

# CAMBODIAN HARVEST

## MARION FROMM'S NEWSLETTER MAY 2011

I had a lovely time in Adelaide in February and March, with family and friends, especially my Grandson's wedding to Jessie-Ann. That was a wonderful family occasion which I really enjoyed, in the beautiful garden setting at my daughter's farm.



Jessie-Ann & Joshua Heidenreich and all the family

### STAFF NEWS



Only one week before I left for Adelaide, Kay Draggett, from Queensland, arrived to teach English to all our staff. She made a three month's commitment to work with us and she has done a fabulous job of teaching both senior English & beginner levels. She is greatly loved and she will be sorely missed when she leaves on May 13<sup>th</sup> to return to Australia. **Please pray for a safe trip home and a trained volunteer English teacher to replace her.**

When I returned to Cambodia, the business had been very well managed by Bunthoeun Thong and Bunthoeun Cheng. They are both a wonderful blessing from the Lord and men of great integrity and commitment to Christ. We immediately employed two new staff to help us with the processing of mangos for the coming mango season. They are **Sopheap**, who is our new security guard and **Sekim** is the new factory cleaner. Sopheap is now night security guard and he has fitted into the factory team very well. Sekim is Theng's sister and also a blessing. Sopheap is a land mine survivor but Sekim is not disabled because her job is too heavy for a lady with a disability. The staff children at risk are still in the orphanage. This is a horrible situation as the Australian owned orphanage will be prosecuted on criminal charges including child abuse. **Please pray that this mismanaged institution will be closed down immediately. Pray for us that we will have wisdom how to deal with this situation concerning our staff.**

My personal assistant, Mary, appears to be suffering from anorexia and her body mass index is down to seven and her weight 37kg.. She refuses to eat properly and she has been given much counsel. **Please pray for her healing.**

### CHURCH AND BAPTISM

To our great joy, five of our new staff made commitments to Christ in March, including Sopheap and Neang from the factory and Thany, Sreyny and Bun from our sales team. Attendances at Church and Bible studies have increased to over twenty every week and sometimes up to twenty five. Bunthoeun Thong and Bunthoeun Cheng are growing as great men of God and Church leaders and becoming anointed teachers of God's Word. They did all the teaching while I was in Adelaide.

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Theng and Gam, our farm staff, were baptized. We decided to hold Church at the farm, that Sunday and invite family and friends to join us. Thirty Christian staff and thirty five non-Christian relatives and friends attended the service, which was followed by a picnic lunch. This was a very joyous occasion and many heard the Gospel for the first time. Theng's wife gave her life to Christ and Theng is overjoyed that his family is now Christian. They have one son, who 15 months old. Three staff gave wonderful testimonies and twenty five testified to being

healed by Jesus since joining our staff and becoming believers. **Please pray for Theng and Gam to become strong believers and the new believers to grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus.**

Theng & Gam are baptized at the farm



Teng, Marion and Gam



While I was in Australia, Sokhem, our former administrator, nearly died. He has kidney disease and his kidneys and liver stopped functioning and his weight went down to 45kg. When the staff heard this, they all went to his house to pray for him to be healed. This really touched Sokhem's heart. He had worked for us for four years. Sokhem believed in Jesus a little bit, but he refused to turn away from Buddhist beliefs. When I returned, Sokhem was a little better, after being put on dialysis, so he came to see me and he asked me to lead him to Jesus. Then we prayed for his healing again. Now he truly believes and his health is steadily improving and his weight has gone up to 54kg. On Easter Sunday he asked to be baptized. Our Easter services were very blessed and a double rainbow appeared **inside** the Church, much to our delight and amazement. **Please pray for our Church, our new believers and Sokhem's complete healing.**

#### BUSINESS

Our three yearly Company renewal of registration with the Ministry of Commerce cost \$650, the Ministry of Labour's new staff registration fee cost \$280, the Ministry of Health's product registration for certificates of purity is \$250 for each product (11) and new regulations for staff health insurance have severely stretched our finances, especially including the high cost of mango production of \$1000 per day for the last two months purchasing mangos until ours were ripe. We have processed over twenty tons of mangos from our farm and there are more to be picked. This is a great blessing, which will help us have enough stock in hand until the next mango season. Sales are increasing and we have many new customers.

However, donations from Australia have fallen to the lowest level in all our history in this ministry. While God is wonderfully blessing the Church, we are facing a major funding crisis. **Please pray for God's provision so we can continue to be a blessing to the land mine survivors and their families.**

Without the prayer and support of all our dear supporters, none of the above reports could have been possible. All of you will have rewards in heaven for your part in this ministry. As I send out monthly prayer requests to those on our email list, I can feel the power of your prayers at work and the Lord's answers to each concern and the strength and wisdom He gives us every day. God is so good. Thank you so much.

May God bless you and those you love in every possible way.

*Marion Fromm*