



# HOME OF GRACE MINISTRY CAMBODIA

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Greetings Family & Friends:

We have just returned from Cambodia! Once again, we have many exciting stories to tell about all that our God has done in the hearts and lives of the people! As we spent over two months there during this recent trip, we witnessed how God truly blessed your faithfulness to pray and give as He has done many great works in Cambodia. Each time we go, we trust that God is going to provide for us with physical strength, wisdom and everything we need to accomplish the work He has set before us. While you may not have been able to travel with us, so many of you have been the hands and feet of Christ serving alongside us on the mission field through your faithfulness to pray and give for God's kingdom.



What a blessing to return this spring and have the opportunity to share the Easter story with the people in the villages and to have a special time to celebrate Easter with the children at Home of Grace. Many of the children return to their homes April 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the New Year holiday *Pchum Ben* with their family. We are always so encouraged by how the children have grown and changed in the short time while we are away. They are continually growing more in their leadership skills and becoming world changers for Christ! The staff continues to grow as well in their love and commitment to the lives of the children. They are truly a blessing as they keep everything running while we are away. We greatly appreciate your specific prayers for them as they faithfully serve at Home of Grace Orphanage.





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The youth mission team of 12 from First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma gave their spring break vacation to serve with us in Cambodia from March 15<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. They faithfully assisted us with outreach to the villages to share God's love, feed the hungry children, and to do VBS, teaching Bible stories and spending time with the children at Home of Grace. The children were so excited to visit with them. The girls at Home of Grace especially enjoyed having the opportunity to do the hair of the girls

on the youth mission team! They enjoyed singing songs of worship together and playing games. It is always so encouraging for them when the team comes to share their time and talents. What a powerful message for the children to understand that they have such a large family of God that will travel such a great distance to come to see and help them.



The team was also such a blessing to the people in the villages. As they faithfully shared, many lives were changed as the people responded and committed their lives to Christ and were baptized! During the VBS many children and families were fed and given much needed supplies such as bags of rice, mosquito netting and school supplies.





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We visited with some children in the village who, like so many we encounter, had very little to eat, only one small meal a day at noon and hardly anything to wear. We were able to bring two of the children to Home of Grace where



we fed and clothed them and provided needed medical care, and shared the love of Christ with their family.

After only a matter of days, there was such an amazing visible difference in these children. They had so much more life about them; they were healthier, happier and stronger! This is a prime example of the importance of rescuing children and the impact it makes on their life forever as they are given hope and the future God has planned for them!! These children had never been in school, and at their first meal at Home of Grace they had tears in their eyes because they didn't know how to eat it. Through God's faithfulness and your giving, children like this have been greatly impacted to bring them from the darkness to the light.



The story of these kids began when we were checking on the outreach work in the villages. We heard from a community leader about the hardship of the family of these children. The family didn't know where to turn. The father had passed away and the mother of 3 children had nothing to feed or clothe her children. We took an hour trip on a dirt road on the side of a

mountain. Thanks to God it wasn't the rainy season, so we could get there. We found the family living with another family in the hut with no water, no roof or walls, and with little food. The kids would sit around the fire with the food they found in the field, and boil it in water. The mom picked mangos when she could to have little a little money to buy rice.

We talked with the mom, she was ready to send the two of the oldest to us because she could not provide daily food and clothes for them. We had given them our breakfast and lunch that day, and when we left, we gave her some money for food, and told her we would come back to bring more help. When we returned to the Home of Grace, we sent our staff with rice, noodles, mosquito nets, blankets, mats, and clothing for the kids. After a few times visiting the village and this family, and processing the paperwork

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with the village leader and community leader, we were able to bring the older two kids to the Home of Grace.

At the home of Grace we give them three pair of clothes, give them haircuts and fingernail trimming, take a bath and they are just so happy for this help. When they eat their first meal it brought a tear to their eyes. They haven't ever had meat in a meal before. They are able to feel safe and be happy, without worry about their food!!!

You can see from this story, the great impact of your support of Home of Grace and the mission in Cambodia. From this humble beginning, we have had students go on college, they are the first in their village. And now many of the older children go to school and serve at Home of Grace and villages. They continue to express their gratitude about what they're learning, and give back and help others, and making a difference in their own community.



During this trip, VBS served almost 600 children. God brought 68 souls to pray for salvation and 39 made a public profession of faith through baptism!!



We are so grateful and blessed for this journey of Spring 2018. It has been truly amazing again to see God continue to lead us in every step in providing for the needs of the people, and bringing the message of love and hope to them. We are humbled and honored to be serving our Almighty God with you. Thank you for being faithful to support God's work through your partnership of giving and praying. You have impacted God's kingdom and many lives have been transformed in the nation of Cambodia.

Blessings!

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