



Hello Everybody!

What an awesome welcome I received coming back home! Everyone – kids, patients, grannies and staff (and dogs!) were gathered in great excitement under my house or on the road in front. The baby care-givers were proudly showing off those precious little bundles they were responsible for. The kids held up WELCOME signs in English and Cambodian, everyone sang our signature song “Our Lord is Very Good” and then a special song “Yeay Mauk Veng Hauy” (Gramma Came Back) that Sokhan had written and “Gramma’s Home” to the tune of Jingle Bells that their English teacher Cheryl had taught them. There was a lot of laughing and crying – especially by me as I soaked it all in and realized that all the time on the road, all the telling of the story of Place of Rescue, all the yearning for friendship and support – THIS is what it is all about! We truly are an awesome community filled with so much love from Jesus. How can I praise Him enough for what He has done for us?

It was great seeing so many of you during the past two months. Thank you for all your many acts of love and kindness. Thank you for praying for me and all of us here.

We are so grateful to Cheryl Fenske for her good work teaching English since she came at the end of Sept. '08. We will greatly miss her as she returns to Canada in April. May the Lord reward her for her sacrifice and kindness and hard work!! And God bless her family for letting her come.

We still need 29 people to sponsor children at Place of Rescue. Sponsorship is \$50 a month which takes care of all the needs of a child here. Presently we have 186.

Please pray for us as we seek to move ahead taking over another orphanage in northern Cambodia. There are 70 children living at this place. They are being cared for by loving,

capable Christian Cambodians who need financial support. Rescue wants to purchase the land they are now renting and build ten houses similar to the ones here. Presently the children are housed in 2 inadequate shelters, 34 children in a thatch shelter the size of a house that is home to 10 kids here. These children will also require sponsorship.

Today we are all off to the beach. The buses will come lumbering up in a couple of hours from now. The guest houses where the kids will stay might never be the same after each room is crowded with 10 or 12 kids. Judging by previous years everyone is in for a super good time. May the Lord Jesus send His angels to protect us all. I have a feeling we will need that!!

Looking ahead I am excited about all the good things we anticipate. Our kids and adults are growing in the love of Jesus. We are ready to receive more babies and children and grannies. We look forward to good visits from friends who come to see and rejoice and pray. We average two visits a week. We look forward to my Shelly and my grandsons, Adam and James and a team from Foothills who will come in summer to hold an on-site Bible Camp for us.

With love and gratitude,
Makyeay (Gramma)
for all of us at Place of Rescue