



“For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Greetings from Cambodia. My name is Vicki Monley and I get the privilege of writing the quarterly newsletter for the Shelter of Love (SLC). I am a missionary who has lived in Cambodia since 2015. My very first short term mission trip was in 2008 at SLC. I fell in love with the children, staff and the people of Cambodia. It's important for me to share with you about the staff at SLC so in this addition I have chosen to write about the Coordinator, Bora Hem.

I first met Bora in 2008 when Sue Singleton was still very active at the Shelter. He started working at SLC in 2007 where he worked alongside Sue learning many new things but his primary job at that time was teaching the children how to use computers. Bora met Sue in 1997 when he was going to the university in Phnom Penh where he studied Math.

Bora would work with Sue to help organize the schedules for all the volunteers who visited the Center. I remember him to always have a smile on his face and do anything needed to make you feel welcomed. His current job as Director of SLC includes but not limited to :), overseeing and advising all the staff and projects, teaching the bible to the staff, scheduling and working with all volunteers that come to the Center, and working with the government officials.



with the prison ministry and works with the youth in sports to teach them about Jesus. He also stays connected with the other Pastors in Kampong Thom to better serve the community. Most of you know he is married to a wonderful Christian woman named Sophal. They have 3 young boys.



Here are a few of the interview questions that I asked him:

1. What made you want to work at the Shelter of Love: "My life calling is in ministry and I want to do everything for the glory of God. I have a heart to help other people find their passion and calling. Working at SLC is the greatest place to fulfill this as I get to help these underprivileged children to achieve their goals."



2. Over the years how has working at SLC been a blessing to you? "The biggest blessing to me is to see the children grow into adulthood and becoming the person God has designed them to be."

3. How has it been a sacrifice for you and your family over the years? "Sometimes I think about what life would have been like if I had chosen a different path. I might have had other opportunities to make more



his life to glorify Him. He is also very active in the community. He is the Pastor of our local church, Kampong Thom Baptist. He is involved

Bora has the best demeanor for this job. The other staff members as well as the kids love and respect him. He loves Jesus and wants to live



money, to have more things, but following God's will for my life is the greatest choice I could have ever made. Philippians 3:8 states, 'More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.' This is my heart."

4. What is your favorite thing about working at SLC?
"When I see a youth find his/her own life calling.

I ask that you continue to pray for Bora and his family. He wears many hats and wants to serve the Lord with all his heart. And we know that is exactly the type of person Satan will go after. Especially in a country where there is so much darkness.

Student Highlight

The student highlighted this addition is Lydia. Lydia came to the Shelter of Love in 2016. She came from abusive and alcoholic parents. When she was 8 months old the mother left the home and the Village Chief asked the Center to take her. She weighed about 5 pounds. The staff thought she was too small because of malnutrition. However, while in their care, she became very ill and was taken to the pediatric hospital in Siem Reap. The staff at the hospital recognized Lydia and informed SLC of a serious heart problem she had. She was born with only 3 heart chambers. This was the reason she was so small and highly susceptible to infections. SLC found out that the father knew of this issue and didn't mention it to anyone.



Lydia had to have very special care in the beginning of her life at SLC. Thankfully Bunna, Pheara and Sophia took extra special care of her.

They even made their own baby food to help save money. Lydia was over two years old when she started walking. Her speech is still slow in developing.

Lydia is a fighter. With all the illnesses in her short little life span she has persevered and is a happy little girl.

We believe God saved Lydia's life as she may not have survived if she had not been taken to SLC. Please continue to pray for Lydia's health.



Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for the current COVID situation in Cambodia. We went all of 2020 with very few cases and now the number is almost at 10,000. This is in spite of the efforts of the government and a strict lockdown in several cities including the capitol Phnom Penh. This may not sound so serious compared to the rest of the world, but Cambodia's health system is extremely limited. And when families cannot go to work they suffer financially. Please pray that the vaccination efforts along with the lockdowns will help stop this community transmission and that God would intervene.

2. Please continue to pray for the staff and children at SLC. Pray for wisdom and guidance. It's a difficult time with the lockdown and the children being confined to the Center.

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