

## SEASON'S GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### THANK YOU!

My family and I are grateful for all your prayers and support this year. We do not take this mission partnership with you for granted, and it's our blessing to be connected to you in our Lord Christ Jesus! This year has been a blessing for my family as we were able to serve the people and the kingdom of Cambodia in many ways (you can read individual stories for my family below). We pray in gratitude that God will continue to keep you safe and in good health in the coming year of 2024. Here are

some of God's ministries that we were part of in the year 2023.

### SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

[www.umccambodia.org/scholarship/](http://www.umccambodia.org/scholarship/)

With our belief that education is the key to breaking the chain of poverty and bringing success in life, we take this ministry very seriously. Currently we are supporting 105 students (from kindergarten to college level) and 80% of recipients are women students which concurs with our desire to encourage woman empowerment and their leadership in churches as well as in the society. It is such a joy to see our alumni serving God's people in various ways including their services in church.



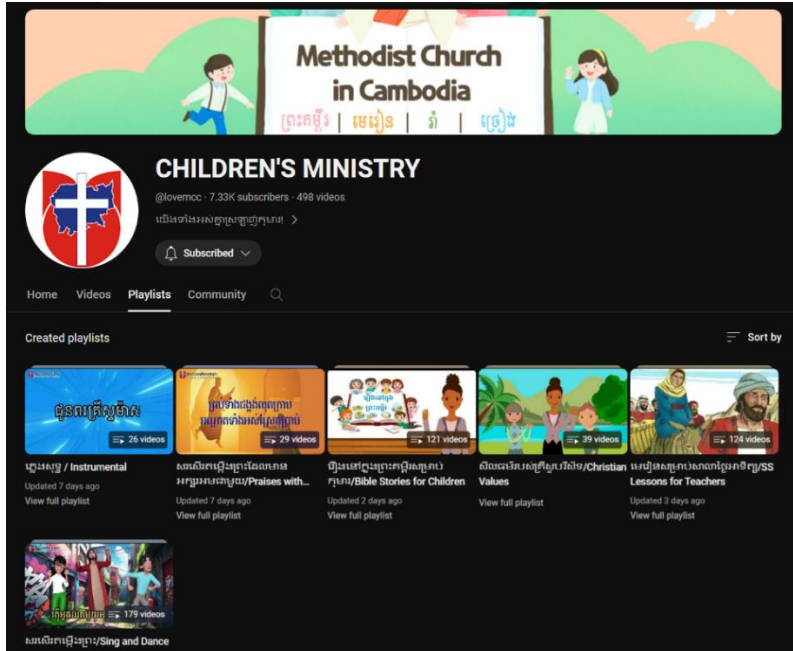
### STREET CHILDREN MINISTRY

[www.umccambodia.org/children](http://www.umccambodia.org/children)

With your generous donations this year, we have been able to make a significant impact at the ministry site (CSCFO – orphanage and school for so-called street children) by offering uplifting events and education opportunities. We have supported the school (CSCFO) to renovate its classrooms, library, and stage / gathering place. It was our blessing to have UMC bishops (seven newly assigned bishops) to come and have fellowship with children in October.

## CLEAN WATER PROJECT [www.umccambodia.org/cleanwater](http://www.umccambodia.org/cleanwater)

Akun (thanks) to the generous donations of supporters, we have continued this mission in more provinces (Battambang, Pailin, and Kratie) and provided 30 wells (motor-generated) and 130 water filters to the families living in back countryside. It is such a joy to see them get access to clean water for women's hygiene and to protect children with safe-drinking water. We not only offer clean water to them but also restore HOPE to those in need.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

[www.youtube.com/@lovemcc](http://www.youtube.com/@lovemcc)

As of December 2023, we have completed a total of 498 videos including 180 music videos and 125 Bible lessons and gained 7.33K subscribers. In this season of the year, we've focused on producing Christmas songs and were able to create about 22 new Christmas songs. Along with MCC (The Methodist Church in Cambodia) children committee, we will continue developing a 3-year Sunday School curriculum which covers Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation. One more thing! An independent website for

children ministry is being developed and will be launched in early 2024. Thank you for all your support and prayers on this mission. All for God's glory!

## SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE (WOMEN DORM MINISTRY)

[www.umccambodia.org/swh/](http://www.umccambodia.org/swh/)

Recently we celebrated graduation of 3 students and assisted them to successfully move out of SWH. We are so glad to say they all found decent jobs that could sustain them as they continue to live in the city. One of our graduates also decided to apply to GMF program (Global Mission Fellow – UMC young missionary) which was very exciting. For more information of this ministry, please check out our monthly newsletters available on our website (above).

## SHINE PROJECT [www.umccambodia.org/shine/](http://www.umccambodia.org/shine/)

Shine Project was created in 2021 to empower young women who are middle/high school dropouts to offer vocational training to offer better opportunities for their lives. We offer various vocational trainings – government approved license in Khmer food, barista, western baking, or hair/makeup. Five young women completed the course this year, and currently six women are being trained for their chosen vocation. Through a series of trainings, each person is encouraged to achieve their dreams as they learn to see themselves through the eyes of God.



## PRESCHOOL PROJECT

We started a pilot program in 2022 to assist MCC churches with income generating model while offering quality education for children in their formative age. It is a joint work with Singapore Methodist Church (MMS) and the Methodist Church in Cambodia (MCC). We hired two teachers and have trained them in collaboration with MMS and MCC and the first school has been established in Chress Methodist Church, Phnom Penh. As of December 2023, we have completed our support and the church will continue to run the school. We pray Chress preschool will be a place where young children can attain quality education in the love of Christ.

## MORIAH EDUCATION CENTER



Rev. Samuel Om (former UMC missionary) initiated the project in 2021 in the hope of reaching out to youths and children living in vicinity near Mondulkiri Methodist Church (Mondulkiri is a back countryside of Cambodia which takes 8 hours from Phnom Penh city). Thanks to generous donations, we successfully completed a 2-story building project within Mondulkiri Methodist Church compound in July 2023. This will serve the community as an education center by offering classes such as English, music (guitar), and basic computer. For natural farming education and its model implementation, Mr. Peter Lee (volunteer missionary sent by Christ

UMC, Honolulu) is currently making farm and coops/pens for chicken and pigs.

## LEE FAMILY

### Janice's Story:

This was a special year for Janice as she resigned from teaching at a Christian international school to focus on mission work. She has really taken off with creating Sunday school materials for Cambodian children including animated music videos. She also focused on transferring leadership to local staffs in Cambodia and is happy to see that both Susanna Wesley House and Shine Project are run by local coordinators. In fact, many media created for children are also being made by local staffs! Janice really enjoys all ministries that she is involved in and is grateful to be part of God's mission in Cambodia!





### **Serena's Story:**

For this school year, both Serena and Reina started homeschooling (through an online school based in the U.S.). This was not an easy decision, but we are all very happy to see how well homeschooling has been going so far. Serena continues to excel in school as she's taking APs and honor level courses. She particularly enjoyed criminology and has found a new interest in law and psychology. She's very self-motivated and is a great older sister to Reina as they are always at home together. We are grateful for Serena's humble love and leadership as well as her proactive nature. Because she's an avid athlete, we were able to find a soccer club that she could join to play soccer every Saturday. She doesn't mind the Cambodian heat or the sun when she has a field and a ball to run around with, and we love her for that!

### **Reina's Story:**

Reina was a little sad to leave her newly made friends at school when we decided to start homeschooling, but she quickly adapted to her new schedule and thrived in all her classes. She thoroughly enjoyed coding class and has frequently coded images or interactive programs (like playing rock, paper, scissors) for me. She thinks she may continue in the field of computer science, but we'll have to wait and see. Reina continues to enjoy reading books and loves to theorize and make connections for some of the book series. We are grateful that she works very hard to learn all the English Premier League teams and players so that she can share interest with Serena who is a Manchester City fan. The respect she has for Serena always warms our hearts.

### **Nala's Story:**

Nala, our toy poodle, is now 3 years old! It has not been easy to fix Nala's bad eating habits (she refuses to eat her kibbles and prefers only human food), but after a few weeks of not falling for her puppy looks, she now seems to enjoy her kibbles as her main meal. She is a bundle of joy and happiness for us! The excitement she shows us whenever we meet again (even after a 5 min separation) never fails to make us feel loved and wanted. We know we do not deserve the love and loyalty she lavishes on us which helps us to vow to keep her safe, healthy, and happy for as long as we can!



*Andrew, Janice, Serena, Reina, and Nala*