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The most credible witness of a Godly walk is Christ being formed in us. Reflecting His Glory. Being his representation on earth.

For whom he did foreknow, He did also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29)

As a ministry, our desire is to be conformed to His Image and to walk in His Steps.

****Glorifying God* simply means reflecting His likeness in all we do.***

It means unlearning all of our old ways of thinking and doing, and allowing Him to show forth, so that He can manifest and express His characteristics through us.

It means removing every hindrance, every obstacle and every blockage in our life that quenches His Spirit, so that he may be clearly seen through us, just as the Father was per-

fectly seen through Jesus.

Hebrews 1:3 *The Son perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God's nature.*

When people look at us, do they see the characteristics of Christ?

This is the purpose of our existence as Christians. We are to be changed from the "inside, out" and begin to reflect His likeness and image.

Jesus even goes further to and says in John 5:31, "If I bear witness of Myself, my witness is not true."

Wow! If Jesus says this of **Himself, how much more**

it must be true for all of us! We are to bear witness of God's image, not our own.

When God asks us to love Him with all our heart, mind and soul, what He is really asking is that we exchange our own image, all of our thoughts - emotions and desires that are contrary to His will - for the Image that we were originally created to bear:

A portrait of His supernatural Love, Thoughts, and Power.

As a ministry we are seeing our staff, students, orphans, widows, friends, being changed daily from the inside-out!

Meet Srey Soy, the Newest orphan in the



Loaves and Fishes Program. Today is a very sad day for all of IHSI staff. We had Srey Soy tested for HIV. We suspected she was HIV positive and the blood test confirmed our suspicions. [We will now make arrangements for HIV medication. Please pray for the Lords visions in this.](#)

Cont. Pektra.

Pektra also tutors the older orphans to help them catch up in Public/ Government school. Teaching some of them to read and write.

Pektra's heart's desire is to see the students in Saang come to know the lord.

Pektra is like the kernel of Wheat that has fallen to the ground and died. No longer is it Pektra who is living, but Christ who lives in Him. He is bearing much fruit for the Kingdom.

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John 12:24 **Most certainly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

Meet Pektra, In His Steps staff, teacher, friend and son. Pektra has worked with IHSI for 1.5 years.

Pektra has been teaching English at the foundation center for the last year. The Foundation center

has over 300 students per day studying English.

Pektra is an evangelist at heart, sharing his faith whenever possible. He Loves God!!

In between school hours Pektra visits the orphans.



Pektra Continued. The local leaders are amazed at the change in the young people!

Pektra has a bible study on Saturdays. The group has grown from 5-6 students to over 25. Pektra felt that he was to move from the city to live in Saang to spend more time with the students. We talked and prayed with him and felt this was the right thing to do.

Every night Pektra has over 10 young men praying and worshipping the Lord.

The following is an report Pektra gave to us about the Discipleship night:

Many of the students that come to Discipleship night had many bad actions; they drank alcohol, had anger, bad character, spoke bad words, they disobeyed their parents, and they even tried to persecute

me. One day I was teaching the word of God and I finished my teaching and they came to talk to me. Their fears all fall down, {and} they said the lesson really touched heir hearts, I told them it is not me but God in me. God is healing their hearts. Even though they did many bad things, God still loves them, and God wants to have relationship with them.

*I taught them about repentance, and they come to worship and study Gods word every night. They are never absent. They are so happy to know about God. They pray and worship God with me 2 hours every day. **Their actions have changed. They want others in Saang to Know God!***

Last week Eric met with the local leader in Saang on Friday and the leader commented that the gang activity in Saang has stopped and all of the gang members are now regularly studying at the Foundation Center.



The families and police are overjoyed to see the change in the young people.

Students Thank God for the Foundation Center.

This past Saturday, we had a birthday party at the Foundation Cen-ter. There were approx. 30-40 students.

The students provided the sound system, the food, and there was worship and traditional dancing.

At the end of the party we had a time to pray for the students to affirm them on their birthdays. They wept as Pektra Prayed for them. It is amazing what the Lord is doing in the students. The students thank God and IHSI for opening the Center.



Birthday party at the Foundation Center



Former gang members bow in prayer at the Birthday Party.

United Pastors Fellowship, Marriage Seminars, Bible school

Eric was blessed and honored to be voted in as an advisor to the United Pastors Fellowship. This position is a three year term. Please pray for all the pastors in Cambodia, and for the Lord to grant Eric wisdom in this new role.

Ginny also continues her role in working with the pastor's wives, building relationships with them and teaching them.

This month we led a marriage seminar.

We had 25 leaders and wives. For many this was the first teaching on an unconditional marriage.

Today we heard incredible testimonies from the marriage seminar. The lord did a deep work in many hearts. Now the teaching is being multiplied in the churches.

We continue to minister in worship and prayer at the Fire wall and the Ex-Patriot

Worship night. This week Eric will teach in the local Bible college.



Marriage Seminar

Sarith Goes to Hungry!

Many of you have had the privilege of meeting Sarith. He is also a son, friend and an IHSI administrative assistant. Sarith is a very talented and gifted young man. Sarith trains all IHSI staff.

Sarith was selected to go to Hungry in April with the New Life Church worship team . The trip was sponsored by Hagar Organization in Cambodia. Thanks to everyone who donated for Sarith to buy a winter coat, hat, gloves, scarf!! He will be COLD..

We obtained a passport for Sarith last year. Our prayer is he eventually he will go with us the USA. Sarith will accompany us in May to Malaysia where we will

be guest speakers at a retreat. Sarith will travel with us to Singapore in June. Sarith was selected for the New Life Worship team at a crusade for Marilyn Hickey Ministry.



Here Sarith is translating for Franklin Graham, with Samaritan's Purse Ministry.



Please pray for Sarith and all IHIS Staff.

Loaves and Fish Program (orphans and widows)

The loaves and Fish program is flourishing! We thank the Lord for the allowing us to partner with Him , with helping such incredible and precious treasures!!

We had a meeting at the Foundation Center a month or so ago with the orphans and widows/care-givers. The testimonies that they shared of how they felt so loved and cared-for brought tears to our eyes.

We feel blessed to have such a wonderful family. *We currently have 30 children and 16 Widows ,and many caregivers.*



Seventeen of our thirty Children



Please pray for the orphans and widows and caregivers.

Meet Sonah (16) Sonah is in the Loaves and Fishes program.

Sonah parents are both deceased. He lives with his elderly grandmother.



IHSI is currently supporting and sponsoring Sonah and his grandmother. Sonah is now in school. He is enrolled in first grade. The teachers at the Foundation

Center tutor Sonah daily, helping him to advance. It is so easy for us to take for granted the blessings of education, food and water, clothing, medical care, and many other basic needs, but they receive them as precious gifts!

We took Sonah to the Dentist to fix his front teeth. The exam showed 17 of 29 teeth were bad. We had five fillings done last Friday, and he is just one among many orphans that need dental / medical



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HIV+ Orphans. There is so much to learn.

Orphans are robbed of parents - and so much more!

A child who loses one or both parents to AIDS might also be infected with HIV.

Orphans often find themselves battling the very disease that took their parents.

Young orphans, *healthy or not*, are often forced into adult roles long before they should be. An eldest child who loses parents to HIV/AIDS might carry the heavy responsibility of caring for brothers and sisters.

AIDS orphans must deal with much more than just the death of their parent(s).

Common reactions of children to the death of a parent include: depression, hopelessness, suicidal tendencies, loneliness, anger, confusion, helplessness, anxiety and fear of being alone.

Children with an HIV infected parent are also susceptible to intense emotional stress even before they are orphaned. Children might experience the trauma of having to watch a parent suffer and then die. When parents are sick with HIV, children often suffer from neglect as well. Lastly, after a parent's death, these orphans are sometimes stigmatized for being associated with HIV/AIDS.

Please pray:

We just found out that both of our newest orphans are HIV+

Tomorrow we will meet with the care-givers of Srey Nha and Srey Soy. We need to tell them the results from the blood test for both girls.

There is much misinformation and superstition surrounding HIV and Aids within the Cambodian Population. Often the orphan is abandoned when the care-giver finds



out that the children also have HIV+.

Please pray for the girls. Srey Soy is only 6, Srey Nha is 17, and both girls' lives are shattered.

Pray for the care-givers. Please pray for us and IHSI staff. **We need your prayers!**

There is such great need in those like Srey, Nah and Srey Soy, Agree with us in prayer as we seek His direction for IHSI, to show us our part in his plan for helping those with AIDS.

Blessings and Love, Eric and Ginny