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Two Ministries Impacting the Future of the Church: Children's and University Ministries

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Dr. Luis Bush who initiated the campaign of "Transform World" has emphasized in his book the importance of cultivating children who are between 4 and 14 years old (*Raising up a New Generation from the 4/14 Window to Transform the World*). He urged churches and mission organizations to join hands in order to teach Christian values to these children before they grow up so that they can become the future planners of their countries.

People in the Bible (like Samuel, David and Jeremiah) were first chosen by God at a young age. Our Lord Jesus also cultivated His sensitivity and obedience to God at a tender age. At the age of twelve, He began to fulfill the tasks God had assigned to Him. (Luke 2:40, 49) In Matthew 18:3-4, He taught His disciples to be humble to instruction just as children ought to be. Then in 19:14, Jesus said, **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."**

Children's Ministry – Laying the Foundation of Faith

Children between the ages of four and fourteen have a tender heart to listen to the gospel and learn the Bible. During this window of time, they are curious and open to learning, as well as ready to receive the news of salvation. They are capable of accepting the word of God and "walking the talk" by living out the truths in the Bible. They have the potential to become influential Christians and this is something that can transform the world.

In fact, thank God for CNEC – In the past seventy years,

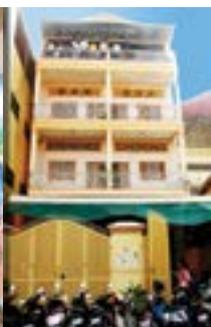
we have done quite a bit for the needy children and youths in the regions of Southeast Asia (SEA). The Children's Ministry has influenced many lives and equipped many church leaders. The SAC Program is currently sponsoring about four thousand children through the efforts of 26 SAC schools, 17 Children Homes and 12 Student Centers. We need your help to be involved in this ministry. The church will be able to continue only if we could win young people for the kingdom of God!

University Ministry – Shaping the Future Leaders of the Church

We would also like to challenge you to join us in another important ministry – the University Ministry.

Thank God that we have also started the University Ministry in some of the big cities in SEA. This ministry is equally important as the Children's Ministry because we are spreading the gospel to the intellectuals who will then become the future middle class of their countries. In order to make them Christian leaders of the country, we first have to bring them to Christ. Thus, it is important to share the gospel with them at this age, making them disciples of Jesus. After their conversion, they will then become the future leaders for the church and society and exert great influence in their countries.

If you are interested in how to be involved in these two ministries, please contact us. If you want to know how much impact has been produced by the Children's Ministry, you may want to purchase our book entitled *"Our Children have Grown Up."*





Abundant Grace

Li Ju Ya (Myanmar)

I was born to a poor family in the Meng Bo mountainous area. I have two elder sisters who did not receive any education due to our poverty.

In 2010, by the grace of God, I came to Grace Haven in Lashio and was given an opportunity to study. I want to thank my sponsor who not only supports me with my education and living expenses, he also prays for me. I am grateful that I am able to know the salvation of Christ here too!

After I came to Grace Haven, I thank God for changing me inside out. I could neither read nor write but now I am able to serve Him through scripture reading, praying, worshipping and serving others in church. Through these, my life has become more beautiful and meaningful!

I pray that I can grow up to become a good teacher in future and that I can be a witness for God in school and bring more students to Christ! Please pray for me!



Amazing Grace

Deng Wen Xin (Myanmar)

My name is Deng Wen Xin. I am a Jingbo, born in a small quiet village called Wa Ban. Though the village was poor and far from the city, it was filled with villagers who farmed happily and lived freely there. However, life did not go too smoothly for my family. After my father met an accident and passed away, my family was shattered and fell to the lowest point in our lives. The sudden change was so unexpected and no one could do anything about it. Nevertheless, praise be unto The Lord as He had a beautiful plan ahead for us!

My mother is a hardworking, capable and intelligent woman. Besides getting all of us to read the Bible and pray together every evening, she also works as a physician. She works very hard to support the whole family. Thank God for His wonderful love and provision, such that my mother can feed everyone at home and is also able to help other needy people she met.

I thank God for bringing me to Grace Haven at Lashio - a place which I had not heard before. I was given an opportunity to study and grow here. Even though I had to leave my hometown and family and come to this new unfamiliar place, I enjoyed much love and care from the pastors and teachers here. I suppose Grace Haven is another "happy family" God has provided for me. I have completed my elementary education through the SAC program. Most of all, I got to know the salvation of Christ in Grace Haven.

Thank God that we are able to see His wonderful deeds through many obstacles in our lives. What God has done in my life has also strengthened my faith. When I believe in God, I believe that nothing is impossible. There are many needy people around me - I want to work hard now so that I could be of help to them when I grow up! May the Lord help me to love them and to bring them the salvation of Christ!



Counting His Grace

Tong Yue Dong (Myanmar)

I am 13 years old and am now in Elementary Level Five. I thank God for His mercy and love that I am able to count His many blessings!

I was born in a very poor village called Nan Kun, in the northern part of Myanmar. I have five siblings and I am the second child in the family. My father was the main financial support for the family. The sickness which caused his death hit us hard.

After my father passed away, my mother worked very hard to provide for our family. The small amount of money which she earned was just sufficient to feed us but unable to pay for schooling. I thank God for His mercy and love, for He is God who helps the widows and orphans. God cares for the weak and He knows our needs. He opened this special door for my family in which my older brother and I received the

sponsorship from SAC program to study at Holy Light High School in Lashio, Myanmar when I was nine years old. Here, not only could we increase in knowledge, we also received much peace, joy and comfort for our spirits. We gained wisdom to live from the Bible through attending Sunday School too.

I thank God for guiding me through my studies and providing me with good results to glorify His name! I want to thank my sponsor for supporting me - May you be blessed! The Bible states that **"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."** (Proverb 19:17) I have received help from my sponsor to study, live, work and serve. May the Lord enable me to help others in the future, to make me a blessing to others as well!



The Lord is Good

Yang Chun Da (Myanmar)

My father passed away when I was four years old. My younger brother was still in my mother's womb at that time. We had a long and difficult seven years. During those years, my mother could not provide me money for schooling. There was no hope for me when I looked at my future!

Nevertheless, the most difficult time of a person's life is also the time when God raises His helping hand. When I was eleven, God brought my family to Grace Haven at Lashio. I was assigned to elementary level two in school whereas my mother helped out in the kitchen. I thank God for putting me in Grace Haven, and in such a lovely big family which has enabled me to see light in my future! I am thankful to

God as I had suffered from hunger in the past but now have sufficient food every day. I have the guidance of many good pastors, teachers, brothers and sisters who willingly sacrifice themselves to love God and serve people.

I enjoyed seven years of abundant grace at Grace Haven. I am a grown up teenager now. As I recall how God has brought me thus far, besides thanking God for His guidance and blessings, I am grateful to my sponsor who provided me with an education through SAC, also laying the foundation for my belief and knowledge.

May God continue to use the SAC Ministry as a tool – to nurture more lives through education, equip more people, and send more of His servants out to the fields to win more souls into His kingdom!



A Change of Life

Mrs. Sam Dalis (Cambodia)

I was born in Phnom Penh on the 9th of December, 1984. In 1990, together with my two brothers, my parents moved to Battambang Province. In 2004, I graduated from Preah Monivong High School and thereafter decided to continue my studies in a university in Phnom Penh. When I was studying in Phnom Penh, I stayed in Crossroads Dormitory - a place which provides accommodation for students who come from different provinces to Phnom Penh.

I stayed in the women's dormitory with another seven girls. When we were together, we were like sisters. We loved, helped each other and the most enjoyable time was when all of us gathered to have Bible class in the evenings. I first heard about the name of Jesus Christ when we were having our Bible class. I liked to read the Bible every evening and also during daytime when I didn't have any class in the university. One day, when I listened to the testimony of a missionary from a Hong Kong church serving in the United States, God spoke to my heart. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior on 5 December 2004 and was baptized on 10 December 2005. During this year, my faith wavered especially when I was closer to my non-Christian friends. I behaved the way they behaved. I was so frightened that they would not be friends with me anymore if they found out that I was a Christian. However, I thanked God that He sent many people to encourage me one way or another. I learned to walk closely with Jesus Christ.

The Lord changed my life completely especially the way I looked at the world and people during my six years in the Dormitory. Besides learning to live with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, we also helped each other to grow stronger in our faith. I changed from a sad person with no love and no happiness to a happy person and one who dared to love. I was taught to live in harmony with others in the society and to work as a team instead of being a loner. I saw God in the lives of my dormitory mates. Crossroads Dormitory is a place which is full of love, warm, joy and peace from God.

I married Khlaut Rithy on 9 April 2010. He was also from Crossroads Dormitory. We have two daughters. **"We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)** Thank God for His wonderful love. **"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)**

I am working as an Editor-in-Chief at La Reine Magazine. All my colleagues know that I am a Christian. Although sometimes they may joke about my belief, I think God also works in their hearts. Thus, when they have any problems, they still come to me so that we can pray together. I pray that my life will shine for Jesus and through my life they would come to know Jesus and accept Him as their personal savior! I wish that they know God loves them and He wants to work and transform their lives.



His Beautiful Plan

Mrs. Gnonn Danet (Cambodia)

My name is Gnonn Danet. I am 29 years old and married with a two-year old son. I came from Pursat Province. I graduated from high school in 2004 and went to stay at the Crossroads Dormitory while I was studying at a university in Phnom Penh. I knew about the Crossroads Dormitory through my uncle. Currently, my younger sister is accommodating there.

Initially, I had no other intention beyond looking for a place to stay for my university studies when I first moved into Crossroads Dormitory. I didn't want to join in any religious activities and disliked Christianity particularly because I knew it could destroy Buddhism. I kept on reminding myself that I would not believe in Christ. However, I followed the rules of the Dormitory by joining in their Bible class every night. I only read the Bible in class and did not do so when I was alone. When I read the Bible, I tried telling myself that God's words were not true. This carried on for a year until I saw something very different of the older students here from those whom I met in the university. Those in the Crossroads Dormitory always loved, cared, helped and respected one another. Their lives also reflected peace and joy. And I looked at myself - shy, quiet and always lacking self-confidence, always depending on others and thinking that I could do nothing by myself. Later, I realized that God spoke to me through His Word when I was having Bible class. One day, I opened my heart to accept Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I did not realize the many changes in me until I went to see my pastor and told him that I wanted to be baptized. My pastor told me that I had changed completely to a new person and I realized God had changed me inside out. God taught and strengthened me in His way while I was staying at Crossroads Dormitory. I was baptized on 14th August 2005.

In church, I joined in to do small tasks such as mopping

the worship hall every Sunday morning. I did this to serve God and be faithful to God through doing small things and not for obtaining praises from others. My pastor told me that I had become more independent and I thanked God that He built me up and changed my personality through His wonderful words. I started to communicate more with others, learned to care and to love people who were around me. I believed that God had a good plan for me.

After I graduated from the university, God gave me a good job. I worked with women who had been trafficked and I encouraged them by sharing God's Word with them. God was so good to me by putting many Christians around me. He refreshed my soul. Then God led me to a new job to be a Project Manager - He wants me to serve Him at this new work place. Sometimes, when my colleagues need help, I will help them. But for most of the time, I have good opportunities to share with them about Jesus and then we pray together. I pray that my work will glorify God's name. ***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11).***

Thanks be to the Lord that now I live in a big family with my husband's relatives. I am blessed even though sometimes it can be quite difficult for me as I am living in a non-Christian home. I always have the Lord's Great Commission inside my heart. And I trust that ***"I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)*** I am praying really hard that all my family members, relatives and friends will turn to Christ one day!

Praise the Lord! This is how and what I understand of the purpose and plan that God has for me at Crossroads Dormitory.

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