

Extreme Love



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OUR MISSION is to partner together to restore social justice and destiny in individuals and regions through outreach, events, advocacy, business, community development and gospel ministry.

NOTE: The names of those who have been exploited have been changed to protect them from re-exploitation.

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Sprouting Opportunities!

How you helped create a project to stop trafficking at its source

Grow!

That's what the Lord is telling us to do in 2021, and we're not just talking about in the Spirit!

An amazing "growth" opportunity came to us last year and now, after scouting locations to start, we've

jumped in—**thanks to your support** and a very knowledgeable addition to our team.

This opportunity has birthed an agriculture and discipleship program based on a proven miracle called *Farming God's Way*. First developed in Africa, it has already revolutionized the lives of thousands of poor subsistence farmers.

Farming? you say. What's farming got to do with the ministry of ELM?

This farming is different.

Poor farmers in rural Cambodia and in much of the world live under great economic pressure. Poor farming methods prevent many from being able to grow enough food to feed their families throughout the

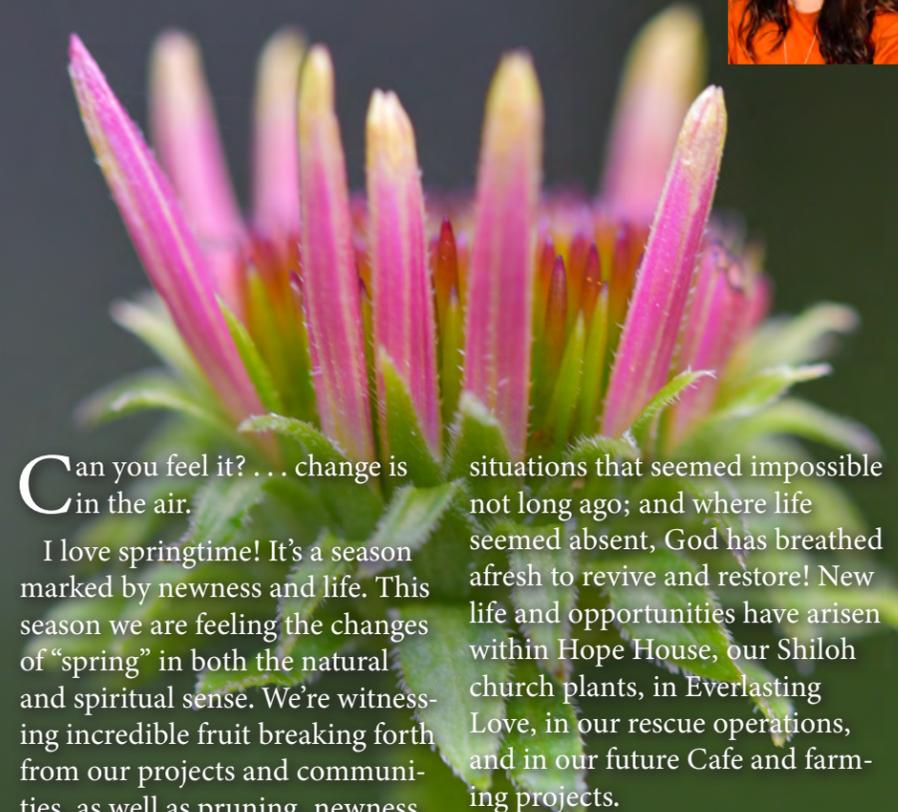
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Bringing God's love, justice and healing to the nations

My Thoughts

By Andrea Aasen, Director of Extreme Love Ministries



Can you feel it? . . . change is in the air.

I love springtime! It's a season marked by newness and life. This season we are feeling the changes of "spring" in both the natural and spiritual sense. We're witnessing incredible fruit breaking forth from our projects and communities, as well as pruning, newness, and emerging life everywhere!

For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The blossoms have already appeared in the land; the time has arrived for pruning the vines.... The fig tree has ripened its fruit, and the vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance. Arise my darling, my beautiful one, and come along! Song of Solomon 2:11-13

As blossoms bloom and fruit flourishes, we too are seeing exciting new opportunities in Cambodia and throughout the world!

This season, Jesus has brought healing, deliverance, and love in ways we never could have imagined. We are seeing accelerated transformation in persons and

situations that seemed impossible not long ago; and where life seemed absent, God has breathed afresh to revive and restore! New life and opportunities have arisen within Hope House, our Shiloh church plants, in Everlasting Love, in our rescue operations, and in our future Cafe and farming projects.

In the same respect, hearts—and communities—are opening in new ways, and signs of life are emerging from hidden places from seeds sown long ago. Where there was formerly hard, dry ground, people are now coming to us asking to be discipled and go to church!

What incredible fruit! And in the same way the Lord is meeting us to bring growth and increase, we pray similar over you. Thank you for the beautiful ways you have sown, watered, and harvested in Cambodia and beyond.

Let's harvest these fields together!

Andrea

Beans of Change

Try to imagine, just for a moment, the comforting fresh-brewed aroma of your favorite coffee.

Now imagine this: the sweet smell of a coffee that can help abused individuals start new lives free from trafficking or prostitution. Imagine further that this coffee can also help protect others—including children—from the horrors of such exploitation.

Can't quite make the connection? Perhaps a little background will help.

Grow!

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year, leading to malnutrition and hunger. If heavy rains, drought, insect swarms, armed conflict, or bad health strike, *many die*.

Or, as happens in Cambodia, a destitute farmer makes the gut-wrenching decision to send his oldest to find work in the city—with no marketable skills and little education—or *sells his kids* to traffickers, never to be seen again.

Farming God's Way (FGW) will change that. It will help farming families prosper and protect kids from trafficking. **And it will help bring the transforming power of the gospel to those who've never heard it before.** All these things



How you're helping to empower those freed from slavery

false job promises from traffickers, or accept the dangerous, degrading life of a prostitute.

In order to flee such exploitation, they must find other work. ELM already trains some to make high-end clothing and jewelry in our Everlasting Love program, providing them with skills that give them dignity—and a paycheck.

Here's where coffee comes in.

Since tourism and international business is big and growing in Phnom Penh, the restaurant/hotel industry has become a great source of relatively good-paying

jobs for those trained to serve these tourists and expats (hygiene so no one gets sick, foreigner-friendly foods, attractive presentation and atmosphere). So, opening a cafe for the purpose of teaching those skills seemed to be a great way to diversify our training program and build capacity in our programs by adding another business as mission.

And we're happy to announce that our cafe plan is already underway! We're beginning the hiring process to select our first trainee-employees and cafe manager. In the weeks to come they'll become skilled baristas and servers.

The pandemic has greatly slowed tourism and business, of course,

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are what our hearts beat for here at ELM!

We're already putting FGW principles to work, with the goal of providing healthy organic coffee, moringa, and other produce for our new cafe, which you can also read about in this issue. We're even implementing FGW methods right here in the city of Phnom Penh on the rooftop of our office, and in the garden of our Hope House shelter for abused and exploited kids.

This is a game changer! Watch for more details about FGW to come.



By helping poor farmers reap larger harvests, you can help prevent children from one day being trafficked due to dire food shortages

Trafficker stopped from buying 3-year-old girl



"\$500 for the 3-year-old girl." The drug addicted mother agreed to the offer.

It's hard to believe such evil exists, right?

But a miracle happened instead: our casework team, along with a group that included neighbors, community leaders and police, had been watching, and intervened before the deal could take place. Reports have surfaced that the mother planned to sell another daughter as well. Thankfully, 3-year-old "Chivy" and her 5 siblings are now safe, removed from their mother's custody.

We love to see children rescued from exploitation! But these rescues can only come after long hours and lots of hard, not-so-exciting

work building community relationships, investigating rumors of abuse and exploitation, gathering sufficient evidence to get the cooperation of police and government officials, and much more. You see the results.

You can you help rescue more precious children like Chivy. We need you on our casework team!



Chivy and her 5 siblings are now safe, living in an atmosphere of love and value. **But more children are being abused and exploited, more at risk of being trafficked.** Today you can help change that. Join our casework team. **Help rescue more.**

YES—I want to help rescue children

\$ 20 \$ 100 \$ 500 \$ _____

I want to give this amount monthly to help rescue children

I want to give this amount monthly for where most needed

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Beans

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but we've kept busy transforming the ground-floor space of our office building into a trendy cafe. We've purchased lots of gently-used coffee-making equipment at great savings, and we've even started getting the word out. And if that's not exciting enough, we are currently setting up much of our cafe's food supply chain by recruiting coffee wholesalers, sourcing local organic produce, and beginning to grow our own moringa and produce! We are also researching land purchase and

rental options where we can train local farmers to use the remarkable *Farming God's Way* techniques (more about this on page 1). When things get busy later this year, we expect our cafe to be ready!

We're not just waiting for the pandemic to go away, however. We're seizing the moment by opening a street-side "pop-up" version of our cafe within the next few months. In fact, we should be serving our first cups of amazing coffee very soon—coffee that will help change lives!



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