

Team to Cambodia 2018.1.2~2018.1.5

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I praise His name. Thank you for your intercessory prayers from my heart. My first visit to orphanage was 18 years ago, after a long blank, I've been participating in the year-end and New Year team afterwards in these past three years. I give thanks to the Lord that He gave me time, financial need, and power to step by faith at this time too. In this time, God told me strongly on the airplane flying to Cambodia "See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord" from the Bible. Though this team was very short that we could spend a time with children just 2 days, we had good time with children playing bowling and had a BBQ, and two Holy meetings were also blessed. Especially the presence of God in children's special music and worship in the Holy meeting were increased. I praised His name. I visited orphanage every year in these 3 year, I feel it has deep meanings to have relationship with children regularly. I can feel their growth of physical and faith every year with surprise, and thanks to God overflow. I realize their personality and individuality more and more, and I feel more love to them. Then I also feel that I come to be able to contact children more naturally.

Last year, I had an opportunity to teach piano to children, and I had sent a piano lesson video just one time after that. Then, I was so moved this time because I saw one girl played piano in their special music that she tried to practice new songs independently using the method I taught before. Furthermore, there were seals written codes on keyboard of the piano, not only one but also many children can play piano now, a girl who came to orphanage recently and some big boys also have interest to join the lesson eagerly. These are my pleasure.

I got an offer suddenly "Tomorrow, please have a Words & Composition seminar for children" after the first Holy meeting. It was so surprising for me, but I sought and prayed to God for long time that new songs will be born through children. So I could receive this offer in peace and I could pray and have a seminar next day.



On that day, during my 30 minutes prayer, God told me all contents and I could talk to children. I shared my testimony that I was a person who was far from praise, but I was changed by God to have a joy to praise and make new songs to God. And I also talked about how to make new songs easily. What I sought the most was children get passion and faith in their heart

through this seminar “I want to make new songs! I can do it by God!” They listened all time with earnest expression. I couldn’t know how they understand and feel at that time. But after few days from I came back to Japan, I received the movie. What a great thing, I saw six children sang new song in local language Khmer! I praise our God! New song was born from Cambodia orphanage! Especially in these past 3 years, I sought and prayed and believed and confessed that new songs will be born in this orphanage. I could see the beginning of this work and I give thanks to the Lord for His great plan and grace. Among the children, piano players for God appeared, new song was born, and the works as a praising band is surely advancing now. Many songs will be born from this Cambodia orphanage next to next! CD will be made! I pray to God these will be used for healing and deliverance and salvation for the people of Cambodia and all over the world. I expect Gods plan!

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Thank you for your prayers. I was able to join the Cambodia mission trip in January for the first time. I always had the desire to go to Cambodia to visit the orphanage and I sincerely thank the Lord I was given the opportunity to do so.

It was the first time for me to go to Southeast Asia, so I did not know exactly what kind of place or what I would do, but I prayed to, “Have a good time.” As I prayed, I had a really fun time from start to finish.

The time of fellowship such as the barbecue and bowling was very pleasant, and filled with endless laughter. I had a great time worshiping together, listening to messages, and having a time of fellowship. I felt my heart being healed just by having time with the children. It was like my heart was really healed and released when I saw all of the shining smiling faces. I really thought, “Wow. I am happy.” I sincerely thank God for giving me such a fun time.

This time, I was given a special worship and videography work. I did special worship, and I was happy I was able to praise God in a new place. Also, I was granted a blessing when given the time to praise God with the children. Everyone praised God straight from their hearts, and I was struck by that image. With God’s wonderful presence in the praises, joy filled my heart and I could feel God's splendor. The children watch the Tokyo Antioch Church's worship and gospel live online, so they were doing the gospel group “Kibbutz's" harmonies and the keyboard playing level improved greatly.

In the videography work, the equipment was heavy and there were some difficulties physically, but it was a very good experience and the difficulty blew away. In addition to taking videos of the team, this time we were able to teach the orphanage's older kids how to use the camera and how to take videos. They were shooting each other and posing with the camera. The

older boys were very enthusiastic and it was a very good time. I was given a new motivation for videography. I would like to pray that the orphanage will be given cameras, equipment, and software for editing. I strongly felt that one day the kids will make videos in Cambodia.

It was good that I was able understand what kind of things are necessary for an orphanage and what kind of thing I should pray for specifically by participating in the mission team this time.

I was blessed with my time with the children and I sincerely want to come again. I certainly would like to see the children again. I pray that the children in Cambodia can go to Japan soon as well.

