

# Rescue Cambodia News

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**Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me."**

This month we welcomed five. Here are their stories:

A high school girl, missing the love of her mother who was living far away after divorcing her father, was under the care of her father and step-mother, usually not loving situation. She found what she thought was love with a classmate. For 5 months she hid the fact that she was pregnant but inevitably she had to tell her boyfriend. His advice? Get rid of it. The doctor said it was too late for an abortion. Her life might be endangered. Her father and step-mother's advice? You no longer belong to us. Get out of our lives. But those were not the only voices. God's word declares, "When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." The Father heart of God made a way for her. She came to Place of Rescue to be lovingly cared for. She loves her precious little boy whom we named Pheakdey, a name that means "Faithful". His father is not faithful. He does not care about his baby but at Place of Rescue Pheakdey will grow up to follow, not his earthly father, but his Heavenly Father.

An elderly woman aged 85 was bereft of family to care for her. She was living in a lean-to and being helped by kind friends. With the onslaught of the rainy season, the place where she usually slept was no longer a shelter for her. Her friends called to ask if she could come live in Place of Rescue's Granny House. Here, she can live out the rest of her days receiving the loving care she deserves as a child of God.

A young woman, had a husband and a little boy. When she was pregnant with her second child, a little girl, the relationship with her husband ended in divorce. He took the little boy and left. The mother was able to continue to work, before and after the baby's birth, but she soon realized she could not earn enough. She had to pay for rent and childcare plus baby formula which costs \$50 for a month's supply. So Baby Somanna has come to stay at Place of Rescue's Baby House. Mama will come visit when she can and take her little girl back when her situation improves.

Social Services called one day. A young boy of 13 had been breaking the law by walking the streets of Phnom Penh carrying his little girl cousin. He was collecting reusable garbage and begging. And so it was that these children were arrested and taken to safe places. The boy is now once again able to live and learn as a child. At Place of Rescue he is receiving good, loving care and he is back in school. Both his front teeth, knocked out some months ago, in an accident with a coconut, will be replaced. Our staff visited the boy's family and found out the father tends to be lazy and both parents drink. Money that the children received was sometimes used to buy alcohol. Again the most important thing, LOVE, was lacking.

Five years ago a mother awaited the birth of her baby boy. No doubt she expected to love and nurture him. But when she saw the little creature with a huge hole where his face should be, she recoiled and abandoned him. His cleft palate was partially repaired and he was cared for by kind-hearted people. The time came, however, when they were no longer able to do this. Assured that his problems are physical, not mental, Rescue agreed to receive him. In January he will have another operation. He will grow up at Place of Rescue. We will love him and help him to have a good future.

Social Services in Pailin is shutting down a child care place that they deem unsuitable. Possibly 20 children will need a new home and Social Services is asking if we can take them. While it is an honour to have their approval and to be asked to care for these children, we do not, as yet, have the staff to receive them. We would need two, good Christian house Mothers.

Everyone who comes to us means we need the finances to care for them. We need the staff. Homes need to be kept in good condition. Capable school teachers need to be hired. Children, Grannies and Adults coping with AIDS need medical care. So we constantly appeal to you, our caring, praying friends. Please help us welcome them in Jesus Name. Sponsorship of \$50 a month, a regular or one time gift would be greatly appreciated.

Here are some things we would appreciate prayer for this month

- Blaine Sylvester continues his work as Rescue Cambodia representative in Canada, in charge of fund raising. May the Lord bless him with peace, wisdom and good success.
- We need two good Christian House Mothers for Rescue 3 in Pailin and 2 for Rescue 1 in Bek Chan.
- Twenty students in Grade 12 are trying to study online in order to pass their finals in August.
- At all three Place of Rescue centers the staff is trying to do all they can with agriculture, raising chickens, ducks, fish and vegetables. Pray for good success.
- Most of our children and adults love Jesus and desire to follow Him. Pray for those who are not fully committed. May their emotional needs that keep them troubled, be banished so they can walk in freedom.
- With churches still closed, we meet as a big family. Pray that the speakers will be guided by the Lord, understanding what they should say and how they should say it. Pray for all who are responsible for care so that the seed will fall into good, prepared ground.
- Pray for health and protection for all.
- Baby Morokot is almost, completely blind. We are begging the Lord for a miracle to restore her sight.

If you would like lots of news updates, be sure to become my Face Book friend. (Marie Ens)

With love and gratitude,  
Marie Ens, for all of us at Rescue Cambodia