

## **Coats Cambodia Newsletter**

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### **Youth in Trainings**

Last month 75 of our youth attended a large Christian conference in the city. The teaching was good. Many of the kids are taking it seriously and are getting more involved in nearby churches, serving in them, and witnessing to their neighbors. They are far more eager than I was when I first came to faith.

Today, 36 of our kids begin a 5-day course on discipleship on the far side of the country. The course will include 2 days of practical evangelism in the field. Many more kids wanted to go, but the rented bus was full. Please pray this will be a powerful training for them.

### **Some stories of our youth**

Seena is an 18-yr old orphan in our pro-gram that is raising her two younger sisters. A visiting speaker at church unexpectedly called her up to the front. He did not know her, but he said "God knows you are having troubled thoughts, but He will manifest Himself in you in such a way that all will see, and God will use these troubles to grow you, and you will be-come a rock." She was so overwhelmed about being called up front that she did not listen to what the speaker had to say to her. Debbie later told her what he had said, and she really cried. She said she was indeed feeling troubled. This incident occurred at the start of a long holiday period where Cambodians get together with their families and honor their parents. Seeing everyone else with parents and family, she said she was feeling jealous of others as she lost both of her parents some years ago. We thank the Lord for sending this special message to her. Please pray for her.

The teenage girl whom I wrote about back in April who was pregnant and then aborted her baby with some sort of drug also had an unusual encounter with the Lord. Her birth father and mother abandoned her when she was a year old. At the Christian conference while being prayed over she collapsed on the floor, "slain in the spirit". While lying on the floor for quite awhile, she asked the Lord what he thought of her. He responded by telling her several times how much he loved her. She admitted to Debbie the other day she feels very unloved. We have been counseling her because she has been angry with her fiancé a lot lately and we suspect that she is unrealistically seek-ing all her hopes and dreams in this young man, all the hopes and attention she did not get from her parents. We have been encouraging her to put her trust first in the Lord, as the young man cannot possibly fill her huge void. Please pray for her, too.

### **Micah**

Our older son Micah recently completed 4 years of college in physics and math, which he loved studying. He is leaning toward going on to graduate school, but not yet anyway. We are praying that the Lord will make clear the future path He wants for Micah, in His timing. Meanwhile, he recently enrolled in a 9 month program with YWAM in Montana to study the bible, which he also enjoys studying.

Please keep praying for us. Thank you to all of you for your faithful support and faithful prayers.

Blessings, John