

Hello Friends & Family!!

We are looking forward to spending time in Nebraska and South Dakota this summer! To go roller skating with Grandma Donna and to swing on Grandma Esther's swing are top on the girls' list! Jeff dreams of eating good Nebraska steak! And I (Melissa) look forward to catching up face to face with family and friends.



This past season Jeff and I have been like mothers and fathers to many young people in the **Discipleship Training School (DTS)**. We would like to share with you from a few of the students. Mikaela, an 18 year old MK (missionary kid) from Indonesia says, "God blows me away with His love...His love is STRONG!" Sue, a fiery South African, added "God has taught me how important it is to pray and to worship as the foundation of any ministry. He is always pursuing me and revealing Himself in many ways. From my outreach in Cambodia my favorite snap shot is what a Cambodian man said after hearing of Jesus for the first time, 'This Jesus makes me so GLAD!' Taylor, an 18 year old from southern California, came to DTS insecure and struggling with fear and his self-worth. When on outreach to Columbia, his team was serving at a drug rehabilitation center, and he was asked to share his testimony with 25-30 tattooed, muscular Columbian men. When he finished they all stood to their feet wanting this same Jesus in their lives. Taylor is making plans to become a school teacher after seeing and ministering to kids at risk in Columbia. Jeff and I found great joy and satisfaction in championing these young lives.



Loving the fatherless

Water for Life—This past February, I (Jeff) traveled with Reisa to Cambodia to visit one of our DTS outreach teams. While there, we visited a YWAM base where they are very interested in what they can do to improve their own water quality as well as how to teach others to do the same.



After a short inspection of their water supply, we decided that the best course of action would be to first cover the water storage tanks then 2nd, make a hand pump to draw the water out. This simple solution keeps the storage tank dark and free from algae growth, keeps malaria carrying mosquitoes from breeding, and makes a way for water to be used as well.

After a 15 minute walk to the hardware store, we had all the supplies we needed for only 20,000 Riels (or \$5 US). In the picture on the left, you can see Chon using a machete to form one of the wooden valves for the pump. After a couple hours of successful whittling, some gluing, and a couple of nails, we had our pump! Chon was so proud of his work he immediately ran off to show the others. He was excited to learn this and will now be the one to teach the staff how its made. This concept of covering the wells and building a simple pump for water access will now be taken to surrounding villages with the many YWAM outreaches.



Chon and the water pump

My next major water project will be in Curitiba, Brazil where I plan to travel in October for a two week seminar in tank building, water filter construction, pump assembly, and latrine design. This too will be at a YWAM base where the techniques will be multiplied and taken to many local villages there. Pray for the clear translation of all teaching materials.

Thank you to those who have felt led from the Lord to pray and give as we serve here.

**In Him,
Jeff, Melissa, Hanna, Reisa & Zarah**

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