

News from the Shelter of Love Center Kompong Thom, Cambodia

June 2017

Easter and Cambodian New Year

Cambodian New Year is always celebrated in mid-April. It is the most important of the Cambodian traditions. Cambodian New Year is a time for visiting family and playing games that are reserved just for Khmer New Year. At SLC the children, youth and staff enjoyed a time of playing games, dancing traditional dances, and eating treats to celebrate. **Easter** also came in mid-April this year, which provided a blessed time celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at the Center. The youth and children presented a



very special drama. It was a celebration with a much greater meaning than **Cambodian New Year**. For the boys and girls who have arrived at SLC since **Easter** of 2016 from non-Christian homes it was a special time of understanding the meaning of Easter and how much God loves them.



Vacation Bible School

International Baptist Church, Singapore sent another wonderful team to teach Vacation Bible School the last week in March. The theme for the week was “Submerge”. Bible study, music, crafts and games provided blessings for everyone at the Center.

Update on Baby Lydia

Lydia was seen by an American Pediatric Cardiologist in late February at Kantha Bopha Children’s Hospital in Siem Reap (2 hours from SLC). She had been in the hospital for more than two weeks as scans were done in preparation for the specialist. His conclusion was that no surgery can be done on her as she does not have adequate veins. This was disappointing, but God is in control, and she is greatly loved by everyone at the Center. The good news is that she is slowly growing and her strength also slowly improves. She is about 18 months old now. **Please pray for Lydia’s growth, strength and general health.**



12th Grade Students

Bunnet and Lei are finishing high school soon. **Please pray for their success in taking the national 12th grade test and for wisdom for them in choosing a plan of study for their futures.**



New Ministry

Children from Oromdeng Village arrived at the SLC gate one afternoon three months ago wanting to study English. They had walked about forty five minutes to get there and had thought they were going to the monkey farm next door to SLC, but arrived at the wrong gate. They were welcomed and English lessons were begun. After a short time two of the house parents decided to take a few of the youth to go and teach English at their village because of the long distance for them to walk. They also began to teach them Bible stories and now this is a regular ministry. It had to be in the providence of God that they entered a different gate than they had expected to enter on that first visit. If they had gone to the monkey farm they would not be learning about Jesus as well as learning English.



Volunteers

Volunteers make a great difference as they teach and work alongside the children, youth and staff. Since our last newsletter Volunteers from IBC, Singapore, Malaysia and the US have visited and made a difference. Won't you consider being a volunteer in the future? Individuals and groups are welcome! Contact Bora Hem: bora_hem@yahoo.com

Thank you to all who have faithfully prayed and/or faithfully given to support this incredible work of carrying for and nurturing Cambodian children. Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these children of Mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40b (paraphrase)

Sue Singleton in NC would be happy to share with your church or a small group updating you about the Center. suesingleton73@gmail.com Phone: 252-406 4023

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