



Inspire Cambodia - 2018 Recap

Water of Life Bible School

Water of Life Bible School had an amazing year as we had more than 20 students attending classes regularly. We also were able to host an Inductive Bible Study training conference where more than 60 students attended to learn how to effectively study the Bible with Pastor Drew Macintyre from Calvary Chapel Alpine. The biggest blessing from the school this year was watching the students grow in their faith and put it to action as they went out and shared the Gospel and their testimonies to the local community. They expressed how empowered they felt by having learned a simple Gospel presentation that Pastor Kurt Kula of Calvary Chapel Phnom Penh taught them as they have always had issues practically sharing the Gospel despite their desire to do so.



Curtis and Bre Johnson



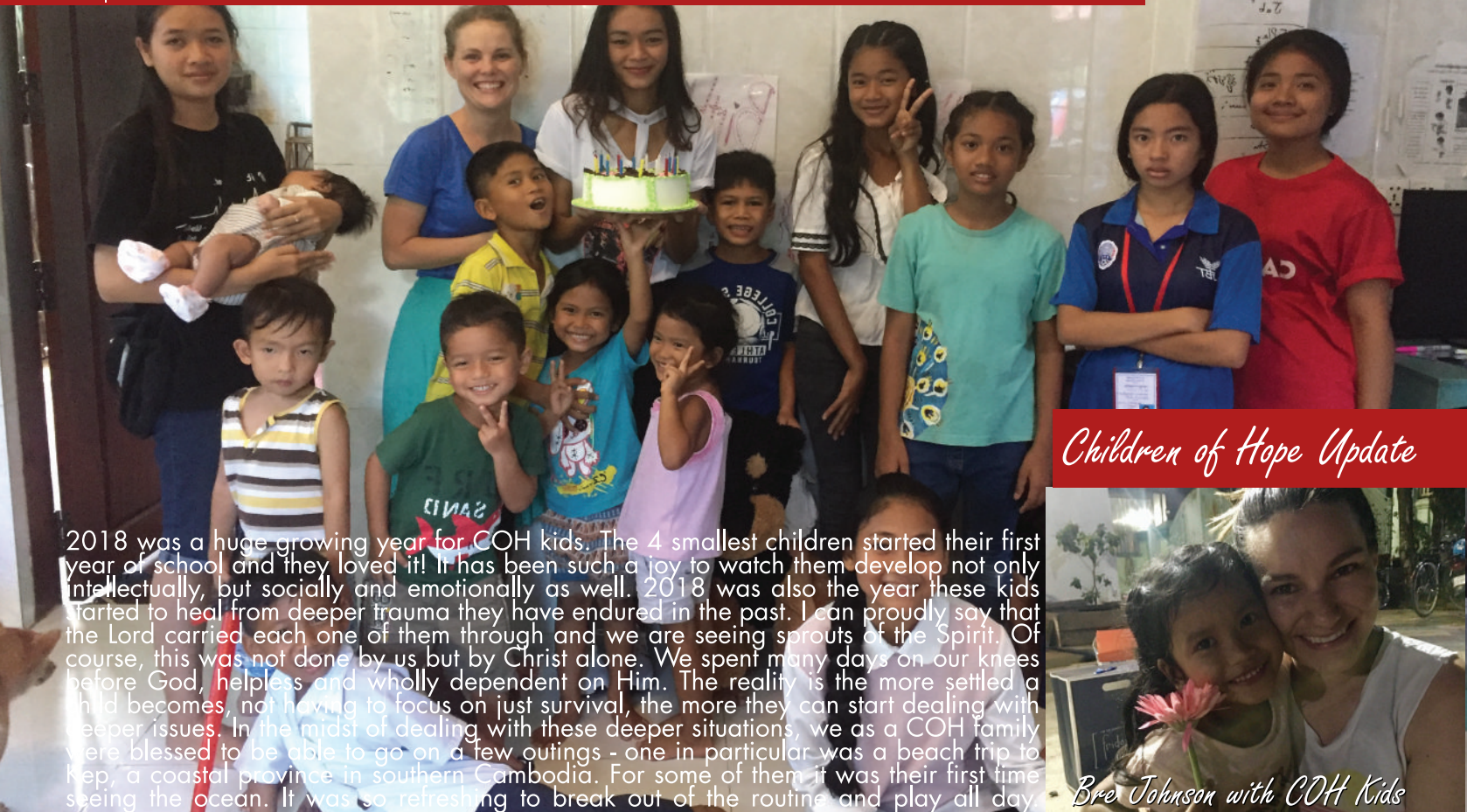
Bre Johnson

Curtis and Bre

We were able to get away for Bre's 30th birthday to a northern province called Monduliri where we had the most refreshing time. Living in Phnom Penh makes you envious of places with trees, grass, and nature in general! Being able to breathe fresh air, explore and refocus was such a gift. That trip definitely reignited our love for Cambodia.

We also had the opportunity while we were visiting the States to go to Mexico and get a full medical check-up and get much needed answers to some of our health concerns we have had over the last couple of years. Praise God that we have been much healthier this year with the exception of dengue fever (pesky mosquitos) that Bre contracted over Christmas. We also had the pleasure to visit our dear friends at Calvary Chapel, Anne Arundel in Maryland. What a fun trip! We really enjoyed experiencing Washington D.C. for the first time, exploring Annapolis, and spending intimate time with partners in ministry.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" - 2 Timothy 3:16-17



Children of Hope Update

2018 was a huge growing year for COH kids. The 4 smallest children started their first year of school and they loved it! It has been such a joy to watch them develop not only intellectually, but socially and emotionally as well. 2018 was also the year these kids started to heal from deeper trauma they have endured in the past. I can proudly say that the Lord carried each one of them through and we are seeing sprouts of the Spirit. Of course, this was not done by us but by Christ alone. We spent many days on our knees before God, helpless and wholly dependent on Him. The reality is the more settled a child becomes, not having to focus on just survival, the more they can start dealing with deeper issues. In the midst of dealing with these deeper situations, we as a COH family were blessed to be able to go on a few outings - one in particular was a beach trip to Kep, a coastal province in southern Cambodia. For some of them it was their first time seeing the ocean. It was so refreshing to break out of the routine and play all day.



Bre Johnson with COH Kids

Pastor Training Conference

Building on the unity of the local Christian church, we meet to study, pray, and fellowship together. It is a continual encouragement to witness the pastors' fervor for the Word. Even as we study through difficult passages they never waver from wanting to go deeper. There are now more pastors and churches from other villages that live too far to join this one, but who want to duplicate our conference starting later this year.

In 2018 we were also able to host a medical clinic at the church where we meet for the conference and minister to the local community. As people's physical needs were met, the pastors attended to their spiritual needs sharing the truth of the Gospel. The church members also have been extremely faithful with the free loans that help with their rice farms. It has been a major success as 30 families have been able to stay out of debt and work their way towards financial freedom.

Discipleship/Christian Training

There have been many opportunities to pour into the lives of the people here. To share a few examples, I have been able to train a few boys to become the new "sound guys" at our church. Sound ministry in Cambodia can consist of unexpected challenges. Learning how to operate sound equipment in difficult buildings is the least of our problems. We have to fight birds nesting in our speakers! Also, I have been able to have great fellowship trips visiting friends who have moved to farther provinces, and have even gone camping with some of them.



Sound Ministry



Curtis and Bre deliver supplies to local Pastors

All in all, 2018 was one for the books!

Please continue to pray for us and our work for the Gospel in Cambodia. We would love to hear from you - it's really a blessing for us being so far from home. You can email us at CJohnson@InspiredMissions.com or you can post a Message or Comment on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MissionsInspired>

Lastly, we ask that you would prayerfully consider financially supporting our work here in Cambodia. To pledge a recurring or one-time gift please visit <https://www.inspiredmissions.com/support/> and complete the online form. A mailing address is also noted at the above link in the event that you would like to send your support via check.

Thank you and God Bless! ~ Curtis & Bre ~

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