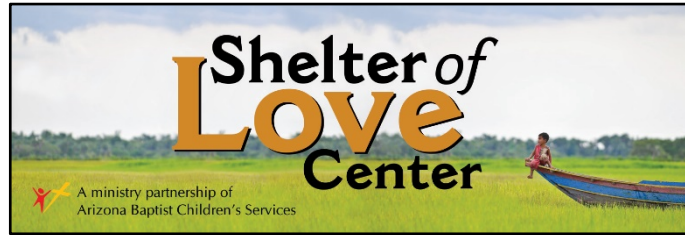


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**Summer Edition**

***Chum Rib Sua (Greetings) from Shelter of Love Center (SLC) in Kompong Thom, Cambodia***

## Homecoming

Cambodian New Year is in April and is the time that people return to their home village to visit family. In April of 2018 former residents of the Shelter of Love Center were invited back for a homecoming celebration. Many came home and fun was had by all! Everyone reminisced, played traditional New Year games, danced the traditional dances, renewed old relationships and fellowshipped as a family of believers. And of course, much food was enjoyed. This will certainly become an annual event moving forward.



## National High Jump Winner

Nhork Khem is in the 11th grade at Kompong Thom High School and is skilled as a high jumper. In his school's tournament he won the bronze medal and went on to compete in the national contest where he won the gold medal! This was only the second national contest in this sport. Everyone at the Center is proud of Nhork's accomplishment in the high jump.

## The Need Continues: Our New Residents

Three new boys have moved into the Center since the January newsletter. Mengsor is 12 years old and was discovered by a Christian lady visiting in a remote village. She learned that he was not being cared for properly.

Kimsieng and Kimseng are brothers ages 7 and 4 who were with their grandmother living in an open hut at the base of Santuk Mountain. Her income was what she begged from visitors who went there to enjoy climbing the mountain. Their parents had divorced. The father disappeared and mother went to a distant province to work leaving the boys with their grandmother, who did not have the means to care for them. Similar stories are extremely common in Cambodia.





### Update on Lydia

Little Lydia, who was born with only three chambers in her heart, is now two and a half years old. She continues to grow and has begun taking a few steps. She has begun talking and is bilingual. Her vocabulary includes two words, which are Mach (mother in Khmer) and bye, bye in English. Please continue to pray for her continued development and good health. She is a miracle!

### Fruits Galore

The SLC residents are enjoying the “fruits of their labors.” They have faithfully planted fruit trees in recent years and here you see some of the dragon fruits. Tropical fruits are especially delicious and wonderful supplements to their daily meals.



**Christian volunteers** continue to make a difference at the Center. Individuals as well as groups are welcome. Contact the Center Coordinator, Bora Hem at [bora\\_hem@yahoo.com](mailto:bora_hem@yahoo.com) to plan your visit.



### University Graduation

Srey Seang Phat graduated from International University in 2014. Now in June 2018 she has received her diploma at a graduation ceremony. This is not unusual timing in Cambodia. The year after Srey Seang’s completed her four years of study she married Paung Un who also grew up at the Center and had completed a four-year law program at the National Law School in 2013. His graduation took place in 2016. They have an adorable son, Gideon, born in 2017. Her house father, Bunna, and Bora, the Center Coordinator, celebrated along with her husband and son.

### Pray for:

Four 12<sup>th</sup> graders who will be taking their national exam in August. Pray for clear decisions concerning their future studies.

Three college students will be finishing their degrees in August or September. Pray for direction for employment.

Good health for all of the staff and children and youth.

Christian growth as they study God’s Word and learn to depend on God for their daily behavior.

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go. And when he is old he will not depart from it.” This is the Center’s motto. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support which are so essential in helping the staff fulfill this scripture in the lives of the children and youth at SLC.

In Christ’s love,

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