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Holistic Approach to People Addicts



We believe that every child and adult, regardless of their personal situation, has intrinsic worth, value, purpose, intelligence, and competence. No child or adult should be marginalized. Instead, they must be helped to understand their identity and purpose in life. Currently, Teen Challenge is a residential facility is home to thirty boys and adults from 11 years old plus above. Most of them remain with us around seven months and up to one year. We encouraged each boy and adult to take leadership responsibilities within the home. Our goal is to show respect no matter what condition we find the children or adult in. The non-judgment approach that we take doesn't let children and adult off the hook. We try to always be available and open, regardless of the student's responses. Children and adult in our program need to know that they are important to us

and that we care enough to go the second, third, and even the tenth mile with them. Adults and children, especially abused, hurt, and addicted children, cannot be advised or motivated until they can trust us. For this reason, we emphasize consistency in routines, attitudes, and spiritual life. Persistence in prayer is essential. We choose to never give up and to keep trusting in God for miracles despite every adversity of the children and adults who we served. At the Teen Challenge Center, our goal is to see an empowered and transformed community of children and adults in term of rights, privileges and resources with the promise of hope and a future. We aim to affirm the worth and dignity of child and adult addicts, enabling and empowering them through a "whole person recovery" program.



Also, we hope to empower child and adult addicts through an affirming home environment, spiritual formation, literacy, medical assistance, and vocational training. We have been helping the child and adult addicts over almost the last two years, we experienced a lot successes within our program and this without depending on the Grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, it would be impossible. Our total success rate is about 60% of the people we served. Children is almost 60%, youth is 40% and older adult is 70%. We cultivate the land and watering it, but the Lord produces the results. We loved to seek excellencies in our work for God.

Day of Prayer

We gathered all of our students, staff and the local churches surrounding our center to seek the Lord's face in prayer and fasting. We studied the Word of God together to receive encouragement and worship him while we listening to the Word. Pastor Sok Bunthen from the Family of God's Church in Phnom Penh led us in prayer and ministering to our students while we were

worshipping the Lord. God led us to pray for one another and supported for one another. The younger prayed for the older, and the older prayed for the younger. We really had a very great time in the presence of God through an atmosphere the Holy Spirit was moving each person's heart. Prayed for our TCC's needs, the local government authorities, local churches in

Takeo, Christian organizations and unity among them. We continue to believe what God is doing and about to do in the very near future as we are continuing to seek him fervently.



Ways you Can help

- \$100 monthly support for one student (including: shelter, food, medicine, skill trainings, clothes)
- Buy a 100kg of rice. It's around \$65
- Buy a box of bibles. It's around \$75
- Send a short term teams to the mission field.
- Sport equipments (football, foes bal, etc..)
- The startup of income generation program
- Word-of-mouth to others who have passion to help
- 3 laptops for students vocational training
- purchase a vehicle US\$25000
- offering for the building fund
- Help hosting friendship camp
- Adopt our whole program

Praise God for:

- One van was funded by River Children Foundation
- The lives of the student were progressively touched by the Love, and power of God through our caring staff.

Prayer Requests

- Short of funding for this year and that God will provide enough fund to run the program.
- One more pick up truck for TC main office
- Staff wisdom and student to open up more for God

OUR VISION

Facilitate life-transformation for people with life-controlling problem, one person at a time, by the power of God.

OUR MISSION

Develop qualitative program to help youth, adults and families with life-controlling problems become established in society through faith-based solutions

OUR CORE VALUES

- We are Committed to help the students
- We are Honest to God and the people we serve and the relationship we have.
- We are Responsive to the needs of the people we serve
- We are committed to Integrity
- We are Stewardship
- We are Teamwork

Testimony

My name is Long Sitha, I am 26 years old. I have two brothers and two sisters in my family, and I am the third. My parents are still alive and they both are small business owner.

My life was messed up with these earthly things. I stopped going to school at grade 7 and I started connecting myself with a band of gangs. I didn't obey my parents and I started stealing things at home to trade for drugs. My friends led me to different places in the city at night and we drank too heavy very often. We used all different kids of drug including ice meth and heroin injection. My parents were very sad when they knew of their son was in the middle of a terrible life. They didn't have any solution for me.

As I kept connecting myself with these gangs, I have been used to be a drug dealer to school students and those who have needs for drug. I earned a lot of money through such a job. I stopped going back home and began living outside with my friends. There, I learnt many bad things and how to trap people into drug. As a drug dealer, I have to escape from the police. If I was arrested, I

would be put in the jail. I began thinking of going back home and stopped selling drug, asked my parents to pardon me. Then I went back home and I was refused by my father, but my sister spoke on my behalf to the father to allow me back home, and he agreed.

The word of Teen Challenge was reached to my sister through a local church pastor where I lived. My sister shared this with my parents and they agreed to help me to Teen Challenge. I was brought to Teen Challenge's office for pre-counseling before I made a decision to enter the program of Teen Challenge. After a couple days, I decided to ask Teen Challenge for help and I was brought to Teen Challenge program.

At the Teen Challenge they counseled me, and helped me to realize the dangerous path I was walking down, helped me to start taking



responsibility for my life and find a good pathway to becoming a constructive member of society. They taught me all the different skills, so that I can help myself when I graduate from the program, and another important thing is that they introduced me to God, and it is God who changed me.

The more time I spent at Teen Challenge the stronger my faith in Jesus grew and now I have finished the program and I am studying with Project Future Organization on mechanic repair, and I am also a member of New Life Phnom Penh Thmei Church where I started learning more of English skills, computer skills and the bible. I want to become a great mechanic man, and teach other people how to do the same job I knew and generate an income for my future. I want to thank Teen Challenge and all their partners for helping me get clean and for this new life I have.



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