

CAMBODIA CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES AUGUST 2024

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# **ORPHANS** JESUS CHILDREN EVERYWHERE

For the past five years Sokhom stressed to Mike the need to build a Christian school on CCM property. For the past five years Mike emphasized to Sokhom the need to increase the number of orphans we support in various villages. The Lord providentially intervened and helped Sokhom and Mike see the genius of combining their ideas. They *quickly* formed a team of people but too *slowly* began planning to build a Christian school on CCM property and fill it with orphans from around the country. Their careful plan was to start slowly by bringing 20 orphans to CCM in the summer of 2025 and see if CCM could handle an influx of 20 orphans. The Lord again stepped in and sped up their plan by presenting CCM with 45 orphans with immediate needs. The number will increase to 85 in a couple months.

With spiritual wisdom and wit Sokhom said, *"I don't want the children to be called orphans. They are our family and I want them to be called JESUS CHILDREN."* That's a perfect description since the twelve Buddhist villages in the area call CCM Center *Jesus Place* and they call the CCM workers *Jesus People*.

Effective immediately CCM is scrambling to find compassionate people to sponsor these precious and innocent children. Sokhom, Mike, and the rest of the CCM team stepped out on faith and accepted these Jesus Children knowing Jesus loves children and so do His followers. Please contact Mike Meierhofer for details if you have an interest in sponsoring Jesus' Children.



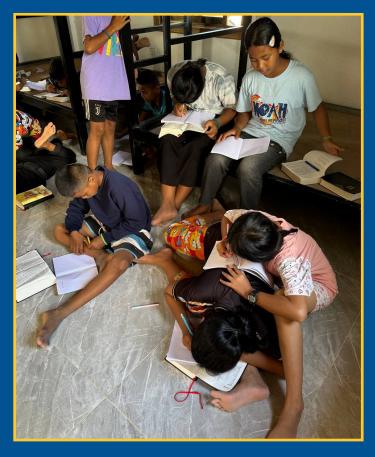
### JESUS CHILDREN



Our initial plan was to build two large dormitories - one for boys and one for girls. Each dormitory would have housed 120 Jesus Children. After further research we decided the children deserved a more family-like atmosphere.

Our plan is to build 5000 sq. ft. homes. Each house will provide housing for 20 Jesus Children. Ten boys will live on one side of the house with house parents and ten girls will live on the other side of the house with house parents. Instead of cafeteria-style eating the children will go home for lunch to a family meal. The houses will be laid out like a large neighborhood. Each family dwelling will have a garden where they can raise some of their own food. The grounds will also include a soccer field, volleyball court, basketball court, etc.

Until we are able to build the school facility the children will attend public school and CCM Center will provide tutors to help with homework. Besides math, science, and grammar classes the children will also have Bible study classes





Above: Sakim is pictured tutoring some of the boys.

Left: Children studying their Bibles in one of the cabins modified for temporary housing.

Our original plan was to begin accepting children in 2025. The Lord had other plans and blessed us with 80+ Jesus Children. Because of the early arrival of these children we have an immediate need for compassionate people to sponsor these precious boys and girls. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor contact Mike Meierhofer at mike@cambodiaministries.org or call 214-533-4266.

### THE FUTURE OF JESUS CHILDREN



Sreyroth's mother died when Sreyroth was 16 years old. Her father sent her to live with her aunt while he worked in Phnom Penh. Because of an unhealthy situation with her aunt, Sreyroth ended up in an orphanage on a very remote island. Sadly, in this picture she is 20 years old and just entering her senior year of high school. When asked what she planned to do after high school, she said she wanted to attend the university and become an attorney. It brought tears to our eyes because we never thought she would get off the island. She would either be farming rice or fishing the rest of her life.

That was 2017. We recently contacted her and found out she got off the island, went to the university and became a veterinarian!

Chanthen, and his younger brother Ronh, both grew up in an orphanage. Chanthen graduated from Cambodia Bible School (CBS) in 2019. His compassionate heart moved him to return to the orphanage and preach Jesus. Chanthen had minimal support to live on but chose to share what he had to help buy some of the food for the orphans. His brother Ronh graduated from CBS July 2024. He joined Chanthen and Wat (another CBS grad) in their ministry at the orphanage. When Chanthen found out about the great number of orphans coming to CCM Center, he visited with Sokhom and they agreed that he should return to CCM and help.

A stand out action of Chanthen is that after the CBS graduation ceremony he came to visit Sokhom and Mike. He bowed down on his knees with tears in his eyes and expressed thankfulness for all that was done to prepare him for his ministry. He is the only graduate who has ever done that.





Chan Suer and five other people, including his parents and sister, were in a tent in a rice patty when it was struck by lightning. His parents were killed. Suer was raised by his grandmother. When Suer was 16 his grandmother begged Sokhom to let her grandson come to CBS. CBS has a policy that a student must be 18 years old before they enroll as a preaching student. Sokhom agreed to let him live at CCM Center and raised him until he was of age to attend CBS.

Suer graduated from CBS in 2021. He preached in his village for three years. Sokhom recently hired him back to work at CCM Center as a driver and work with Jesus Children.

We have the same kind of plans for the Jesus Children at CCM Center. We will find sponsors to help high school graduates go to the university, a trade school or enter our Cambodia Bible school. These Jesus Children will help shape the spiritual landscape of Cambodia in the future.



## Monday, November 18

- Registration Begins 10:30 am
- ◆ Tee Time 12:00 pm
- Lunch/Dinner Included
- Prizes/Giveaways



100% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO BUILD HOMES FOR JESUS CHILDREN **Shotgun Start 4 person Scramble Individual golfer: \$175** Team of 4 golfers: \$700 **Brookhaven Country Club** 3333 Golfing Green Dr., Farmers Branch, TX 75234

**REGISTER ONLINE or Use QR Code:** cambodiaministries.org/golf-tournament/

We thank the Lord for your faithful participation with Cambodia Christian Ministries. Please contact Mike or Sokhom to find out how you can help with this great work of the Lord.

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