

*Dear Friends*

*My name is Dina; I am a Cambodian, I was born in 1984, in the refuge camp in Thailand. I am from Buddhist background. There are 5 members in my family two older sisters, my parents and I. We all believe in Jesus. I live in Phnom Penh, the Capital city of Cambodia.*



In Year 2000 when I was 17 years old, I had a lot of questions about my life. Why am I here on this earth? What is the meaning of life? Why am I studying? I had no answers for those questions. I felt as if everything is meaningless. I stopped my studies, and did nothing, hanging out with a group of young people who were into drinking and drugs, many of them ended up in jail. One day a man living close by my house told me about an opportunity to learn Korean for free, it sounds interesting to me. After looking everywhere I finally found that place, it was a **church**. I also learnt that if I would study Korean, I also need to come for **bible studies** on Saturday and Sunday. I said yes I can, I really wanted to learn Korean. I hated Jesus, because as a child I had heard that in order to become a Christian you need to hate your parents and you are not allowed to cry when they die. Also that the Christians drink blood, (communion) that the Christians will put you under water that you would die. (Baptism) Respecting and showing love to the parents is very important in Khmer culture, the parents are God because they gave us life is what I knew.

I went to class and bible study for three months. During the Bible studies I was able to ask all the questions about Christianity and the pastor explained very patiently who Jesus really is. I understood that these children's belief were lies and distortion made up to have reasons not to believe in Jesus. After three months I gave my life to Jesus as my Lord and Savior and got baptized.

I experienced **Peace** and **Joy and Hope**. And all the questions about the meaning of life got answered; Jesus was the answer. Also being in a Christian Community; the strong relationships and care we had among our neighbors was a new experience even though we were not relatives.

I started to be active in the church, I was a Sunday school teacher and had daily bible studies; I also helped as a receptionist in the Church. I really wanted to know Jesus more, I wanted to study in the Bible school but I was too young.



In 2004 I did my DTS (**Discipleship training school, this is 6 months training course, 3 month lecture phase and 3 months outreach**).

Through that training God really challenged me about trusting him about my family. Every night before I go to bed, I always prayed for my family to come to know Jesus. During my outreach God confirmed that my family will become Christians. I also got a dream that they will become Christians. After I finished my DTS, I continued to work in my church and shared every

My parents and oldest sister, who now is in Malaysia.

day to my mother. She did not want to hear but then two weeks later my Mom had a dream: that she had accepted Jesus and the spirits would hold her back. Then she in her dream said, In the name of Jesus ... and the Spirits went away. She then told me that she want to become a Christian. Now she is saved and really following Jesus as a strong Christian. One of my sisters was worked in Malaysia and her boss was a Christian, and shared with her and so she became a Christian too. Right now she is doing DTS. My other sister became a Christian through my mom. My father accepted Jesus too but he still is not so strong in his faith.

God is really working in my family. He is so faithful with what he promises!

In 2005 I came back to be on staff at DTS, and learnt so much about Jesus living in community. Especially during **outreach I could do what is my biggest passion;** go from place to place and share about Jesus and having new experiences. I really enjoyed hearing the teachings about God over and over again. I enjoyed translating the teachings. It helps me to understand them clearly first in order to make the students understand. Each time God is giving me deeper insight and understanding.

I involved in 5 DTS, 3 times as leader. Each time was different, but it was always a joy, to see the students grow and experience God and come to real understanding. Some of the students accepted Jesus during the DTS. Seeing them the staff was so passionate about God and served Him whole heartedly. It really fills me with joy and deep satisfaction.

### Vision

**In next 5 years I want to see 100 Cambodian young people serving God as a missionary in Cambodia and out side Cambodia, through DTS programs.**



Right now we are running an Internship program to help the potential new DTS staff to get ready. We will start in September with Staff training and run our first international DTS in Phnom Penh. We have already 4 international students in the application process. It will be a new challenging experience with God.

### Prayer Request

- 1. Wisdom to lead the international school.**
- 2. The right staff and students.**
- 3. Helping the interns to grow, spiritual breakthrough.**
- 4. My father and my oldest sister to be deep rooted with God.**
- 5. Monthly Financial and Prayer support.**

If you would like to partner in my financial needs, I would be happy to send you the specific information's. Thank you for your interest and care. Dina

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## Dina Monthly Personal Expenses

Accommodation	20USD
Food	70USD
Transportation	40USD
Communication	18USD
Personal Expenses	20USD
Family Support	25USD
Staff fee	7USD
<b>Total</b>	<b>200USD</b>