



New Life Fellowship of Churches

## CAMBODIA

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*"Making  
difference in the life  
of a child, one child  
at a time."*

## Cambodia's Children at Risk

The boy to the right on this page is **Satya**. He is 13 years old and lives in Tung Kea Village, about an hour and a half southeast of Phnom Penh. I met Satya when I was teaching at a seminar in the church we are planting there. He has no father. His father came to Cambodia from a European country to work with the United Nations in the mid-1980s. He met a Cambodian woman, slept



with her and eventually returned to Europe never to be seen again.

Satya asked me if I could try to contact his father because he would like to improve his life and attend university, but of course there is no way I can find his birth father. Satya lives with his mother and sister in his uncle's shack. They have no land, no rice field, no money and no way of earning a living, except by hiring themselves out to farmers in the village in hopes of earning enough for the days' meal.

We discovered seven other orphans in this village, some living by themselves, others living with non-related families which were almost as destitute as themselves. One group of these orphans had only rice and soy sauce to eat. Life in a Cambodian village is rough, but even more so for a child. What future does this child have for education, healthcare and family? His village has no running water, no electricity, no healthcare system and a sub-standard educational system. Satya and others like him have only one or two sets of clothes, no bicycle and no place to call his own. Because they live with a relative, they often become the "slave" of that relative and are responsible for all the menial tasks, thus forfeiting study time. This is typical for Cambodian village children.

What can you do to help these children?

For USD\$30 per month you can sponsor a Cambodian Child-at-Risk. We will use your sponsorship to create an account for one child. The monthly contributions will insure that the child:

- *Has school fees paid;*
- *Has adequate food each month;*
- *Has school clothes and school supplies;*
- *Has adequate healthcare needs met;*
- *Has an opportunity to hear the Gospel and receive Jesus as His Savior and be added to a local Church.*

Once we receive your initial sponsorship donation, you will receive:

*Cambodia's Children at Risk is part of Cambodia Outreach and a ministry of New Life Fellowship of Churches Cambodia.*

*Our sole purpose is to provide a better life for children-at-risk in Cambodia.*

*In the rural villages and in the cities children are often left homeless of living in inadequate conditions with poor relatives as a result of parents who have died or have abandoned them because they cannot support them.*

*Only US\$30 per month will help provide for the well being of a Cambodian child-at-risk.*

- A photo of the child you sponsor as well as information regarding his or her particulars.
- The address by which you can write the child or send special gifts for birthdays or holidays.
- An initial letter from the child as well as periodic updates.

Of the USD\$30, \$25 will go as direct support to the child you sponsor. \$5 will go toward the salary of a Cambodian who will assist in visitation, administration and overseeing the well being of the child.

## Sponsor a High School Student

A public school teacher in Cambodia usually receives no more than \$25 as a monthly salary. It is impossible to live on this amount. Therefore, although public school is legally free, the teacher charges various "fees" to the students, such as a fee to sit at the front of the class room; a fee for any worksheet to be studied in class; a fee for test papers; a fee to be allowed to study each day. Many, if not most, poor Cambodian families cannot afford to pay the fees, or they borrow or work extra jobs to pay the fee.

All of one's school year's success depends upon the final exam during their 12th year of school. If one passes the exam then you have the opportunity to enter college. However, if one fails the exam, they've lost everything! The way the school system works, one cannot learn all you need to know to pass the final examine in normal classroom studies. It's essential that one study with a private tutor to gain the information you need. (Interestingly enough, the private tutor is often one's own teacher, moonlighting to make ends meet!) Therefore, there is great pressure on the 11th and 12th year students to find the money to study with a private tutor. Your \$30 per month gift will go a long ways in helping a Cambodian high school student prepare for a bright future!



## Sponsor a University Student

With Cambodia's high unemployment rate, it's only those who have the most marketable job skills that are going to be able to land a job. New Life Foundation has been educating young people in English, office skills, leadership skills and personal character and integrity. This skills and attributes coupled with a university education, can help a young person to find a well paying job and become financially self-supporting. Your gift of US\$600 per year (only \$50 per month) can set a young person's life on track for success!



## Information About Cambodia

**Population.** Cambodia's approximate population is 13.9 million. 52% are female and nearly 80% of the population is under 30 years old. The population is growing at 1.72% per year. 84% of Cambodians live in rural areas. The average household size is 5.2 people.

**Poverty.** Cambodia ranks 129 out of 174 on the United Nations Development Program's *Human Development Index*. 40% of Cambodians live below the poverty line on less than 50 cents per day. Rural households account for nearly 90 per cent of the country's poor.

**Development.** 29% of households have access to safe drinking water, 14% have toilet facilities, 15% have electricity, and 90% use firewood as their main cooking fuel. Cambodia's gross national product per capita is US\$1266 per year.

**Health.** Nearly 12% of children die before their fifth birthday, mainly from diarrhea, acute respiratory infections and malaria. Nearly one-half of all Cambodian children under 5 years of age are moderately or severely underweight. Average life expectancy at birth for a Cambodian female is estimated at 61 years old. The under-5 mortality rate is 163 per 1,000 live births. Cambodia's national health budget constitutes only 5% of the total government budget.

**Education.** The adult literacy rate for Cambodian men is 84%; that for women is 64%. However, a study carried out by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) reported that functionally literate people make up only 37% of Cambodia's adult population. About 42% of Cambodian women and 21% of men above the age of 15 have never attended school. Only 52% of primary schools offer all six grades. In rural Cambodia 25% of boys and 12% of girls enroll in school at the lower secondary level (age 12); 4.2% and 1.7% enroll at upper secondary level (age 15). Pre-school services are unavailable to over 90% of the child population. Eight per cent of the national budget is spent on education.



## Information Cambodia Outreach

**Cambodia Outreach** was established in 1995 as an organization to start churches and train Christian leaders. Their primary church is New Life Fellowship, Phnom Penh. They have also established churches in numerous rural villages in Cambodia. New Life Fellowship of churches seeks to not only address the spiritual needs of a community, but humanitarian needs as well. It's for that reason each of our churches also seeks to become a community center for the benefit of the entire Cambodian community. ([www.cambodiaoutreach.org](http://www.cambodiaoutreach.org))

**New Life Foundation** was established as an International Non-Governmental Organization in Cambodia (NGO) in 1994. Since that time NLF has served the people of Cambodia by providing primary healthcare teaching, relief in the form of food, clothing and shelter and development and education by establishing New Life Foundation Office Skills Training School where more than 1,000 students come to study daily for free. Subjects include:

- English classes at every level
- Typing in English
- Basic computer and office-related software programs
- Office skills
- Other office-related subjects.

If you, your organization, staff, men's or women's group, Sunday School or cell group would like to make a difference in the life of a child and sponsor a Cambodian Child at Risk, high school student or university student, please contact:

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