

# 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.*

**We so appreciate your faithful investment in this work!** In God's generous economy, you have produced fruit in the lives of many needy, at-risk children, adults, and communities here in Cambodia, AND you stored up treasure in heaven! We hope this update encourages you further!



## It Takes Two [teams]

How visiting teams make a vital difference here in Cambodia

**O**ur team plus a visiting team, working together to change lives. It's a beautiful thing!

Hosting a visiting team is one of our great joys! Groups come from different nations and backgrounds, but all have this in common: They love Jesus and want to help stop human trafficking.

We've heard lots of opinions about visiting groups over the years. Some

feel it's a burden; others say resources spent on tickets and travel would better impact lives by directly funding projects and on-ground needs. But for Extreme Love Ministries neither of those is true. Visiting teams are always a blessing in what they bring individually and corporately. Teams bring unique spiritual gifts, prayer, resources, time, talents and,

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# My Thoughts

By Andrea Kofinoff, Director of Extreme Love Ministries

## GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN

Jesus said the entire law fits into these two commandments: love God, and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40). Wow — what simple yet profound truth! I often wonder what would happen if we really applied these two great commandments to everything we did, said and thought. What would the world look like, and how would we be changed, if we always put love first? If we really gave ourselves fully to love God and love people, we would in turn be "seek[ing] first His Kingdom and His righteousness" (Matt 6:33).

Loving our neighbor can be as simple as seeing their needs and "giving them a cup of water" (spiritually, emotionally or physically). When we do that we introduce them to the One who gives living water (Matt 10:42; 25:34-40; and John 4:7-26). We are God's mouthpiece, His hands, His feet . . . we are the ones who show and tell of His love. And our neighbor doesn't have to live next door or even share our postal code; our neighbor can be the one in front of us, wherever our feet take us.

Missions can be a powerful way to see and minister to our neighbors. Whether or not your "Go" call to disciple nations leads you around the world, all of us can respond to the Great Commission by reaching out and loving our neighbors in our own backyard, within our spheres of influence or, for some, to step out and disciple in other nations (Matt 28:19-20). But discipling nations always starts with the one in front of us. Eventually that "one" will bring us to households, cities, regions and nations — but it starts with the one! And it starts with our response to build the Kingdom of God together.

Let's continue to join hearts in our call to LOVE . . . let's love God and love our neighbor with everything we are and do (Mark 12:30-31). It is there and then that nations will be changed and come to Him!

*Andrea*

## It Takes Two [teams]

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perhaps best of all, passion! Time and again teams have proven to be a huge asset to our communities, outreaches and projects (and we could fill a book telling you about the awareness, testimonies and ramped-up passion they take back home!).

When teams come we actually are able to do more, multiplying ourselves to advance special projects, meet larger-scale needs, and minister within areas of unique team member gifting. And best of all, teams partnering for a short-term mission experience end up becoming family. They often continue to partner from home in prayer and finances, and often return again and again to serve with another short-term team—or even return for a long-term missions assignment.

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*Through games, songs, dance and crafts, team members help kids in slum communities discover Jesus and His love for them.*



*Team members often form lasting bonds with ELM staff (at left) and encourage those in the communities where we serve.*



# "Time and again teams have proven to be a huge asset to our communities, outreaches and projects...."

In February and March, we hosted two amazing teams that came to serve alongside our Cambodia team. One was a church team from Erie, Pennsylvania (Erie First Assembly), and another was an international women's group (Women on the Frontlines). Both teams shared heart, gifts and experiences with kids, women and families! In addition, the prayer and intercession that came through unified hearts was invaluable, bringing breakthrough and healing to persons and nations.

One of our cherished times with both groups was a women's banquet where 100+ women from backgrounds of prostitution and trafficking learned about God's love and how He values each one. The teams brought testimonies and words of encouragement, and both groups heard the gospel clearly—in word and deed. Many came to know Jesus and receive Him for the first time!! We are still reaping fruit from the outreaches and powerful times of ministry and fellowship made more effective with the help of these teams!

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*Visiting team members join with our Cambodia team to minister to all who have need. God often uses their unique spiritual gifts, talents and past experiences to minister in ways the ELM team cannot.*



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*At top, men on the team greeted each woman attending the banquet as they stepped off the elevator and blessed them with a rose. At left, team members made each invited guest feel welcome, honored and valued; at right, most of the women had not had such yummy food, or such plenty, in a long time—if ever.*



*Sometimes all a child needs is someone to spend time with them. This act of service helps kids to see that they are uniquely loved by God.*





# Let's Keep It Going!

If you've read up to this point, you know a lot of reasons why we love visiting teams. Here's another: Prior to coming to Cambodia, teams raise money to fund the outreach ministry goals they feel God is leading them to accomplish during their visit.

Once the team is here, those funds—plus their spiritual gifts and plenty of sweat and tears—**supercharge our outreach capabilities**. It's wonderful to see the amazing fruit that God brings, a small sampling of which you've seen and read in this newsletter!

New breakthroughs in the Spirit always happen during a team's visit, but we want to advance further—to fill the gap—until the next team.

To accomplish this, we want to fuel more ongoing outreaches in 2024. More banquets to reach women trapped in prostitution. More outreach into red light districts. And more food, evangelism, and kids ministry. But we can't do this without your partnership! Will you give a monthly or one-time gift to "keep the momentum going"?

**Our goal is \$10,000 to fill the outreach gaps between teams. Please give using the enclosed response form today. Any size gift will help.**

## Build Momentum with US!

New breakthroughs in the Spirit always happen during a team's visit, but we want to continue to advance after they leave. A monthly or one-time gift will help us to "keep the momentum going".

\$20    \$100    \$500    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to give this amount monthly for ongoing outreach

I'm sending this completed form and my check to:  
Extreme Love Ministries, P.O. Box 170, Maricopa, AZ 85139

I'm going to donate by credit or debit card at:  
[www.ExtremeLove.com/donate-spring](http://www.ExtremeLove.com/donate-spring)

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

## It Takes a Team

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After suffering through years of Covid restrictions and the virtual halt in international travel, we are thrilled to once again be hosting teams and groups for missions, ministry and work opportunities! Thank God for the Body of Christ, and the strength that comes when we join with likeminded hearts.



*How good and pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity! It is there that the commanded blessing comes. — Psalm 133:1-3*



Community outreach touches the poor where they live (At top, our March team's gift of mango trees to a community displaced to tree-less land will yield lots of physical—and spiritual—fruit in the years to come; at left, our February team brought gifts of food—and prayer—to another community.)

## Prayer closet

Please pray for...

- Jesus to continue to draw hearts in our outreach & followup
- Boldness & faithfulness for new believers
- New social business projects to increase training, discipleship & work for those in need
- Our team & partners (in Cambodia & internationally) to continue in boldness, grace & love to reach those most in need



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