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NEWSLETTER



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Greetings to all of you: By the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ and the financial support of several of you, we have achieved a major milestone in our missionary work in Cambodia: we just opened up our Hope Foundation School.

The Lord has put opening a Christian School in Seam Reap in our hearts for more than a year now. That seed kept growing as a burning desire in our hearts, and last fall, we had several confirmations from God that He would support us and provide for us, if we acted in obedience to this new assignment He gave us. After several months looking for a building to lease, the Lord has shown a beautiful building, which matched our budget and the required space we needed for the school. We are really grateful also for the teachers he has brought to us and the financial support we have been faithfully receiving from our brothers and sister in the US and Brazil.

As I mentioned in our first newsletter, Andressa, Emilly, Rebeca and I, are all excited about the future of our Hope Foundation Ministry. There are so many needs to meet, and so much to do, that we certainly will continue to need His direction and blessing, as decisions are made, and at-risk children are reached out to, and transformed by Christ.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like further information about our ministry, please contact us at our e-mail address or thru our web site www.globalhopeforchildren.com.

May the grace, peace and presence of our Lord Jesus dominate your life and soul, as we, you and our Cambodian family move forward in 2024.

Blessings,

Luciano Fermino do Santos
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01. Hope Foundation School Updates

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We are thrilled to provide an update on the progress of Hope Foundation School! With gratitude to our partners, and by the grace of Christ, our school is now up and running, fulfilling its mission of providing top-notch Christian education to our beloved children. We are excited to announce that we have secured an excellent location to hold our classes (5 years lease signed), ensuring a conducive environment for learning and growth.

Furthermore, we are delighted to share that our team of dedicated 4 teachers are already at work, passionately guiding and nurturing our students towards academic excellence and spiritual development. With their expertise and commitment, coupled with the support of our Christian community and supporters, Hope Foundation School is flourishing as a beacon of faith-filled education in Siem Reap.

As we see the positive impact our school is already making in the lives of our children, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the journey ahead. Together, let us continue to support and uplift Hope Foundation School, empowering our students to thrive academically, spiritually, and personally. Stay tuned for more updates as we celebrate the achievements and milestones of our growing educational community!

To see all photos and video of the Hope Foundation School, go to Our Stories in the Global Hope for Children website: www.globalhopeforchildren.com.

02. RCC 2024 Visit Coming Up

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Following the heartwarming visit from River City Church in 2023, we are thrilled to announce that a new trip is being planned for July to further connect with the children of Hope Foundation! This upcoming journey isn't just about spending time together; it's about fostering deeper connections, creating lasting memories, and offering vital support and encouragement.

If you're interested in joining us on this transformative adventure, please reach out to Fernando or Rose at RCC or contact us thru our web site at www.globalhopeforchildren.com. Together, let's continue to spread love, joy, and proclaim Jesus; making a difference in the lives of these incredible young children. Your participation could be the start of a beautiful journey filled with meaningful experiences and heartfelt connections. Let's make July a month to remember, as we come together to uplift and inspire those in need.

03. Birthday Celebrations

February 2024



This quarter, we celebrated the birthdays of our beloved children at the Hope Foundation with joyous festivities! It's a tradition we cherish, holding these celebrations twice a year, to ensure each birthday child feels the warmth of Christ's love, the attention, and the recognition they truly deserve. With laughter echoing through our halls and smiles lighting up their faces, it's a reminder of the precious moments we share as a family, united in our commitment to nurture and uplift every child under our care.

At these gatherings, the air is filled with excitement as we honor each child's special day with personalized surprises, heartfelt gifts, and, of course, a scrumptious birthday cake. It's a time when our children feel cherished and valued, surrounded by the unwavering support of our dedicated team and fellow peers. Through these celebrations, we not only mark the passage of time but also reaffirm our pledge to provide a nurturing environment where every child can thrive and feel celebrated, today and every day.

To see all photos and video of the birthday celebration, go to Our Stories in the Global Hope for Children website: www.globalhopeforchildren.com.

04. New Daughters: Manghong and Miyura

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At the beginning of this year, God blessed us with two more daughters, bringing the total to 46 children at the Hope Foundation. The youngest on the left is named Manghong, another precious child entrusted to us by Jesus. Despite being abandoned by her parents, she will be showered with love and care from God and the Hope Foundation. The older one on the right is Miyura, a 16-year-old teenager, who is another precious gift from God. Her parents had abandoned her, and she had recently been living with an uncle who could no longer care for her. Upon hearing about Hope Foundation, her uncle reached out to us and gave us Miyura. She is already receiving the care, affection, and transforming love of Christ she deserves.

We welcomed them with open arms, and now they are part of our family. Both of them, like the others, arrived at the Hope Foundation with sad and rejected looks, especially Miyura, who is old enough to understand the context of her story. Our team and children have already embraced them with love. We assured them that they now have a family, that they will be deeply loved, and we firmly believe in the transformation that will occur in their lives through the love of Jesus Christ. In the future, we will share more information about them so you can see their transformation too. Once again, we thank everyone for their prayers and financial support, to help us continue to receive these children who are rejected by the world, but will grow knowing Jesus and the love of God and His Kingdom.

05. Lein & Sreymoun – 1 year at Hope Foundation

January 2024



January 2024 marked the one year anniversary that these two girls joined the Hope Foundation. The younger one is named Lein and the older one is Sreymoun. Their stories are something that brings glory to God. We met the younger girl, Lein, in a village at the border of Thailand. She didn't have a known father, and her mother wanted to give her away because she couldn't afford to raise her. When we were there assessing her situation and understanding why her mother wanted to give her away, we noticed there was an older teenager. The older one was doing some household chores and didn't participate much in the conversation. At the end, I asked about the older girl and who her parents were. The family we were talking to told us that her parents had left her with them when she was very young, and now she lived and worked with them. We immediately noticed that this teenage girl had a very sad expression, and we realized she wasn't happy with that family. That's when we talked to the family to also release the teenager to come with us to the Hope Foundation. There was a lot of resistance from the family because Sreymoun was in charge of all the household tasks. However, after much conversation and God touching their hearts, the situation changed, and both girls were released to come to Hope Foundation with us. Sreymoun was very happy to join our family, and both are very happy now as part of our family. Additionally, knowing that the family who had given us the girls was in a precarious situation, we financially help them every month.

06. Sound of Freedom

January 2024



This past January, the girls poured their hearts into yet another stirring presentation, channeling their past challenges and emotions into every dance move and spoken word. For them, these performances aren't just showcases of talent; they're profound acts of healing, each step and gesture a testament to their resilience and strength, as they express their gratitude for the healing they've received from God.

Through the power of storytelling and movement, the girls find solace and healing, transforming their past wounds into sources of empowerment. Their performances become sacred spaces, where they lay bare their struggles and triumphs, trusting in God's grace to guide them forward. With each step on stage, they release the weight of their past burdens, emerging stronger and more united in their faith in Christ.

To see the video of the performance, go to Our Stories in the Global Hope for Children website: www.globalhopeforchildren.com.

07. Sopheap & Sogna – 5 years anniversary at Hope Foundation

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Five years ago, our family welcomed Sopheap and Sogna into our lives and family. Literally street girls, without education or the protection of a family, they have been transformed into worship leaders within our little community of believers at Hope Foundation, and also conduct, often on recitals, at the music school they attend. It's truly remarkable how Jesus has worked through them. Looking back, I remember being in a terrible ministry dilemma when we first welcomed them. I wasn't very fond of Cambodia - the heat and humidity were almost unbearable for me. Yet, looking back, I'm filled with gratitude to Jesus for not letting me give up on Cambodia. Jesus transformative power has truly shone through the lives of these two girls, and there is no better reward than that, to our hard work and commitment to rescue at risk children in Cambodia.

Their journey from the streets of Siem Reap to a leadership role at Hope Foundation, exemplifies the profound impact faith can have in shaping lives. Despite initial challenges and some personal discomfort, witnessing their growth and transformation has been a testament to the power of resilience and the grace of God. As we continue to walk alongside Sopheap and Sogna in our community, let us be reminded of the incredible transforming power of Christ to change lives, when the call to love and serve others is answered.