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NEWSLETTER

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Harvest International Services

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Arriving late in the evening into hot and humid Phnom Penh, I was confronted by the bustling flow of humanity coming and going on all shapes and sizes of transport. Driving in Cambodia requires a generous dose of skill and courage. Weaving our way through the traffic, my six day experience of a great work among children in crisis had begun. The HIS project has mushroomed over a few short years to now have thirty Khmer staff, and 20 expatriate staff, all of whom are full-time and totally dedicated to the vision of bringing healing and hope to the needy children of Cambodia. The logistics alone of keeping this work running mean that the team is always on the stretch and trusting for ongoing help.

Mobile Drop-in-Centre

Eight times each week this specially fitted out bus that needs constant repairs, goes out onto the streets of the city. The street kids know it's coming and are waiting eagerly for a shower, clean clothes, basic medical attention, something to eat, and some simple lessons. Those who can't fit into the bus are given extra food packs through the window. What incredible needs there are here, with those who are clearly abused, and even little ones as young as four years old. Each time the team drives home exhausted, but even more committed to come back again.

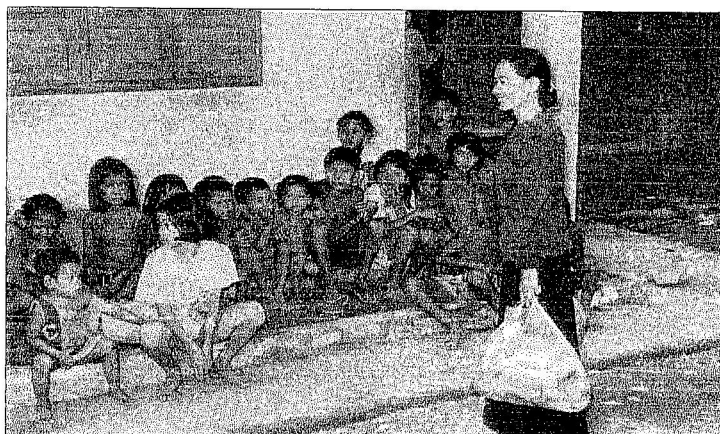


Photo: Mobile Drop-in-Centre Cambodia

Halfway House

You can barely get in the gates before you are swamped with kids, all wanting to talk to you and hold your hand, and to show you their home. This is short-term accommodation for these street kids and those rescued from dangerous situations, and Mum and Dad for them at the house are a special Khmer couple who they clearly love very much. In a few days another five little kids will arrive from the Thai border. These kids have been sold by their parents and they are needing a safe, stable home.

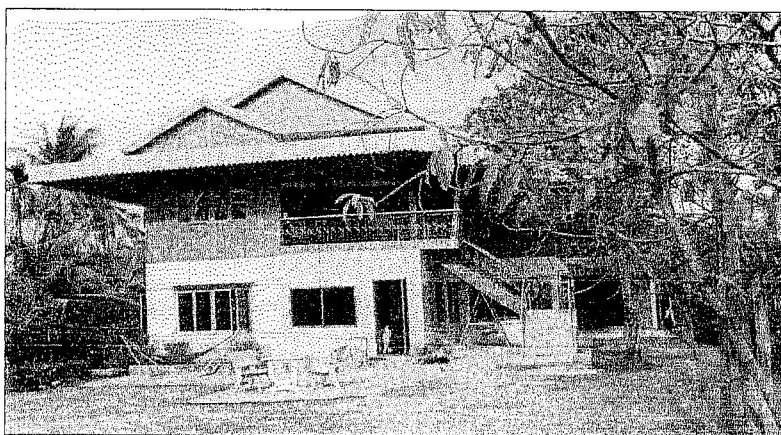


Photo: Halfway House Cambodia

Harvest International Services continued

Main Home

Forty kids call this home, and their house parents are again two special Khmer couples. I met two little sisters who had been sold for US\$5 each, two boys who had been child soldiers, a little Vietnamese girl bubbling with personality, and a little boy who had been found on the railway line nearly dead!

The HIS team has been able to purchase this large home which is an amazing story itself. Month by month the team has to see the finance to keep repaying the loan.

Already they have begun a large work of putting in a sewerage and drainage system. The rains are coming early this year so they're working flat out to get finished.

Day Kids Program

Imagine what it would be like to be five years old, work all day on the streets to help your family survive, and then come to the HIS Centre after work for 1 ½ hours to do your schooling?

Well there's 120 kids like this each day, and they can't wait to come! What a sight to see them divided up into their age groups, learning Maths, Khmer and other life skills. It's the only schooling they're going to get and they love it.

You can imagine the materials that are needed with school equipment and food each day for them all.

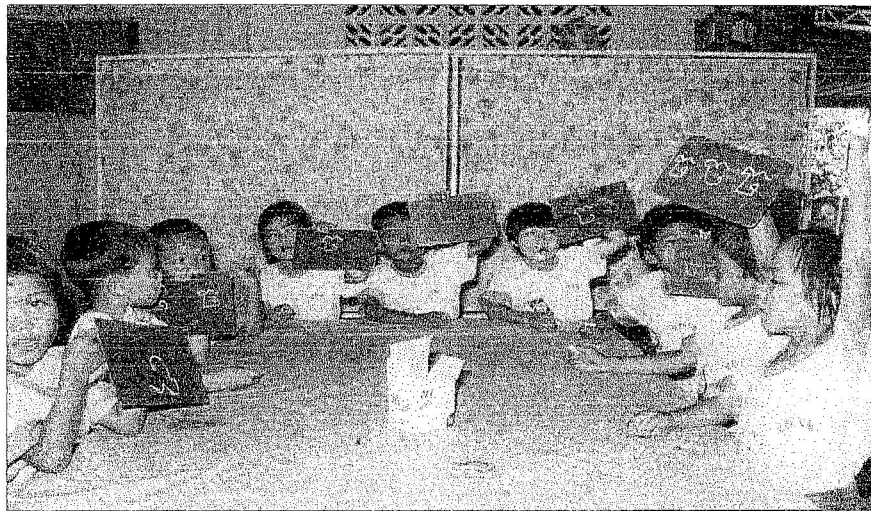


Photo: Day Kids Programme Cambodia

Vocational Training Centre

On a spacious property on the other side of Phnom Penh is the VTC where about 35 teenagers are learning sewing, computers or metal trade skills. After the students graduate from their one year courses, the staff help them to find job placements.

Each course has an expatriate supervisor and a Khmer teacher, and the job placement rates for their graduates is very high. The staff is wanting to start up a business venture and are looking for help with a feasibility study and preparing a business plan.

What was most obvious to me throughout the whole of the project was love. Yes the kids and their love for the staff, but even more so the love that the staff demonstrates to the kids for whom love has been an absent or distorted thing. These are people who are committed - committed to these children, and committed to stay for the long-term.

Stan Booth

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Credit Card Facilities

Another small step forward. We are pleased to announce that after much discussion by the Board, we are able to offer credit card facilities to those supporting HADA projects or for payment of annual memberships.

This will make it easier for you, as donors, however we need to mention that the bank charges us over 7% in fees for this service/facility. Donations to any of the projects that HADA supports would be gratefully received. Please use the slip above if you wish to use this service.

Annual General Meeting

There was a good attendance at HADA's annual meeting in March, and the following positions were filled:

Chairman	Neil Young
Secretary	Peter Moody
Treasurer	Chris Houghton-Allen
Vice Chairman	Brian Allbutt
Project Officer	Chaney Carter

Members of the Committee of Management

Neil Young, Dr Peter Moody, Chris Houghton-Allen, Brian Allbutt, Chaney Carter, Bruce Bishop and Ron Pilkington.

Any of these committee members would be very happy to answer any questions or suggestions you might have in relation to HADA and projects.

New Position

We welcome Chaney Carter of Southport who will be a valuable asset to the committee as he takes up the honorary position of Project Officer.

His initial responsibility will be to recommend policies to the committee for all project matters, including writing application requirements, following up projects after they have been accepted and putting into place all the documentation needed to control projects.



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Accreditation

The accreditation process as mentioned in the last newsletter has begun, but is moving very slowly as we delve into the government requirements. We have enlisted the assistance of some other organisations who have already been through this process, to assist us. As Neil and Jeanie Young will be overseas for the next six months the process will be further delayed until their return.

HADA will forward overseas 100% of all funds received for projects, less bank charges.

HADA wishes to thank Anthony Smith and Company for the printing and distribution of this newsletter.

Anthony Smith and Company, on phone 07 55 31 6333, can assist with all your accounting and body corporate services.

Blood Pressure Machines



Photo: Blood Pressure Machines in China

Following on from the article, "Health Care in Tibet" in the December newsletter last year, we are happy to say that HADA received donations for the purchase of five blood pressure machines.

These were purchased in China and were hand delivered to the hospital at Ganzi in Sichuan Province, China.

They are being used to monitor the blood pressure of residents for the early detection of hyper tension.