

Extreme Love



A Report of Your Impact Through **Extreme Love Ministries**

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

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

Grandmother's graduation

You helped an 85-year-old experience new birth

We didn't even know her real name. Everyone just called her "Yey," which means *grandmother*. At 85 and very sick, she moved in with her daughter about two months ago so she could be cared for, since doctors couldn't help. In addition to her own children, Yey raised three that were not hers.

Soon after moving in with her daughter Yey began joining her at our Shiloh fellowship meetings in that community. Shilohs are church plants in enemy territory (the worst slums of Phnom Penh) that enable us to **worship God, share the gospel and disciple new believers** on their own turf, helping us to bring

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You helped us be there for Grandmother in her final hours

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My Thoughts

By Andrea Aasen, Director of Extreme Love Ministries

FOR FREEDOM

Recently I was having a conversation about freedom with one of our Hope House kids. I soon realized that the concept is difficult to define, especially because the world's version of freedom opposes Jesus' definition. He gave his followers a great paradox: true freedom comes when we become bondservants of Christ, choosing to die to ourselves so we can live for Him (John 8:36).

Throughout history, FREEDOM – no matter one's definition – has come with great cost. Nations, institutions and individuals fight to achieve whatever their version, but the cost is always high. Jesus purchased our freedom with His blood – the ultimate cost! And now He makes you and me carriers and releasers of freedom by God's great grace!

As a team, we continually see deep-rooted issues that keep people from walking in freedom – poverty, lack of resources or education, human slavery and abuse, just to name a few. No doubt, these are great issues of injustice, and the cost is great to rescue, restore, and protect the vulnerable from such circumstances.

That's why each testimony is nothing short of a miracle, and I am continually in awe of what and how God does it. But without Jesus, is there ever hope for true freedom?

Let's remember the gift we have in Him – power to be free and bring freedom to others. Thanks for your part in releasing God's freedom to individuals and nations! Let's pour out His freedom in unprecedented ways this year!



Andrea

Grandmother

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kingdom influence to the whole community.

Although a lifelong Buddhist, Yey listened with interest as we shared about God's love. It wasn't long before she put her trust in Jesus! The change in her heart immediately swept across her countenance. Peace and joy filled her heart. Two weeks later she slipped quietly into the arms of her new Savior.

Yey's encounter with the Lord might not have happened if you hadn't helped us establish a Shiloh fellowship in that community two years ago. Since those first days of outreach we've had to meet in front of the shack-like homes of believers because there was no rental space available. **We spent that time building relationships with community leaders and meeting pressing needs for food, clothing, and school supplies, and also helping to protect those at risk from trafficking.**

It's paid off. God has given us great favor and spiritual authority in that dark place – and just last month we were blessed with access to a clean, bright rented space for our meetings. **We believe that because of your generosity Grandmother has graduated to the presence of Jesus!**



Believers praying in our new Shiloh location that you helped provide, giving us more outreach and discipleship possibilities!



Clockwise from top: an Elijah team training; the rescued boys just after the raid; the combined team entering the brothel

This was Elijah's first "big one," but we felt ready. The night was dark, but a greater darkness permeates that part of Phnom Penh – one that blots out hope with the scourge of drugs, alcohol and illicit sex.

The Elijah team (*Extreme Love Investigations for Justice and Hope*) had been training for weeks. Then we got a lead that a brothel exploiting boys was operating in that section of the city, so we investigated. We also worked closely with police and local government – a strategic alliance that's key to Elijah's strategy and success – to evaluate the situation and formulate a rescue plan. This collaboration makes the Elijah team's work safer. It also adds the authority necessary to make sure the rescue and placement of children into safe spaces will not run into legal issues.

It was time to act. We met up with armed police and local officials at the agreed-upon spot near the brothel.

Adrenalin pumping, we made our move. Inside, we discovered 14 trafficked boys who were being forced to beg for their captor and denied access to hygiene. Some were groomed to earn money through prostitution – and of those, some were as young as 6.

All are safe now, and being placed where they can grow up free from exploitation; places they can be restored and go to school.

None of this could have happened without teaming up with local government and law enforcement. This

partnership is so exciting because it further cements the credibility of Extreme Love Ministries in the community and helps ensure the sustainability of our efforts!

Although our thanks overflows for the police and government's part in the raid that rescued 14 boys, at the end of the day we know that God, who loves children and justice, was our Protector and the One who brought the success – and is now working in the hearts of those boys!

Not only that, we are also keenly aware that this mission's success depended on your partnership. **Thank you for helping to bring hope into the depths of darkness.**



EEP student recruited for Elijah team

Dara, an EEP (Education Empowerment) student, recently graduated from High School and began study at university to become a policeman. When Zak, our Elijah team head, learned of Dara's interest, he asked him if he wanted to join the Elijah team to further his dream. He said yes!

Dara is not yet following Jesus, but he has heard the gospel and we are praying. He will be working with us part-time while he attends school.

Amazingly, one of his sponsors is a policewoman! She has agreed to sponsor Dara during his university education as well, for which he is very thankful.

Is your heart bursting?

If so, here is one place you can respond.


In this issue of *Extreme Love* you've read an encouraging story of outreach and discipleship happening in Shiloh fellowships, of the amazing story of the rescue of 14 boys from a brothel, and of how a sponsor is helping an EEP student pursue his career dream.

We are so excited about what God is doing in Cambodia!

There's another child waiting to be rescued . . . another new believer waiting to be discipled . . . another teen waiting to be sponsored so she can go to school and one day break her family free from generational poverty.

Your heart is the key to God's answer to their prayers. Does your heart beat for RESCUES, DISCIPLESHIP or EDUCATION? (Make your choice after clicking the button.)

Which heart is yours?



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meet us: Sophy and Zara

Our "dynamic duo" as we like to call them, Sophy and Zara, help lead our new Elijah team. They themselves are not newcomers, however, but worked behind the scenes for the past 2 years pioneering the project.

Sophy says, "I love this job because I love investigations, and because I want to see woman and children safe."

"I'm so thankful," Zara told us, "for this opportunity and my passion for working with this project. Hopefully I can learn more and grow more with this job to bring all the glory to God!"

We're so thankful to have such hardworking women of faith who are

dedicated to making Elijah fruitful for God's kingdom!



Prayer closet

Please pray for...

- Team unity
- Wisdom, direction for building, planning, and restructuring
- Increased salvations and opportunities for discipleship
- Strategies and insight for our team as they work to protect and rescue
- Safe families and healing for all those rescued



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