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It has been a while since I've written eh?

There is a lot to catch up on. They say a picture says more than words.....so with that in mind I would like to share briefly on some of the highlights from the last few months and then over the next few days send you some pictures via email. So here we go.....

I have been in Poipet , Cambodia since I left the Tsunami area , April 1st. Tam joined me here by May and we traveled between Poipet and Phnom Penh to do a lot of paper work with the Cambodian government. We have officially renewed our foundations papers with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, officially registered with the Ministry of Social Affairs and renewed our yearly visas for all the MMF western staff!

June we also signed with a Cambodian General Contractor and have started building the Children's Home here in Poipet! God has been good to us sending us different western volunteers/contractors to help oversee the project. Right now I have 2 great guys and their families-the Warnes and the Knoxs'-I thank God for them. That has been excellent for me because that can free me up to visit the Chiangrai and Phangnga Home every once in awhile. Please do continue to pray for the building project (and us!) as I am sure you can imagine obstacles and challenges do come! (pictures coming).

A few more great notes on Cambodia: In June we had a team from California who did Vacation bible camps in the Kabal Spean slum at our pre-school. Lots of kids accepted the Lord and the Cambodia staff decided they wanted to start a Kid's Christian club on Saturdays as follow up. Every Saturdays they have up between 70 and 100 kids! So Heng, our teacher, Julie and a few others are out there doing an awesome job with those kids, please continue to pray for them. Also our other worker Soksan started guitar classes and 2 of his students have accepted Jesus as well. Needles to say our cook and guard have also led one of our neighbors to the Lord.....So we see the Sprirt of God is moving in our little town of Poipet and we are so blessed part of it! Please continue to pray for our Cambodian Team, both locals and westerners eh?! (Pictures coming).

July was Dengue Fever month. I went into the hospital first then 2 weeks later the Gene, Julie, their 2 boys, Tam, Kirk, Dave got Dengue all at once and all got admitted to the hospital as well! Trying playing nurse ! Yet God was faithful, we all got thru it and are all doing good now.

Concerning the Chiangrai Home, the first 2 cottages were done in May.... The girls love it! They love being able to deciding what's for dinner, love being with their "house parent" and just like being with each other more! We are now in the process of building the boys cottages as God so wonderfully provided! (pictures coming).

Update concerning the Tsunami hit area, the dust has now settled and the reconstruction of the area has made tremendous progress. Every time I make a visit to the area it is healing to the heart! Our Children Crisis Home has turned into a permanent home with about 5 children and we are looking to expand as the children have need. Lord willing, we are officially going to buy some land(about 2 acres) in that Klok Kloy area (in the Phangnga Province) . We have started the negotiations and I'll keep you posted concerning that. And as soon as we buy the land, Lord willing we will start building some cottages and complex, like we have in Cambodia and Chiangrai. The good news is that when the Tsunami first hit Thailand, there was an overwhelming response and there were so many caring people that gave financially. We should have all the finances to buy the land and build! I have been very careful to handle all the finances with the fear of the Lord and want to see God use these finances to help the children in the southern part of Thailand. May the Lord bless each one of you who gave and have blessed the children of the Tsunami hit area! (Pictures coming).

On a personal note:

It took me a few months to process my Tsunami experience and my mom's death. Believe it or not, Poipet was a place I could that! And if you can imagine we also started a building project as well! But thru it all , I saw...God was and is there! Let me share with you a small paragraph from this newsletter I started 2 months ago.

“Dig deeper”

Have you ever come to this point in life? That the events in life just make you dig deeper inside your heart and soul...looking for strength, maybe some comfort. It's a little scary because at first glance- all there seems to be in that part of the heart is fears, doubt and weakness. And to be honest if that's where we stop, it could be disastrous. Yet if I dig deeper, there is light, there is hope and comfort in Jesus' eyes and embrace. The love of God comes to my rescue and by His grace I can go on, my heart is strengthened. God is there and Faithful.

My heart and tears and prayers go out to the people that where devastated by the Hurricanes Katrina, and Rita, the floods and mudslides in Honduras, the people of Pakistan who were affected by their recent earthquake.....May the God of comfort and hope touch their hearts!

*With a gracious and full heart,
Rose*

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