



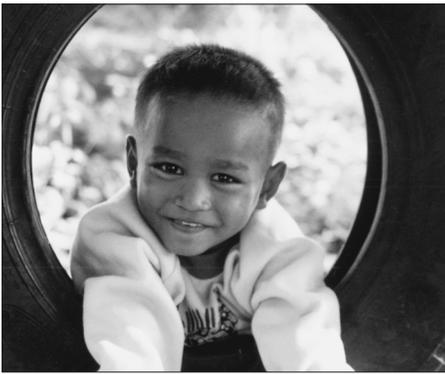
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Cambodia



Chorn playing on the tire swing.

Among the fragrant mango trees and gardens blooming with promise, past the tire swing and tree house, and beyond the jungle gym, rest five houses. Each house is a home filled with children, and each child has a story to share. Here's a peek into the lives of two children in our Cambodia family, Hal Sowat and Chorn Samnang.

In House Two, there is Sowat whose mother died three years ago. At her death, Sowat lost not only his mother, but his entire family, for his father abandoned his mother at the diagnosis of her disease. Discarded and alone, little Sowat walked the streets struggling to make it from one day to the next. Some of Sowat's neighbors tried to help, but

their own extreme poverty prevented them from doing much. Eventually, the Chief of Police rescued Sowat and took him into his home until he could contact the director of the ICC Children's Village in Khompong Thmar.

In House Three next door lives another little boy who can dream because of his ICC family. Little Chorn Samnong lost so much before he was even born. His father left his mother a couple of months before his birth, and then his mother died from childbirth complications. When Dominique, from Medicine Sans Frontieres Works, realized that Samnang had no known family, she asked a neighbor to take him in. Yet,

a couple of weeks later, when she came for a visit, she found that the neighbor fed her own children with the money left for Samnang's upkeep. Hoping to give Samnang a better life, Dominique took him to ICC where he was accepted into the ICC Cambodia Children's Village.

Through ICC, Sowat and Samnang gained families and homes to replace the ones lost. Today Sowat excitedly goes to school excelling in both math and drawing. Samnang is a thriving, happy two-year old who loves to play with anything that moves or makes noises. Through their ICC families, Sowat and Samnang will receive the support that they need

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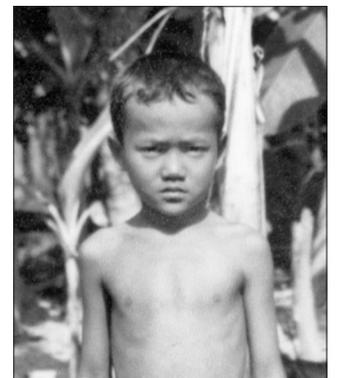
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As with all families, we have a to do list. Please consider helping us with it.

Guatemala

- 12 commercial size washing machines at \$650 each.
- Small 40 horse power tractor with mowing deck.
- Large tractor with harrow.

Congo

- 2 complete outside kitchens for \$5000 each.
Currently one kitchen feeds all the children.
- A power plant collection pond at \$4000.
This will increase water flow to our electrical power plant.

Cambodia – continued

as they grow into happy, little boys. These two boys, both with stories of sorrow and pain, scramble across the playground and run through the fragrant mango trees, creating new memories and replacing the ones lost.

Dare to Imagine – ASI

Are you attending the ASI Convention this August? If so, please plan to join us for a special lunch at noon, Friday, August 7, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located near the convention center.

Drop by our booth in the exhibition hall by noon Friday, mention the “Dare To Imagine” Luncheon and receive your free meal ticket. Seating is limited, and by “reservation only”.

This lunch “tour” will give you the opportunity to meet ICC founders, Ken and Alcyon Fleck, and hear thrilling stories and updates from our projects.



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A Personal Message

July 2004

Dear ICC family,

Som Ky was one of the children in Cambodia who lost both parents during the war there. He had no one to turn to except an aunt, but she was already overwhelmed with trying to keep food on the table for her own large family. When her husband died of malaria, little Som Ky was on the bottom of the list of her priorities. That was the case when food was scarce and he had to go without. When he was sick there was no one to care for him.

Finally, his aunt rid herself of the burden of Som Ky and gave him to someone, who used him like a slave. Not only did the little fellow grieve for the loss of his parents, but his life became a nightmare with the cruel treatment of his master. Fortunately, the village chief became aware of the plight of this little boy and consulted with some of the neighbors. Providentially some knew about the ICC children's village.

Now, Som Ky is a happy, friendly 14-year-old, who loves to help with responsibilities. He is quiet and gets along well with others. He is happy to be in school and especially likes art and PE. For a little boy who could never be like other children, he greatly enjoys the playground activities, playing marbles, and playing with Sok, the campus monkey. In a country where the worship of God was forbidden, he now knows that he isn't an orphan anymore, and that he has a Father in Heaven who loves him.

Thirteen-year-old Makara lived with her parents and her brothers until her father died when she was six. From then on the mother and children barely existed. They lived in a shack by the side of the road. Things came to such a situation that the mother forced the children to go out into the markets and beg for money.

It didn't seem that things could get worse, but then Makara's mother died. A neighbor took the children in temporarily. About three months later someone told them about the ICC children's village. Now Makara and her brothers are part of our ICC family in Cambodia. Makara loves school and is an excellent student and always helpful to the teacher. She and her friends love to play in the tree house on the campus. Needless to say, life for Makara and her brothers has turned from the suffering and fear they had known to a new life of love, security and happiness. ICC sponsors have made it possible for them to have this new life.

Synat, who is 14 now, first lost her father, a soldier, by death. Her mother struggled, working as a servant in order to care for Synat and keep her in school. When her mother sickened, there was no money for medicine, and she died, leaving the little girl alone. She went to her aunt's house and stayed

Homes For The Homeless

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40

until her aunt died in 2002. With no place else to go she stayed in her aunt's house alone. She found a place in the market where she could eat scraps of food in exchange for washing dishes. But when it rained no one came to eat at the market and she would have to ask the neighbors for a little rice.

When Synat first came, the trauma of losing everyone and feeling alone and frightened made her sad and withdrawn. But, finally, she realizes that she can put that life behind her and know that she won't be hungry, homeless or alone in the world anymore. Her house parents are glad to see that Synat has changed into a happy, smiling girl.

Ra Ju's father was another casualty of the war. His mother is blind and paralyzed by a disease. She cannot walk or see, and is wasting away. Fortunately a neighbor lady learned of her situation and began sharing some of her sparse food with the mother and Ra Ju.

But this poor, sick mother suffered, not only for herself, but mostly because of her worry about her little boy. Who would care for him when she died? She cried constantly in her desperation. Her neighbor wanted to help her and asked around if there was someone who could help, especially someone who would take six-year-old Ra Ju.

Someone told her, "There is a missionary family down the street. Why don't you go and talk to them?"

Fortunately the missionaries knew about the ICC children's village. They came and talked to the sick woman. "There is a home for orphans who take children like your little boy. Would you like for us to talk to them?"

When Ra Ju's mother heard that news she was overjoyed. "Oh yes! Please ask if they will take my son. I will die soon. I have to know he will be cared for."

Ra Ju soon became part of one of the families at the ICC children's village. Not only that, the missionary family has provided care for the brave, dying mother.

Stories like these tear at our heart strings. We know that there are so many more children in Cambodia, and many other countries, who are suffering. We know that only the coming of Jesus will put an end to the suffering of children in this world, but in the meantime, ICC is putting forth every effort to continue to grow, and to alleviate the terrible problem of the abandoned and homeless children in these countries of so much need.

I look at the children who are growing up in our ICC village homes, not like orphans anymore, but like part of a happy family. And I look at those who have already gone out to make a life of their own with an education and preparation to care for themselves. It fills my heart with gratitude to you who are giving so generously to make all of this possible. You have a heart with room to help the little innocent victims of all the sin, violence, and tragedies of this world. God bless you all!

With our love,

Alyow and Jen