



TEEN CHALLENGE  
CAMBODIA



## Mab's Transformation

Though Mab faced hard times since he was young, God used Mab's mother's love and Teen Challenge's program to transform his life.

When Mab was just 5 years old, his father passed away. His mother did the best she could to care for Mab and his two siblings, but Mab carried deep pain in his life. He was short-tempered and difficult to be around.

As Mab became a teenager, he sought to fill the void in his life by joining a gang. He began using drugs when he was just 14 years old. His mother tried to discourage his involvement in the gang, but Mab responded by pulling further away from his family and leaving home to live with the gang. He felt like he had lost the love and care from his family. Deep inside, though, he knew the pain he was causing his mother.

Through it all, Mab's mother never gave up on him. As a

Christian, she prayed for him continuously, and she sought help from her pastor, Pastor Mark. Her church had an outreach program for people addicted to drugs, and through this program called Hope For Life, Pastor Mark and others reached out to Mab. They convinced him that he could make a new start through the men's program at Teen Challenge.

In June 2015, Mab agreed to enter the program. He knew the pain he had caused in his family, and he had a desire to change. The staff at the Men's Center encouraged him daily, and Mab particularly benefited from one-on-one counseling with the staff.\*

While many clients go through a period of wanting to run away from the center, Mab never tried to quit. He had a deep desire to make his mother proud of him, and he persevered through the recovery and rehabilitation program. He found spiritual encouragement

through daily Bible reading and prayer as God continued to transform his life.

As Mab was nearing the end of his one-year program, he shared with many of the new clients about how God had changed his life. This former gang member was now encouraging new clients to persevere and experience the same transformation that he had.

When Mab finished the program, his mother's church in Phnom Penh partnered in the reintegration process. Mab is now staying at a dormitory operated by the church, and he is working at a jewelry store. He is learning to design jewelry, and he hopes to continue to develop this skill.

Mab is thankful for the transformation he experienced at Teen Challenge. He said, ***"Without Teen Challenge, I would be nothing, or less than nothing."***

## 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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## MEN'S CENTER OUTING

On July 5, the Men's Center clients and staff enjoyed a day away with lunch at Tonle Bati, a local recreation spot, and a visit to the zoo. For many of the clients, this was their first time to go to a zoo, and they really enjoyed seeing all the different animals and getting a break from the routine in the center.

This outing was in part due to a deal that the staff had made with some of the clients. When the Men's Center staff went on an overnight staff retreat in June, they asked some of the older clients to help take care of the newer clients. Of course, the staff hired some other people to help

oversee the center, but the staff knew the leadership of the older clients would be crucial during the regular staff's absence.

The older clients agreed, but they asked if the clients could have a chance for an outing as well. The staff thought this was a great idea and promised to organize an outing for the clients after the staff retreat.

The outing then was not only a great way to enjoy fellowship together, but it was also a chance to celebrate the maturity and leadership that the older clients had demonstrated during the staff retreat





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## WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

On August 1, a group of about 20 Americans gathered together with Teen Challenge clients and staff as well as a number of local Cambodian Christians. They gathered inside the new Women's Center—under a new roof, lights, and fans—to sing praises to God for the work completed and to pray for the clients and staff who would one day use the buildings. Though the center is not yet fully completed, it was an amazing night to anticipate what will come.

The American team had been working at the Women's Center for about 10 days. The team was from churches in Washington and California, and they came in partnership with SeedOne, the organization that has committed a large amount of funding and construction expertise for the project. The main tasks for this service trip were to complete the roof and also to install the electrical work for all the lights and fans in the buildings.

Teen Challenge is incredibly grateful to all those who came to be actively involved in the construction of our new Women's Center. These teams not only gave financially but they also gave of their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of women who are addicted to drugs and alcohol.

***We hope the center will be completed by early next year.***