

# MISSIONS EXPRESS

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## COSI & BEYOND - BEARING FRUIT

*COSI Manager Carol Ong shares exciting developments in her Cambodia quarterly report for Jul - Sep 2005.*

ON VACATION! It was vacation time for the children from Jul - Sep. In the first 2 weeks, we organised a spring-cleaning of COSI and gave a new coat of paint to the multi-purpose hall, dining hall, dormitories and classrooms. Thereafter, we resumed academic classes for the children, interspersed with vacation activities, such as sewing, crocheting, woodwork, baking and gardening. We also got the children to cultivate plots of land to grow vegetables.

The children's regular activities continued - piano keyboard, computer, dance, daily vespers (group devotions) and bible study. The Character Formation

Team came from 6 - 10 Jul and 10 - 13 Aug to train COSI staff to use the teaching materials for the values 'Patience' and 'Enthusiasm'.

Ten dancers, one boy, Ratanak, two COSI staff, Huy Nol and Yun, and BMC missionary Carol Loh went to Singapore for the Methodist Missions Society fund-raising Tea Reception and Dinner Banquet (20 - 29 Aug). It was an enjoyable and eye-opening trip for the children. The rest of the dancers, who did not have the opportunity to go to Singapore, were treated to an outing at the local amusement park.

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*BMC members hosting the COSI children when they came to Singapore*



## FIELD REPORT - CAMBODIA

by Carol Ong (cont'd)

**At COSI** - The number of children stands at 115. The Emmaus Women's Centre was officially opened on 1 Sep and the children played their part in waving flags to welcome VIPs and performing a dance item after the Open House viewing.

Two bible school students, Chariya and Sopheak, from the Cambodian Methodist Bible School (CMBS) were attached to COSI for 1 month as part of their Field Education. They conducted bible studies for the children, participated in the Saturday Youth meetings and preached on Sundays at the COSI children's service and village children's Sunday School.

**Academic Education** - Three Grade 9 students, Chanthin, Pharo and Landa, passed their National Exams. Moving on to Grade 10, they will now cycle everyday to their new school - the Hun Sen Secondary School at the main road at Baik Jan.

Two children, Tola and Ratana, applied to the University of Fine Arts for a 6-year music education. They will need to sit for an entrance exam in Oct.

**Training for Ministry** - Eight COSI children, who teach Sunday School to the village children, also attended Sunday School Teachers' Training at the Methodist Centre from 7 - 9 Sep.

**COSI Ministry & Village Outreach** - The Thursday Children's programme continues with about 100 children, while the Saturday Youth programme is attended by about 70 youths. Besides bible study, we have introduced talks on teenage topics such as 'Understanding Yourself' and 'Appearance'.

Yun continues to go to the villages of Beung Angchangn, Beung Tre / Srai Kat and Tropiang Ondong to conduct small group meetings. The adult service and Sunday School of Beung Angchangn

village continues to be held in the multi-purpose hall at COSI.



*Village outreach*

From 22 - 28 Aug, together with the Sabao Fellowship team, we made in-roads into 2 new villages (Phum Ong K' vean, Phum L' vee) via food distribution, hair cutting and washing sessions and family photo-taking sessions for the villagers. We also held an evangelistic meeting, where about 5 people raised their hands to accept Christ. **To God be the glory!**

## FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO CAMBODIA

End Nov - Early Dec 2006

Plan on a family mission trip with BMC to Cambodia!

- Visit COSI
- Visit the surrounding villages
- Learn about the ministries of the Methodist Missions Society in Cambodia

As you live alongside the Cambodian people, bless them and share God's love with them, you will be truly blessed in return. It is an experience that promises to change your life perspective.

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## FIELD REPORT - NORTH ASIA

by LD

# An English Summer...

Summer English Programme - It was summer holidays in Jul - Aug for the students in North Asia. We organised a 7-week English programme, which was attended by over 100 students from Primary 1 to Pre-university 2.

Earlier in the year, I remembered struggling with having no teachers for the planned summer programme. I had to cancel the trip of a team of American teachers from the Philippines in March, due to logistical problems.

But in the end, God brought me more than enough helpers. I had a stream of teachers from Singapore - from Methodist churches and non-Methodist churches, such as Bible Presbyterian churches and Faith Community Baptist Church.

In addition, without having to expend any effort on logistics, the Lord brought me a big team of 44 American youths to help enhance my English programme. They came here to work on a community development project. God takes care of every need and blesses abundantly, more than I expected! Through it all, I learnt to trust God in all situations.

I met their leader and we quickly agreed to network and enhance each other's ministry. To give their teens an opportunity to interact with local youth, they sent a team of 12 American teens each day to help out in our English programme. At the end of their stay, I organized a big party for

44 American and over 50 local teens. The hall was packed and everyone had great fun!

The American leaders promised to include this cultural exchange component in their future programmes and we discussed the possibility of future cooperation. Praise the Lord!

**An exhausting summer!** - Besides seeing to the smooth running of the programme, I was busy with the constant arrival of teachers from Singapore each week. It became my weekend trip to the airport, sending off a team, and receiving the next. I entertained a total of 24 visitors over the summer! I fell sick when I was on home leave due to accumulated exhaustion. After returning here, I had adequate rest and have since regained my health.

**Prayer needs** - As it is difficult for me to cope with teaching and hosting teams, please pray with me for one or two co-workers (teachers) to join me. I pray that God will continue to protect and prosper our work, so that we can gain credibility and the confidence of the community. Above all, I pray that we may gain favour in the eyes of God and man.

*Cheerful high school students with  
BMC young adults*



# BMC MISSIONS SUNDAY

27 NOV 2005

TODAY'S SPEAKER - DAVE GREENFIELD



*Dave & Dawn  
Greenfield*

Dave is a missionary from New Zealand and has lived in Singapore with his wife Dawn for 12 years. He is Co-founder and Director of Mercy Teams International (MTI), the mercy ministry of Operation Mobilisation in South East Asia and the Pacific. MTI specialises in working amongst the suffering poor and children at risk in Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia.

Dave is a founding Elder of Riverlife church in Pasir Ris. Dave and Dawn also run Marriage Enrichment weekends for couples who want to make their marriage sweeter and better. They have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

## Mercy Teams International (MTI)

Founded by Dave and Dawn Greenfield in 2002, MTI's goal is to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment by building bridges into the lives of suffering children and families, through a compassionate demonstration of God's transforming Love. MTI is working at present in Indonesia (Aceh), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar and Philippines. Its Headquarters is in Singapore.

**Cambodia's** work is led by Singaporeans, Elijah and Grace Sim. The team specialises in counselling and rehabilitation of Children at Risk, who are caught in a cycle of sexual and physical abuse or child prostitution. MTI also has a ministry for children who live in slums or live and eat on the streets. MTI plans to start a Crisis Shelter in 2006.

**Indonesia's** work started after the 26 Dec tsunami and is focused on working to rebuild the lives of devastated villages around Banda Aceh. Currently MTI is building a kindergarten for children who survived

the tsunami. MTI is also working with local authorities to re-build fish farms in the Lampulo village to provide employment for tsunami-stricken widows who have to provide for their families. Trauma counselling training is also being provided to Christian workers, and MTI is developing plans to build low-cost homes for about 1200 families.

**Thailand's** work amongst Karen and Laoshen villages along the Myanmar border focuses on work amongst children who lack opportunity for education, and adults and children who are sheltering in the jungle, trying to escape Burmese army atrocities. MTI airlifts blankets, mosquito nets and food to assist families desperately in need. BMC's Simei Care Group went on a medical-cum-children's ministry mission trip to this area last year. MTI continues to be in need of teachers, health care workers and social workers to support their work here.

**Myanmar** has a new ministry teaching English, sewing and computer skills. The Brown house is a base for MTI ministry workers and they work with a local pastor.

**Singapore** is the Headquarters for MTI and coordinates new project development, fund-raising and support for missionaries and projects, publicity and recruitment. MTI also runs a 'second chance warehouse' to recycle new and second-hand goods, such as blankets, educational equipment, toys, hygiene packs, stationery packs and medical aid, for the mission fields.

Our missionaries, John and Samantha, are currently serving with MTI. MTI offers opportunities to serve the Lord for a year or more in the area of relief and development work.

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## An Opportunity To Care For Our Missionaries

"For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints." - Hebrews 6:10

We thank God for your partnership in ministry with our missionaries in the mission field. For those who would like to get involved, here are some practical ways you could help:

- 1) Moral Support – encouragement, a listening ear, showing care and concern.
- 2) Logistics Support – courier of care packages
- 3) Financial Support
- 4) Prayer Support
- 5) Communication Support – helping to disseminate missionaries' newsletters
- 6) Re-entry Support – integration back to home and church

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