

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.

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A Recipe for Success

How you helped at-risk teens learn—and love it!

Protecting children from human trafficking isn't easy. Traffickers keep coming up with new ways to lure and enslave children. And one of their favorite tools has become social media, a place more and more children around the world are spending their time. That

includes already-at-risk children who live here in Cambodia's slum communities.

That's why we're continually searching for effective strategies for protecting as many children as we can.

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Sponsors helped these students go to school and get English, math, and other tutoring (as needed)—and have fun! These help students succeed, and protect them from human trafficking.



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BRINGING GOD'S LOVE, JUSTICE AND HEALING TO THE NATIONS

My Thoughts

By Andrea Aasen, Director of Extreme Love Ministries

ONE BIG FAMILY

Relationship is key! This month I've been reflecting on the joy of being in relationship with each other, and the honor it is to LOVE as Christ did. What a difference love makes, even in little ways.

Jesus led through relationship. He walked in constant communion with the Father and with those around Him. Relationship with His closest friends and with those in the community was the primary way He taught and demonstrated the Father's love, and established God's Kingdom.

As sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, we are all one big family. Once we truly understand the heart of adoption with which we were called and purposed, we can then call others into their place within God's family.

As one family with God and each other, our team wonderfully demonstrates God's love in our communities, with clients and rescues, and in relationships with team members and partners. Whether it's sitting with the lonely, feeding the hungry, hugging the destitute, or helping those enslaved, God's love is made manifest in their lives and daily sacrifices to love. For some it's modeled behind the scenes through administration or communications, and for others it's face to face on the frontlines. But all of it is important and makes a big impact.

Thanks also for your part—a true inspiration. We are all one in the fellowship of His joy and sufferings, and each day we have the opportunity to love the one in front of us. "By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another." John 13:35

Thank you for being such a sweet reflection of God's love to others. Together, let's pursue Love Himself. When we do, we can't help but bear His reflection in the earth (2 Cor. 3:18)!

Andrea

Recipe

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Emma Wright brought some of those strategies when she joined our Education Empowerment team last year. She loves to teach, and her focus these past months has been on tutoring our EEP students in English after school and on weekends. These extra



"I get to love the students," says tutor Emma, in her element.

classes (including additional subjects taught by others) are made possible by monthly student sponsors and other donors. They help ensure our kids pass their graduation exams, go to college if they desire, and get better jobs.

A good education will also help them and their families break free from the chains of generational poverty—all these strategies help protect these at-risk teens from trafficking.

But Emma doesn't stop with tutoring. She knows that in order to win and keep the attention of her students she needs something extra. So she began doing something special with them each month. For example, "One month we play games, another we bake cookies, another we go swimming, and another we watch a movie. I try to take time to connect individually with the students."

She also tries to teach them about Jesus in a natural way through everything she does. "English will help them get a job," she says, "but it won't get them into heaven."

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"By teaching," she adds, "I get to love the students. I show them there are people who care about them and want to invest in their lives so they can reach the full potential that Jesus Christ has made them for. Just this week a student asked me to pray for her because she's feeling stressed and overwhelmed. I'm thankful they know they can come to me!"

So now you know why Emma's work has become a key part of our strategy. Her "secret recipe" to protect kids from trafficking boils down to this: start with a strong base of tutoring in academics, sprinkle in generous amounts of personal attention, add a dash of fun here and there, and then bake it all in love. And the kids are eating it up!



Computers tutored by Kelly Eickenberg



Computers, math, games—and prayer...using every method to protect and prosper EEP kids.

Happy ^{Khmer} New Year!

Happy New Year, Khmer style! Held every spring, it's a celebration of the end of the harvest season in Cambodia.

Although most people from the city return to their home provinces to celebrate, many in our slum communities are too poor. This provides a perfect opportunity for our Shiloh churches to come together in unity as a visible expression of God's love to their neighbors.

This year we combined two of our Shiloh house churches into one big party! What a wonderful time we had doing Khmer dances, eating, playing games, and worshiping God!

We also distributed bags of rice to the most needy, and a visitor made a decision to follow Jesus!

Parties like these build relationship, meet needs, and make disciples. It's such a blessing to see lives changing before our eyes!



Pastor Jonathan led in worship at the party. We ministered to individuals, blessed some with bags of rice, enjoyed a meal, and prayed together. Shiloh Overseer Ps. Velta "shared a message on the majesty of God and how He cares for us, and afterward an older man received salvation."

And the walls came tumbling down...



Noah's Ark, our name for a slum community we've long served, will soon be no more. In order to redevelop the land, the government is forcing them to remove their shanty homes. Pray that God will use this disruption to open hard hearts, as many have resorted to prostitution, gambling, drug dealing, and other illicit work to survive. Pray also for good kinds of work, and good places to relocate to.

Littlest Rescue



Madin was born premature to a mom on drugs who then tried to sell him. He is now safe and thriving with a loving ELM foster family hoping to adopt him one day!

An open door for you!

It's no secret: helping others meet Jesus and become like him is at the core of what we do.

That's because true transformation breaks cycles of poverty and stops human trafficking. We've seen it over and over again.

Transformation begins when women, men and children hear about God's love and mercy. When they choose to believe in Jesus, they must then grow as his disciples. Lasting change depends on it.

And they are **depending on you**, as your partnership is what will bring this opportunity to them. Time is short, as Jesus said. *The harvest is ready.*

We need your help to expand relationship-building events, like the cooking classes you read about in this issue, as well as retreats, field trips, training for work and parenting and life skills, gatherings for food distribution to the most needy, and much more. ***Please help us reach \$10,000 by June 30th to launch us through the summer. Any size gift will help.***

You can make a difference today by going to extremelove.com/donate

OPPORTUNITY

is knocking.

Will you open the door? You can effect real and lasting change in the hearts of the poor, the exploited, and the enslaved.


God is opening a door for harvest. We just need to walk through it like Jesus did.

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> Did you know we're now scheduling team outreaches to Cambodia? Space is limited! Email us at info@extremelove.com

meet us: **Elvena**

Elvena has ministered for over 30 years around the world serving as a missionary, teaching the gospel, ministering in healing and deliverance, and leading intercession groups. She is an ordained minister and is currently the Prayer Overseer for Extreme Love Ministries.

She's made several mission trips to Thailand and Cambodia, where her passion is to bring change and activation to the body

of Christ so others can step into their divine purpose, destiny and identity to advance God's kingdom. Elvena likes to remind others of the words of Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer 29:11).

Elvena is excited to be coordinating our prayer team directives and leading those who love to pray for



ELM. If you'd like to join our prayer team, email us at info@extremelove.com.

Prayer closet

Please pray for...

- Hope House kids, who were traumatized early this month by devastating house fires next door
- Noah's Ark residents as they are moved by force and have to find jobs
- Finances to meet needs and do more
- Wisdom for us to hear and follow God's leading



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