

“Hey Kids, Remember...”



Pray that Vietnamese people living in Cambodia will hear about Jesus, become His children and tell their friends about Him.

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Issue 23: The Vietnamese in Cambodia

Going to the Harder Places

Do something hard,
or do something
easy. What would
your choice be? I
would rather choose
the easy thing. But
wait — Jesus
sometimes asks us to
do the harder thing
because if we do,
people will hear
about Him who
otherwise would not.
In that case,
choosing the harder
thing is what will
give us the most joy.

Think about that as
you read these
stories and other
items.

From Refugee Boy to Missionary Doctor



When
Doan was 13
years old, he
and his 15 year
old sister
escaped from
their home
country of
Vietnam. There
was a war in

Vietnam. Though it was very
dangerous, Doan's mother sent her
children away, hoping that they would
reach another country where they could
get an education. Doan, his sister and
several others escaped Vietnam in a
small fishing boat. After spending 11
frightening days on the
open sea, they arrived
safely in Hong Kong.
They were accepted
into a refugee camp
and waited for
sponsorship to another
country.



In the refugee



**The Great Banquet:
God's Invitation**



camp, Doan was very lonely and homesick. Doan's family was Catholic. He did not understand a lot about God but he had learned that there was only one true God and that God is love. Every day Doan asked God for help and strength. He wrote a letter back to his mom in Vietnam telling her that since God had saved his life on the sea, he wanted to serve God with his life. After three long years in the refugee camp, Doan and his sister were finally



sponsored by a family in Canada. While living with his foster family for the next four years, Don attended school and learned to speak English well. During those years he also attended a Lutheran church with his foster family and started to read his Bible every day. After understanding the true and free salvation Jesus Christ offers, Doan began to live his life for Jesus.

After Doan graduated from high school, he attended university and then went to medical school. He received a medical degree in Internal Medicine.

After medical school Dr.

Doan met his wife, Tabitha, and they were married one year later. Nine years after that, Don (as he now called himself), Tabitha and their three daughters went back to Asia to work as missionaries

among the Vietnamese who live in Kampong Cham, Cambodia.

About one million Vietnamese live in Cambodia. Many of them make a living by fishing along the Mekong River. These Vietnamese have very little education and most of them cannot read or write. They live in floating villages with no clean drinking water or bathrooms. They are despised by their Cambodian neighbors simply because they are Vietnamese.

Many of the Vietnamese in Cambodia are refugees and think their lives are hopeless. Dr. Don knows how they feel because he too was once a

Jesus often told parables. In a parable, the things in the story mean something different from what they are. One day the parable was about a king who wanted to have a banquet with lots of guests. The king had his servants go invite people.

The servants invited nice, normal-looking people, but those wouldn't come. So the king told his servants to go to other people:
(read Luke 14:21)

The p _ _ r
The c _ _ _ _ _ d
The b _ _ _ d
The l _ _ e

The servants did that, and many came, but there was still room. So the king told his servants to go to the far away places: "Go out to the roads and country lanes," he said. "Beg them to come, so my house will be full."

Jesus was really talking about (check the correct answer):

- _____ a banquet in a house.
- _____ His home in Heaven.

Jesus wants us to invite even people the farthest away from us to become not just Jesus' guests, but actually His children, when they ask Him to forgive their sins and then follow Him. That is his invitation.

Jesus Invites You to a Party

In our main story we learned that the Nguyens are taking the invitation of Jesus to what people?

You can't go that far away with God's invitation yet, but who can you invite?

- people I know:

- People I can get to know:

Will you pray and ask God to help you do that?

The Great Commission

Find Friends for Jesus Everywhere,
and Invite Them to Come



Luke 14:23 (NIV)

“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’”

refugee. By God’s grace he became a medical doctor and now he wishes to not only help these refugees physically but also spiritually, as he introduces them to Jesus.



Dr. Don visits people in their homes every day in order to share the hope of Jesus.

Most of the Vietnamese live in daily fear of the spirits. Dr. Don and his family want the Vietnamese to find the hope that can only be found in Jesus, who is able to protect them and give them eternal life.

After he arrived in Kampong Cham in 2009, Dr. Don also started a literacy classroom to help the Vietnamese children to learn to read and write. Now so many children attend that

Vietnamese children are so happy to attend the small literacy classroom where they receive love and attention. Many have learned to read and write Vietnamese and they also hear about Jesus who loves them so much.

Please pray for the Vietnamese living in Cambodia. Pray they will accept the Good News and become true followers of Jesus, and that they will then lead others to Jesus, too. ■

By Tabitha and Don Nguyen

school it is crowded. Vietnamese children in Cambodia are treated very badly when they attend Cambodian schools because the Cambodians dislike the Vietnamese. The



Cambodia

Capital city: Phnom Penh
Main language: Khmer
Main religion: Buddhist

Did you know?

The sun bears are named for the white or yellowish crescent mark on their chest - it looks like the rising or setting sun. These bears are endangered.



A bicycle rickshaw is a cheap way to get around.

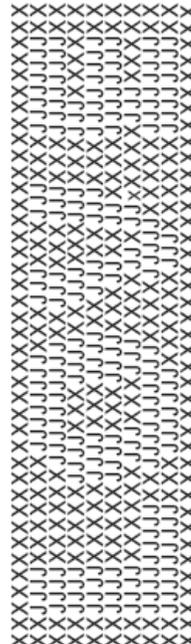
33 The Khmer alphabet
23 has 33 consonants
33 and 23 vowels.
23 People write left to
33 right but sometimes
23 there isn't spacing
33 between words!

TO DO:

Cambodia celebrates its independence from French rule on November 9.



Color in each letter "J" to discover the word below telling us what we should show to others.



Answer (hold up to a mirror): jwse

Pray for believers in Cambodia. Many have converted from Buddhism and may be persecuted for believing in God.

Cambodia



In Kampong Cham: Pray that God will instill a heart of worship among the Vietnamese believers. Pray for provision of jobs and steady work for them to be able to earn a living.



You can help fight child poverty in Cambodia. Go to www.worldteam.org/childpoverty and scroll down to "Cambodia."

Sa-Rueng is a single mother who works full-time as a maid and makes only \$80/month. She has two children, one of them has autism. Her house, a wooden shack on the water is in bad condition. *Pillars to Support the House* – \$20/each *Construction Materials* – \$5-\$50. Or choose another project.

