruit of the Holy Spirit. This was followed by testimonies from Marci, Byron, Bedros, and Aaron. We then distributed the Bibles to be given to people in their congregations who have been without. Thanks to a special donation from Aaron we were able to distribute many more Bibles than usual. Afterwards there was much prayer, fellowship, and a village lunch! Four hours later we returned to Phnom Penh.

\*\*Please pray for the pastors and people of the villages in the Svay Rieng province near the Vietnam border. Special prayer for Pastor Sokhorn as he has experienced great hardship over the past couple of years.







# CALVARY CHAPEL PHNOM PENH & GRACE CHURCH

Sunday morning we were blessed to attend Calvary Chapel Phnom Penh and fellowship and visit with many people. After lunch we then were off to Grace Church, planted by Vutha, a Khmer young man brought up and discipled in the Water of Life boy's home. This is a church and ministry among the poor people living next to the old city dump. Ministry has been ongoing here for about 10 years.



\*\*Please pray for both of these churches and their pastors who were all brought up in the Water of Life boys home. Pray for pastors Rith, Tongchou, Long, and Vutha as they continue to bring the Gospel message and God's Love to their people.



### AARON TO BATTAMBONG

During this same time, Aaron and two of the Khmer young men from Water of Life went by bus to Battambong where they met up with a local pastor and church. They talked about ideas and possibilities of working together in the future to bring the Gospel to the people of that area of Cambodia. Aaron has felt called to Cambodia for some time and asked if he could join our team specifically to see if God would confirm this call. Aaron and I worked together at the Calvary Chapel Conference Center Murrieta 25 years ago.

\*\*Please pray for Aaron as he continues to seek God regarding his possible involvement in full time missions in Cambodia.



# CHILDREN OF HOPE (COH)

Children of Hope is a family group home somewhat similar to a cross between an orphanage and a foster home. It was started by Katherine Steele (Mama) 15 years ago. They have kids ranging from newborn to college age. Some who were orphaned, others who were rescued from dire family circumstances. THANK YOU Calvary Chapel of Big Bear and Congregation who donated 3 suitcases of children's vitamins and cold/cough medicines. We gave most of these to Katherine. We were also able to bless them with a pizza party. Not as important but much more fun!!









### STEVEN SUTTON

Steven went to Cambodia with me in January of 2010, then returned a year later as a long term missionary. Now he is pretty much a Cambodian! He is married, has 3 kids of their own and has taken in 4 more. He lives in a remote area from the other missionaries and ministers in a number of ways to the local communities. We saved a carryon bag full of vitamins and medicines for Steven and his awesome family to distribute in village outreaches.

\*\*Please pray for Steven and family to have health and favor to continue to minister in remote villages.



# WATER OF LIFE (WOL)

Water of Life has a boy's home and a girl's home and focuses on discipleship through the Word of God. It also allows for a safe place to live and be loved on. Many ministries, outreaches, churches, and leaders got their start with WOL. While there, we spent time loving on and encouraging the leadership and the young men and women of WOL. We all worked together by participating in the church programs, building a new podium, repairing the holy Spirit Dove, making a spaghetti dinner and a pancake breakfast.

\*\*Please pray for God to bless this organization as they continue to reach the people of Cambodia with the Gospel message.









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