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NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are filled with gratitude as we reflect on the remarkable progress and blessings witnessed in our third mission trip at the Hope Foundation in Cambodia. This time we had a team of 16 people ages 9 to 76 years old -- double the group size from our last trip in 2023.

Since our last communication, the Lord has continued to guide and provide for us abundantly. The highlight of this quarter has been the successful operation of the Hope Foundation School, a vision realized through your unwavering support and prayers. This school not only provides quality education but also nurtures our children in an environment where they can freely express their faith and grow spiritually.

We were blessed to welcome this team from River City Church and other supporters who dedicated their time and efforts to enrich the lives of our children. This visit was not only a time of bonding and recreation but also a testament to the power of community in our mission.

However, amidst these joys, we face challenges in navigating government affairs and bureaucratic procedures necessary for our continued operation and growth. We humbly ask for your prayers for wisdom, discernment, and divine intervention in these matters. Specifically, we seek favor in securing permits and approvals to expand our capacity to welcome more children into our care.

In the midst of all the challenges, we have welcomed new additions to our family – including teenagers and younger girls – each with their own stories of resilience and hope. Their presence reminds us daily of the transformative power of love and faith. We currently host 50 children in our two compounds and the Lord is graciously continuing to add children to our Hope Foundation family.

As we press forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving the vulnerable and spreading the love of Christ. Your continued partnership is crucial as we press forward and strive to make a lasting impact in the lives of at-risk children in Cambodia.

We invite you to visit our website at www.globalhopeforchildren.com to view updates, videos, and stories that capture the essence of our journey. Your prayers, support, and involvement are deeply cherished and instrumental in our mission.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to guide and sustain you as we journey together in faith and service.

Blessings,

Luciano Fermino do Santos
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01. New Project: Bread of Life Bakery

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Dear Supporters,

We are excited to share that God has placed a new and meaningful project on our hearts: starting a bakery in Cambodia. This endeavor is more than just a business venture; it is a mission to empower the young adults at the Hope Foundation by providing them with valuable training and a profession. Our vision is to create a sustainable solution that benefits both the individuals we serve and the community at large.

To bring this dream to life, we need your help. We are raising funds to purchase all the necessary equipment for the bakery and to implement a comprehensive training program for these young adults. By equipping them with the skills needed to bake bread and other bakery foods, we will not only provide them with a profession but also significantly reduce the costs associated with providing for the Hope Foundation.

Our goal is to shift from merely giving allowances to these young ladies to paying them a fair salary through the proceeds generated from selling and producing bread. This initiative will foster a sense of pride and independence among the young adults, as they contribute to the orphanage's needs and gain financial stability through their work.

We invite you to join us in this heartfelt mission. Your support will help us create lasting change and offer hope and opportunity to those in need. If you feel in your heart to support this endeavor, visit our website (www.globalhopeforchildren.com) for specifics on what is needed and how to contribute to make this a dream a reality.

02. RCC Visit Report

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In early July, a US team, in collaboration with River City Church and other supporters, embarked on a heartfelt mission to Cambodia to strengthen bonds and share love with Luciano and Andressa's family. Last year's visit was a pivotal experience, with 8 team members dedicating two weeks to preparing activities and bonding with the children. This year, the prayers for growth were answered as the group doubled in size, with 16 individuals sacrificing their time and routines to care for the children of Hope Foundation.

Preparations for this year's visit were extensive. River City Church hosted Scuba VBS, their summer Bible school for kids, which served as a meaningful precursor to the journey ahead. During this event, a touching moment unfolded as RCC kids wrote heartfelt cards, prayed fervently, and gathered school supplies to be sent to their friends in Cambodia.

The impact of this collaborative effort resonated deeply as it not only enriched the lives of the children in Seam Reap but also fostered a spirit of unity and compassion across continents. The dedication shown by River City Church and all supporters exemplifies the power of love in action and reinforces our commitment to nurturing and supporting the Hope Foundation family.

To view all the videos and pictures from this transformative trip, please visit the Global Hope Foundation website – www.globalhopeforchildren.com.

03. Hope Foundation School in Operation!!

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As reported in our previous newsletter and on our website, the Hope Foundation School successfully opened its doors this year and is now fully operational. We have hired 5 dedicated teachers and staff, and our children are thriving in an environment where they can learn freely and express their faith without the constraints imposed by other schools they attended previously.

The Hope Foundation family has created a heartfelt video showcasing the progress of our school and introducing it to all of you who have contributed to making this vision a reality. To experience the impact firsthand, we invite you to watch the video on our website at www.globalhopeforchildren.com under 'Our Stories' and 'Hope Foundation School in Operation Video'. We are confident that it will touch your hearts deeply.

The establishment of the Hope Foundation School has been made possible through your generous support and prayers. Your contributions have enabled us to provide quality education, nutritious meals, and essential supplies to the children. As we look forward, we are filled with anticipation for the future and the countless lives that will be transformed through the power of education and the love of Christ. We warmly invite you to continue partnering with us in this remarkable journey of faith and hope.

04. Prayer Request: Government Affairs

June 2024



At present, we are facing critical challenges concerning government affairs that urgently require your prayers. As our ministry expands, we encounter various regulatory and legal hurdles essential for the long-term stability and sustainability of our work. These processes are intricate and time-consuming, prompting us to seek God's wisdom, discernment, and divine intervention.

One pressing issue is obtaining necessary permits and approvals from social services to continue welcoming more children into the Hope Foundation. We need God's favor in establishing strong relationships with local officials and government agencies so we can continue to grow our ministry. We request your prayers for divine intervention so we can have access to higher government officials who can facilitate the growth of our ministry. Together, let us trust in God's faithfulness to overcome obstacles and pave the way for continued ministry growth and transformation of the lives of at risk children in Cambodia.

05. Our 2 new teenager daughters: Mocharov and Monorom

June 2024



Brothers and sisters, Jesus has entrusted us with two more of His daughters. A Cambodian pastor approached us, asking for help for these two teenagers. Their parents are no longer together and want their daughters to be placed in an orphanage. When I saw their photo, my heart was filled with sadness and fear. These girls are already at a difficult age, and their expressions suggest they are understandably resentful of life. Being rejected by one's own family is not easy to accept.

These girls have previously lived in another orphanage and did not like it. However, this is not a concern for us because Hope Foundation is not just another orphanage; it is a home where they will be protected and, most importantly, introduced to Jesus. We are committed to providing them with a loving and supportive environment, where they can heal from their past traumas and find hope and purpose in their new family. Our focus is on creating a nurturing atmosphere where they can thrive and experience the love of Christ.

They have been with us for a few days now and they are slowly adapting to their new home. Their older sister has been with us for several months, which we believe will help ease their adaptation process. Having a familiar face and a sibling who has already adjusted to our home will provide them with a sense of security and comfort. We trust in God's plan for these girls and are dedicated to helping them grow and flourish in their faith and lives. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to settle into their new home.

06. Our 3 new little daughters: Saranian, Sreyka and Sreymeiy.

May 2024



We are overjoyed to introduce three precious additions to our family: Saranian, Sreyka, and Sreymeiy. Each of their journeys reflects the challenges faced by vulnerable children in Cambodia and the grace of God in bringing them to us.

Saranian, our newest member, arrived after being abandoned by her parents. Unlike Sapon, who was exploited by her parents for begging, Saranian was abandoned without any support. We thank God for entrusting us with her care and providing her a loving home where she can find safety and peace.

Sreyka, a 10-year-old girl, faced unimaginable hardship living on the streets after her parents, who struggled with drug addiction, disappeared. Despite being rescued by an organization, she struggled to adapt there but now found refuge with us. Despite some challenges we are facing with local authorities in becoming her guardians, we felt compelled to provide her a safe and loving home.

Sreymeiy's story is one of courage and hardships. Her stepfather's opposition had previously prevented her from joining us. Her mother bravely acted when he left for work, bringing her to us to escape the stepfather physical violence. We are committed to protecting her and ensuring she knows the love of Jesus in her new home.

These stories highlight the urgent need for love and protection for vulnerable children in Cambodia. We are dedicated to providing a safe haven where they can heal and grow in faith. Your prayers and support are crucial as we continue to care for Saranian, Sreyka, Sreymeiy, and others like them, ensuring they thrive in a nurturing Christian environment.