

## Newsletter April 2010

Dear friends,

As most will know, Prison Fellowship Cambodia has been in transition as Linda steps into a different role within PFC after eight years at the helm. I joined the team five years ago; the beginning of a journey for myself and Colleen that we look back on with thankfulness as it has been what I fondly call a 'wild ride' that has had its share of challenges and difficulties along with the joys and success and personal growth.

In assuming the role of Executive Director, I am now inheriting a true example of God's workmanship and a history of changed lives as well as God's regular intervention and blessing. I can take great encouragement from the fact that God has used so many diverse people to create an organism that is maturing and growing in influence and favour with the people we serve and the people we work with. We have a great team of people here and after a few months of reflecting between one role and the next, I have a deep excitement for what we are moving towards.

My excitement stems from a realistic but sound understanding and experience of what God has done, and what I strongly believe he is now going to continue doing in and through us. With the foundation that has been laid, we are poised to move to the next level of effectiveness and growth.

Thanks to Linda who has been used by God to lead us thus far. Thanks also to all who have supported this vital ministry, for acknowledging that God is at work in it and for choosing to be a part of it in whatever way you have been. Let's look ahead now to see what God will do next!

Read on to see what Linda has selected as the highlights for April.

Yours sincerely,  
Adam Hutchinson

### **Out of the ashes, HOPE.**

What could be more devastating than to see your mother killed by your father, watch as he burns down the house and then to be asked to stand by the body of your mother while a journalist gets a photo to splash on the front page of a daily paper. This happened to three girls, all under 11 years old. Their 2 older siblings had previously been given as guarantors to a loan the mother received and they were servants in a town far away.

Freedom Project Leader read of this in a newspaper and PFC swung into action. The 3 girls came to Michael House and ADHOC, a human rights group, was able to bring the older 2 children back to their siblings. The 5 children were desperately afraid of being separated. Through the cooperation of PFC, Hagar Foster homes, the police, the village chief and Rescue these 5 children are now living together at Rescue Village.

The only boy in the family, about 15 years old, was very quiet and hardly said anything but one evening at Rescue as he was hearing for the first time about the God who is a loving father, he decided to accept Jesus Christ.

From great tragedy comes a renewal of hope, an opportunity for a good future and a Father who can be trusted.

### **A class in a prison to a business.**

He had been in prison a good while so when the opportunity came to enter a class to study electronic repair, he joined the class. Through the education Project staff he became a Christian. While in prison he met the Reintegration social workers. He successfully completed the course and then he was released.

After he went back home he reunited with his family and then found a church nearby. After a few months a small group started in his home to study the bible. He now began to think about his economic future. He remembered what he had been told in prison so he went to Bluegate House and met with the team. He told them he had a plan for a small business, and he had done the costings. Family and friends wanted to help and they gave all but \$150 of what he needed to start an electronic repair business. The Reintegration team decided to help him start his business by making a gift of the \$150.

Now a new creation with the bonus of a good business.

### **PFC family news**

- ✓ The wife of our Operations Manager, Kim Huot, gave birth to a healthy girl. Their second daughter. She is still working out the sleeping at night detail.
- ✓ One of our Social Workers, But Hom, was married and another, Som Ol announced his engagement to Chakrya, a Michael House worker.
- ✓ Adam is back from New Zealand and is now the Executive Director.
- ✓ Linda is off to Perth to be grandma for 2 grandsons while their folks are in Cambodia. She'll be back on the 26<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Prayer**

The transition of both Adam and Linda to new jobs in PFC will continue to go well.

The next 5 year plan will come together by August this year.

The "Inside Out" training of staff at PFC will be an exciting and productive time.