

"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Hello dear friends and supporters of the Shelter of Love Center (SLC), Kampong Thom, Cambodia! Praying these updates find you well.

COVID Update - We are now over 60,000 cases (again, a far cry from the 500 cases we had for a year), and over 900 deaths. Still low numbers compared to other countries, however increasing daily. The vaccine is now being widely distributed. The government continues to do a good job trying to contain the virus.

With the continuance of the strict lockdowns still in place, the staff at SLC are trying hard to be creative with new ideas on teaching the children and youth. A Khmer Teacher is able to come



to the Center and teach the younger children daily. The older kids and youth continue to study online and participate in English classes being taught by the staff and youth.



Proverbs 11:25 "The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered." Blessed to be a blessing. This is the mindset of the staff at the Shelter of Love Center. Using time wisely, several

staff members have started a Child & Youth Worship & Learn Program. Sokly, Srey Nich, Pheara, and Sophea meet once a month with the children



and twice a month with the youth. In the youth meetings, they use the assistance of Elijah, Vuthe, and LyHor as leaders. Sokly will prepare the lesson plans for the day. During their time together, they share bible stories, have praise and worship time, and each



month the lesson plans will cover different subjects. This month they are learning how to have better manners. It's important to teach them proper manners in eating, speaking, walking and how to greet people. Greetings differ depending on age in Cambodia.



Additionally, during lockdown the women staff members meet for bible study and prayer time. This is led by Srey Nich who

is the staff Counselor at SLC. When Covid restrictions are lifted their hopes are to visit more of the villages surrounding SLC to share the good news of Jesus Christ

Student Highlight

In this issue the student highlight is focused on 2 sisters. Chanthorn who is now 23 years





old and her sister Seang Eng who is 17 years old. Their mother could not provide for her children. She became heavily in debt and had to leave the

country to go to Malaysia to work in order to help pay off her debt. Chanthorn came to the Center first when the brick house was built in July, 2007. Seang Eng came in October of 2009.

Chanthorn was brought to SLC by a Pastor named Naro Tay. He knew that Chanthorn would have little to no hope of being able to go to school or being taught about Jesus. Chanthorn while living at the Center excelled in her school work. She was a blessing to her house parents Sokly and Sina.



She would assist in teaching English and Sunday School to the other children, playing with the kids, and always willing to help where needed. She volunteered her time to help in the ministry outside the Center serving other villages and teaching about Jesus. After graduating high school she furthered her studies at the Royal University in Phnom Penh where she studied Hotel and Tourism Management. She is currently employed in Phnom Penh in a customer service position.



Seng Eng is currently in 12th grade where she does well in her studies. She would like to study computers after graduation. Following in her sister's footsteps, she too is very helpful to her house parents. She teaches English and Sunday School. She loves to help grow the vegetables

and sell them at the weekend market which is currently closed due to Covid.

Please pray for these two sisters. Pray for Chanthorn who is now in the working world that she will prosper and be a light for Jesus. That she will remember what she learned at SLC and have a heart to share the gospel. Please pray for Seng Eng and her future and that she too will shine her light in the path God has set for her.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please continue to pray for the house parents and staff to seek wisdom from above, to serve the children effectively, love them as their own, and to draw them into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. John 13:35 states "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." We thank



God for the unity, love and the unreserved service of the staff at SLC.

- 2. Please continue to pray for the current Covid situation in Cambodia.
- 3. Please continue to pray for children and youth to be obedient to their house parents and the staff. Pray that they are strengthened during this lockdown which is hard on everyone. Pray that they can be forgiving of each other and to love one another. Pray for their wellbeing and studies.

Finally, we want to encourage all of you from the scripture verse found in Hebrews 6:10 - "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them."

God bless you,

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