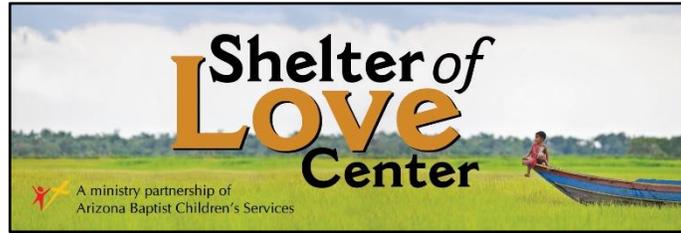


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Summer Edition

Greetings from the Shelter of Love Center (SLC) in Kampong Thom, Cambodia

Easter and Cambodian New Year

Cambodian New Year is always celebrated in mid-April. It is the most important of the Cambodian traditions. This holiday is a time for visiting family and playing games that are reserved just for the Khmer New Year. At SLC the children, youth and staff enjoyed a time of games, traditional dances, and eating special treats. Easter also came in mid-April this year, which provided a blessed time celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. The youth and children presented a very special Easter drama to point people to a much greater meaning beyond the 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 to experience just how much God loves them.



Vacation Bible School

International Baptist Church Singapore sent another wonderful team to teach Vacation Bible School during 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. VBS is an important time for the children at SLC. It helps grow a deeper foundation in the gospel and encourages the children to be bolder in their faith.

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 due to her inadequate veins. This was disappointing news, but God is still in control. Lydia is greatly loved by everyone at the Center, and the good news is that she is slowly growing and her strength is also improving. She is about 18 months old now. Please pray for Lydia's continued health and development.





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.

Volunteers

Volunteers make a great difference as they teach and work alongside the children, youth and staff. Since our last newsletter Volunteers from International Baptist Church Singapore, Malaysia and the United States have visited and made a difference. Won't you consider being a volunteer in the future? Individuals and groups are welcome! For more information, please contact **Bora Hem (SLC Coordinator): bora_hem@yahoo.com.**

New Ministry

Children from Oromdeng Village arrived at the SLC gate one afternoon three months ago. 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.



Thank you to all who have faithfully prayed and faithfully given to support this incredible work of caring for and nurturing Cambodian children. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." If you would like more stories and information about the center please visit: www.shelteroflove.org.

Would you like another way to hear more about the ministry in Cambodia? Sue Singleton in North Carolina would be happy to share with your church or a small group updating you about the center. Please contact **Sue at: suesingleton73@gmail.com or phone 252-406 4023.**

SLC founders John and Anne Lewis (Faith Foundation) faithfully support this vital work. Arizona Baptist Children's Services & Family Ministries (www.abcs.org) continue their partnership to provide support including: newsletters and fundraising assistance. 100% of donations go to the work at Shelter of Love Center in Cambodia. Tax deductible contributions may be sent with the enclosed giving envelope or on-line at www.shelteroflove.org.