

DREBES CAMBODIA NEWSLETTER JULY 2009



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"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me....I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:34-36,40

To partner with us to reach the Cambodian people with the gospel and care for them as Jesus did, financial gifts may be sent payable to: "World Team" (please note: "For the ministry of Greg and Jane Drebes") to World Team, 1431 Stuckert Road, Warrington, PA 18976. Thank you to those who are co-laboring with us. World Team donor services 1-800-967-7109



WHAT AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

This is a team from Davisville, our home church, who came to serve us... what a blessing! Thank you to all who supported them. They helped us in so many ways but especially to lift us up, encourage and love us.*** Thank you team! We were so busy we missed sending our June Update!



SECOND-HAND CD PLAYERS

With gifts from Davisville, we were able to purchase more second-hand CD players and Khmer Bible story CD's for the home Bible study pictured above.*** The team was able to hear testimony about what God has done in their lives including the woman from our last newsletter (with the mask). As some of them stated, there is no doubt of the joy she now is experiencing as you watch her and hear her share about the God of the Bible she worships now. She told them how she loves to listen to the stories about God on her CD player. Most of the poor cannot read and so these CD's and players are their only Bible. We have had some converted to run off a battery for those who go back into their provinces and want to listen and share with others while there.



SREY POV AND HER HOME – ANOTHER “MIRACLE” FROM GOD

When we met this young girl (then 14), she was not a Christian, could not afford to go to school, she was missing a front tooth and her tiny little shack with 8 siblings flooded every day during rainy season. Srey Pov, now 16, loves the Lord with all her heart and soul. She also has a new front tooth and smile. We were able to put her into Christian school this year and we are so proud to announce that she is #1 in her class!!!*** Also, we had given the family some money to repair their little shack but somehow it was not enough and the repairs stopped. They were left without two walls and no flooring. We told Srey Pov and the other teen girls we needed to pray about the situation. During prayer, Srey Pov cried and lifted her hands in earnest prayer to God. The very next day we opened

our computer and read an email from World Team... "\$500 donated for housing for a poor family."
We were in awe! It was exactly the amount that Greg determined we needed to finish the project.
The people who donated the money knew nothing about this need. Because of the time difference,
the money was actually donated within hours of that prayer! Please pray for her parents and siblings,
that they come to know the true, living God of the Bible.***

We have seen God do so many things like this. In fact, in a Beth Moore Bible study, "Believing God" that Jane is studying now, Moore states, "I've spent most of my life pursuing God, and if I believe anything at all, I believe that He exists and is who He says He is. But every now and then for just a moment He does something that removes all doubt, and I find myself in near physical pain, wanting to cry out, 'Woe is me!' I almost can't handle the exposure." Often when we begin to think about how much has been sent here to help the poor and how much we have been able to do for them, we feel the same way... We cannot fathom it and almost don't want to think about it because it's overwhelming... it's a sense of the power of God that you just can't explain.

Another thing that is hard for us to put into words is the gratefulness in our hearts for all of you who pray and give toward our ministry.*** Something wonderful is happening here and one of the hardest things to do is to accurately describe it. Just ask the team from Davisville who came. I heard one or two say, "We are blown away," and "I don't know what to do with what I've seen now that I've returned home." That's what we wish you all could experience... the awesomeness of experiencing it "live" so that you could understand why we are so thankful to you. This month's verse (top of page) is a way in which we can rest our hearts, knowing that God will fully reward you for all that you have done for us here.

With Much Love and Thanks,
Greg and Jane

ps... Our financial involvement in the orphanage will come to a close in six months because of a new foster care email program that will bring in more support for the children. We also learned that many of these children in the orphanage have one parent who gave them up because they were too poor to feed them. Because our own network of poor families has grown, we will be working on a new project that will help families so that they will not need to give their children up or sell them into prostitution. Please pray about this with us.***

SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SMELLS

There's not usually room anymore for this section, but seeing a little space... here's a little "life" from Cambodia ☺

--- I sit here writing with mosquito zapper (electric rechargeable) at my side... one mosquito can continually attack and annoy for hours... and one bite could end in dengue fever. (Just got one w/o the zapper!)

--- Greg is away for 3 nights visiting a Northern province. To get there on the bus (8 hrs.), he will leave bathed and in clean clothes and by the time he arrives, be filthy. The dirt filters into the bus and covers you and your luggage leaving the question of what your lungs look like.

--- Last week at Saturday night Bible study (in the house pictured above) I heard them... yes, rat squeals... I've heard them before at other houses, but we don't ask. Sat. we asked and I cringed as I got my answer and they all laughed and asked if I was afraid of them (what kind of question is that?) ... then proceeded to explain the large size of the ones they see in the adjoining home.. all along watching my face and laughing...

***Denotes Prayer Request or Praise