

HAPPY CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR! Next week most of the Grannies, children, adults coping with AIDS, and staff will celebrate by going to visit relatives for a few days. It will be quiet at the Orphan Homes. However those who remain because they choose not to leave or have nowhere to go will enjoy the celebrations anyway as special events and special food are planned for them.

May we ask you to join us in prayer for all who travel during this busy time. There are always many serious traffic accidents. Please pray too for our Christian children and adults that they may be strong for Jesus as this is essentially a Buddhist holiday and many of the relatives they visit are not yet Christians.



One little boy who will remain at Place of Rescue is this precious 4 year old child. A few weeks ago he arrived at our AIDS Center with his mother who was very ill, suffering from both AIDS and T.B. She was well cared for both at the center and at the hospital but she was too sick and she passed away. We so much wanted her to live and experience some joy in her life that had been filled with so much poverty, misery and abuse. Her oldest daughter disappeared and the mother had no news of what happened to her. Perhaps she got caught up in the sex trade. Her 15 year old son was living on the street begging and sniffing glue. He refused to come to the Center with her opting rather to stay in his present situation. She was separated from her alcoholic husband but every once in a while he would come to her home, beat her up and rape her. We are glad her little boy is here, living in an orphan home with a loving House Mom and 9 other boys who are sympathetic and caring. May the love of this household and especially the love of Jesus heal the heart of this child who has experienced way too much sadness and trauma in his short life. We are sure there are others like this woman and her child who need to be with us. Please help us pray that the Lord, who sees and knows all things, will bring them to us. If you care and can help us we would be so grateful for your donations.

I arrived back home today from a short but very joy filled trip to California. Attending the wedding of Lara and Steve Jantzen with Paul Brandt, enjoying good conversations with Liz Brandt, Joe and Lily, spending many good hours with Randy and Krystal and Noel Odom in San Francisco, reconnecting with my dear friend, Sandi Wisley, and her son Dan and his family, speaking at a Women's luncheon at 3 Crosses church - all of it was unforgettable. The plane trip was enjoyable too as I pretended to be an old lady and let them push me in a wheelchair making connections in Hong Kong.

In just a few days I will be back on a plane again, this time to spend some precious time with my good friend Linda Chisholm in Perth, Australia.

After that, I will have only 3 weeks before leaving again for Canada and a speaking tour with Blaine Sylvester for a month in Canada.

At the end of June a really historical event will happen for my family as all four of my children and their spouses and some of the grandchildren will all be together in the same place at the same time. This has not happened for many years and may never happen again in my life-time.

All of us at Rescue are so grateful for your friendship, prayers and financial help.

- Marie Ens, Advisor to Rescue Cambodia.