



## TEEN CHALLENGE CAMBODIA



### GOD'S TIMING

The car wouldn't start. A few of the Teen Challenge staff had just finished their lunch and were about to head back to the Women's Center, but as they all sat in the car, it wouldn't start. Vuth, the executive director, tried everything he could, but nothing helped. Vuth called a mechanic, and he and Jim waited with the vehicle as a couple of the staff went ahead by tuk tuk. As Vuth and Jim sat there waiting, a badly bruised woman approached them asking for some money. When Vuth saw her face and heard her voice, he said, "Trom? Is that you?"

Her swollen face barely recognizable, this former Teen Challenge client began to weep. After she had finished the program a year earlier, she had remained clean for several months. However, when her mother died, Trom had relapsed into alcoholism because of her dull pain and grief.

Furthermore, the man she was currently living with was abusive and beat her daily for not bringing in enough money from begging. She told Vuth, "Please, I beg you to take me back. This is the only time my life was good. I need help."

Vuth immediately called a TC staff member to come pick up Trom and take her back to the center. Meanwhile Vuth and Jim continued to wait for the mechanic. However, when the real mechanic arrived (Jesus), the car started right up without a problem. Seemingly, God had engineered one temporary break down to bring Trom back and to build her up again.

Now, after four months in the center, Trom's condition has improved dramatically. Her bruises have faded, and she is also no longer suffering from the seizures or the vomiting that she faced as she be-

gan her treatment. She has been surrounded by the love and prayers of the TC Women's Center staff who have provided stability for her.

After years filled with so much abuse and abandonment, this is exactly what Trom needed. And she needs it right now. In the program, Trom is finding new hope for her life. She's continuing to receive counseling at least weekly, and she's attending a Bible class as well as a literacy class. She's even learning to sew.

Trom's story demonstrates that recovery from addiction is not a simple, one-time solution. Unfortunately, many clients will relapse. Nevertheless, God continues to pursue his lost children and to offer new life through Teen Challenge—even if it means stalling a car now and then to make that connection.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### SMALL

#### BUYING ENTRY SUPPLIES

for new clients and children which may include but is not limited to...

Clothes, Bedding, Mosquito Net and Toiletries.  
\$120 per year

### MEDIUM

#### OUTREACH MINISTRY

\$3,600 per year

#### HOUSING AND EDUCATION

for clients's children  
\$1,500 per year

#### FAITH BASED INTEGRATION

\$1,000 per year

### LARGE

#### FOOD SUPPLIES

Men's Center: \$9,900 per year  
Women's Center: \$4,500 per year

#### TRAINING / REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Men's Center: \$8,000 per year  
Women's Center: \$4,000 per year

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## CHANDOEUN'S SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Right outside the front gate of the Teen Challenge Women's Center, there's a young woman smiling behind her sugar cane juice stand. The woman is Chandoeun, a former TC client, and she's smiling because she has hope for her future.

Chandoeun finished the one-year residential program several months ago, but she didn't know what to do next. A smooth transition out of the center and into a supportive environment is a key step to preventing relapse. However, at that time, Chandoeun's family situation was quite unstable, and her husband had abandoned her a long time ago. She had no place to go.

While Chandoeun was taking some sewing lessons at the center, what she really wanted to do was to have a small business. Something she could do on her own to make enough money for her and her daughter to live on. Now, thanks to a microloan provided with some support from Global Teen Challenge, this dream is becoming a reality.

TC staff arranged for Chandoeun to receive a small loan to purchase a sugar cane juice stand. This stand includes a press that squeezes the sweet juice out of the sugar cane to provide a popular and refreshing drink. Chandoeun is not only becoming progressively more stabilized in her new business but month by month she is also paying back the loan with the profits from her sales.

She continues to stay at the center with her daughter, but she is saving money now so that she can return to her village in Kandal province. Her elderly parents are living alone there, and she wants to live with them and take care of them while also continuing to operate her sugar cane juice stand.

With the ongoing care and support of TC staff, Chandoeun has taken a huge step towards a sustainable future. She's grateful for all those who have come alongside of her including the staff who have encouraged her and those who donated to make the micro-loan possible.



## FROM FEAR TO FREEDOM

“Teen Challenge has made me a new person,” Rangsey said with a big smile. At the age 20, Rangsey is a strong and confident young man who now is serving as a staff member at the TC Men’s Center. However, he didn’t always stand so tall.

Just three years ago, Rangsey lived in fear like so many other youths in his neighborhood. He lived in fear of the local gang, and he was accustomed to frequent beatings from these gang members. He used to ride his bike down side streets to try to steer clear of gang hangouts, but this plan didn’t always work.

After one particularly severe beating, Rangsey gave up and went to the one place that assured him of protection: a rival gang. In the gang, he was welcomed, and he no longer had to suffer from the beatings.

When his gang started using drugs, Rangsey was afraid that his parents would find out.

However, the members convinced him that this feeling would only be temporary. They were right.

As soon as the meth entered his body, the feelings of fear immediately subsided.

He was invincible. He tore through the same streets speeding on his bike without fear, but that too, was temporary. His family would soon discover his secret.

Without any knowledge of substance abuse but aware of Rangsey’s behavioral change, his parents made a desperate move in going to the police to ask, “What are the symptoms of drug use?”

After that meeting, they knew that Rangsey needed help.

When they turned to Teen Challenge, the staff at the Men’s Center opened their arms to Rangsey. The journey to recovery has been long and hard, but today Rangsey has been clean for over 2 years.

He is now a staff member serving as a guard and also helping with the agricultural work. The once fearful boy has become a strong, confident man free from drugs.

His family is overjoyed with his transformation. For now, Rangsey is very content to work on the TC staff, daily gaining more experience and maturity.

In the future, Chan Rangsey plans on going back to school with the hopes of one day becoming a Christian counselor. Just like the anointed men of God who helped him towards his recovery. With his strong commitment and determination, we at TCC, are confident that he will succeed.