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Lee Hang was received by Foursquare Children of Promise at age 18. He tells that he was full of hate and rebellion because of the loss of his parents. Once in the home, his healing began as the love of Christ grew in his heart. He was one of the first orphans to attend and graduate from the university. He studied law and business management. Today he works with Ted and Sou Olbrich in providing administrative assistance in this fast-growing orphan care program.

## Cambodia for Christ

The 2007 Cambodia Orphan Baptism Retreat, sponsored by Warm Blankets Orphan Care, partner of Foursquare Children of Promise and Children of Promise International, was also designated as “Friends Trip,” and the theme of the retreat was “Cambodia for Christ.” Each orphan attending was asked to bring an unchurched friend. As a result, 3,212 orphans, children from their communities, and caregivers attended a three-day retreat. The retreat ended with over 40 busloads of children arising at 4 a.m. to travel four hours to the South China Sea to



affirm their faith in Jesus Christ through baptism. Children of

Promise staff, Judy Lieser and Jeanie Ritter, were among 25 mission team members who assisted in this glorious occasion and visited several of the Christ-centered children’s homes operated by Foursquare Children of Promise.

The retreat was power packed with compelling messages of hope, coupled with lots of games and relationship building. “Attending their evening services would impact any onlooker,” says Judy Lieser. “Seeing hundreds of children, who have lost their parents, with beautiful smiles and singing praises unto God from the depths of their being will touch your heart forever. Then watching them sitting quietly, soaking in the message from the Word as Pastor Peter shared, revealed a generation nurtured in the love of Jesus Christ.”

Ted Olbrich, Director of Foursquare Children of Promise, reported that “the kids were so excited when they came back from the beach, after rising at 4:00 a.m., that they prayed until 10 p.m. for their friends and families to come to Christ. Reports are arriving of new converts coming to the churches through the kids that were baptized.”



Left—Phat San Die church/home. A floating church home caring for 19 orphans.

Right—Floating school where Phat San Die children are educated.



Siem Reap children holding up their packages of new clothes and shoes provided by Children of Promise supporters.



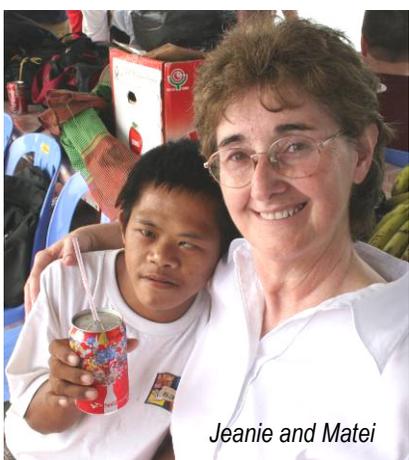
Children at Ou Kon Trom home met the mission team members with leis and bracelets they made from fragrant flowers in the area. These orphans were given to the home by Buddhists who could no longer provide food for them. Today they know and love Jesus as their Savior.

# Cambodia--Abduction of Orphans

(Excerpts from May 2007 report by Ted Olbrich, Foursquare Children of Promise)



Pastor Maytrei and wife, Srey Vong, are orphans raised in the Foursquare Children of Promise Homes and now serve in the Phsar Chas church-based children's home as pastors and caregivers. Here they are awaiting all the children to settle into the bus for the four-hour trip to the South China Sea for the baptism service.



Jeanie and Matei

Approximately eight years ago, Matei was found in the jungle being cared for by a mother monkey. After coming to the home, his tendency was to crawl up in trees. Through love and nurturing in the Word of God, by his home parents, Matei is a happy, loving and well-adjusted young man who goes to great lengths to communicate, even when he does not understand your language.

This is proverb month. My first: "Beware itinerant peddlers, from Islamic countries (mostly Pakistan), riding bicycles selling electronic goods at 50% more than the market price." I've noticed them for years, and have always been curious as to why they went from house to house trying to sell their wares, CD players, radios, etc., at double the local market value. I never saw them make a sale...

Why? In 2001, after September 11th, the Cambodian government rounded up the foreign teachers from five Islamic jihad schools, extradited the teachers and closed the schools. There was an Islamic plan to take over Cambodia in five years at that time. It has not happened, most of the schools still remain closed, but now we have Islamic "traveling salesmen."

What are they up to? We found out. They look for the young men, poverty stricken, disenfranchised, orphaned youth. They meet them at their schools, on the streets, away from any of their family, and tell them of free education, good jobs, and a wonderful future if they immigrate to Malaysia—no passports needed, no permits required, it is all taken care of. They managed to abduct Sammy's brother (Sammy is on staff with us) about two years ago. He has since received a secretly delivered letter from his brother in which he details his ordeal. The first day they were all circumcised. Then, they were transported to the Thai border and whisked into the Muslim region, then, across the border again into Malaysia where they are enrolled in jihad schools. They are more like prisons—gated, guarded, with machine gun towers on each corner. They are kept there until their indoctrination is complete. They will most likely return to Cambodia and stir up the same type of trouble Thailand is experiencing in the south. Please keep this young man in your prayers.

The first week of April, the seventh of a series of young men at the Krava Church/Home failed to return home from school. In checking out his whereabouts, several residents saw him going with the "traveling salesman." He has not been seen again... Our best solution is to pray. Pray that these kids remember their Christian training and that they actually infiltrate the Muslim with the Gospel. In the meantime, we are providing training in all our homes to "beware of the peddlers."

## School Starts in June

When school is ending in the U.S. it is starting in several third world countries. To prepare for the new school year, the children in our homes, free schools, and programs will need new uniforms, books, notebooks, supplies, and registration fees. These costs can be very high, but with an education our children can reach their dreams of becoming doctors, teachers, pastors, etc. and parents who can support their families. Please consider a special gift this month toward the School Supply Fund so the children can continue with their education.

**Prayer Alert—Haiti** The lives of Children of Promise—Haiti directors, Joel and Rose Beaucejour and family, continue to be in danger, with recent threat notes arriving at the home compound. Please pray for their protection and for the protection of the children and workers.

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