



CAMBODIA

Newsletter of Mark & Joan Bouman

SUMMER 2010



It has been a busy summer, mostly for Mark with some traveling and speaking. We continue raising funds stateside for the orphanage and the 30 kids from the orphanage who attend different universities in Phnom Penh. The number continues to grow! When we first went to Cambodia in 1993, only 3% of the nation's children finished 12th



grade. No one from the orphanage had ever completed high school so college was not on anyone's list of hopes or dreams. Generally, only children of government officials or the wealthy were able to attend college. Through God's divine intervention and your prayer/support, we have seen the impossible happen. As many of you know, in 2000 we built a Christian K-12 Cambodian school. The school now has 350 students. Today, nearly all of the kids from the orphanage finish high school and move on to college.

Sreyown, one of our girls, is currently in her 4th year of medical school. She told me recently that in class one day some students were asking each other how their parents earned a living. Most of the students had parents who were government officials, business owners or doctors. They asked Sreyown what her dad did. When she said she was an orphan, they laughed at her and said she was certainly lying as no orphan could ever be in medical school! With God anything is possible.

We know it may sound like an old cliché, but we really are "so very thankful for your faithfulness to the kids of Cambodia and to us". It is an incredible blessing to see them with great hopes and expectations as young Christian adults. **THANKS!**

PRAYER

-Please **pray** for our family as we follow the Lord's leading and calling for this season of ministry.

-Please **pray** for wisdom and right choices for the college students from the orphanage as many of them begin their 4th year and work many hours at jobs in addition to classes.

-Please **pray** for Mark as he travels and speaks, that people are moved by the Spirit of God.

Thank you!

Sreyown, medical student

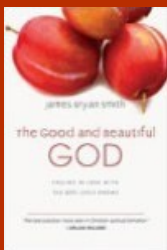


Sreyown and her 4 siblings from the orphanage, all now in colleges in Phnom Penh.



Book of the Quarter

The Good and Beautiful God
James Bryan Smith



We all have ideas we tell ourselves about God and how He works in our lives. Some are true, many are not. The author believes those thoughts shape not only who we are, but how we live. He presents the narratives Jesus lived by and helps us discover what narratives we live by. Each chapter includes "soul training" exercises. This book works best in a small group setting. Joan loved it!

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