



TEEN CHALLENGE CAMBODIA

CHANGE FROM THE INSIDE OUT



Channa's story shows that simply moving to a new house will not produce lasting change. True change begins from within.

When Channa came to the Teen Challenge Women's Center, she was deeply addicted to alcohol and drinking 3 liters of a local rice wine every day. She was disheveled and depressed—not able to take care of herself or her 5 children.

Others had tried to help Channa before. She had been living in Kampong Chhnang, a Cambodian province, and some members of the community had noticed her spiral into addiction. She had started drinking heavily after her second husband left her. Some of the members of

the community thought that her condition might improve if she had a better place to stay, and they arranged for her to move to a new house. However, Channa's condition did not improve.

The community then reached out to a local pastor and his wife who are also the managers of an orphanage in the area. Pastor Sambath knew about Teen Challenge, and he arranged for Channa to come to the Women's Center. Pastor Sambath even paid part of the treatment cost. He and his wife decided to take care of Channa's children at the orphanage so that Channa could focus on her own recovery and so that the kids could receive special attention under Pastor Sambath and his wife's care.

Like many incoming clients, Channa did not want to stay when she first arrived. She missed her kids and her old home. However, the staff encouraged her to give it a

chance and reminded her that she was not healthy enough yet to return and fully care for her kids. Channa listened to their wise advice and completed the one-year treatment program.

The program was transformational in Channa's life. Through the teachings of the staff, she accepted Jesus as her Savior, and she really did have a new life. As she recovered from her addiction, her entire disposition changed. She became more talkative and participated actively in the program. She learned to read and write Khmer and also how to sew.

When the Teen Challenge staff escorted Channa back to Kampong Chhnang on February 15, 2016, Channa was overjoyed to be reunited with her children. Pastor Sambath and his wife barely recognized her and commented that she looked like a whole new Channa.

Channa is now staying at the orphanage for a month. As she adjusts to life outside of the center again, Pastor Sambath is helping her find a job, but he hopes that she might be able to stay on at the orphanage as a cook. This would be a secure placement for both Channa and her children.

Through Teen Challenge and ultimately through Jesus Christ, Channa has experienced real change in her life, change from the inside out.



WAYS TO GIVE

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GRADUATION

Clients from the Women's Center marked a special milestone on February 13, 2016. Four clients received their certificates for completing the one-year recovery program, and five clients and two kids also were baptized.

To mark the special occasion, clients and staff went to Thmor ROUNG, a recreational place a few hours from Phnom Penh. There our director Vuth performed the baptisms with support from the staff who prayed with the clients and encouraged them.

Some of our clients have spent years trapped in addiction, and so we wanted to make the day special for them. The clients and children enjoyed spending time celebrating and eating together. God has done a truly remarkable work

in their lives as He has freed them from their addictions, and they have new life as His daughters.

After the clients finish the one-year residential program, Teen Challenge continues to assist them in their re-entry to society. One client has already left the center, and we are in the process of helping the other three graduates find safe housing and employment. After finishing the program, our graduates remain vulnerable to relapse, and a smooth re-entry into society is key to help prevent this.

Please join us in praising God for the work He has done in these lives and continue to pray for our graduates as they re-adjust outside of the center.





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SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The population of Men's Center recently increased by 5,000—fish, not clients. These Pangas catfish are part of the ongoing efforts of the Men's Center sustainability program.

Previously, the staff at the Men's Center had a desire to raise fish but lacked the water resources. Though the center has two ponds, one pond was used for irrigating crops and the other was needed for bathing and consumption. The area where the center is located frequently does not receive adequate rainfall, and this was true for the last rainy season as well.

However, this situation changed with thanks to Riverview and the Global Development Group.

With Riverview's support, we installed a rainwater storage system at the center last October, and this system can hold 24,000 liters of water. This is enough to supply all the consumption needs at the center and frees up one pond for raising fish.

Over the course of 6 to 8 months, the staff, agricultural interns, and clients at the center will care for the fish with a combination of purchased feed

and locally grown rice and morning glory, and the 5,000 fish will grow to 1 or 1.5 kilograms.

The staff will harvest some of the fish for consumption at the center, and when the fish are sold at the end of the project, they estimate that the center will receive a profit of over \$6,000.

Teen Challenge is excited to be working towards a sustainable operational model, both for the center and for the clients who are learning valuable agricultural skills.