

God honest prayer and patience



Few NGOs have offered assistance to the people of those areas, but CHO has been working alongside the villagers for several years. Yearly the organization has brought medical teams to the area, and at the request of CHO, a medical doctor from the government visited and filed a report with Cambodian officials. Eventually, the Ministry of Health oversaw the building of several medical clinics in the region.

Many places have had no water supply. Again, at CHO's request, the Ministry of Rural Development and Agriculture visited the area of those places and later sent governmental staff to work with CHO to develop safe water for the region.

Most children in this area had no school close enough to attend. CHO appealed to several churches around the world which donated funds and several schools were built. Teachers were located and trained as well. CHO invited the Minister of Education to assist and within three years, the government began to provide public education for children in the those region. Each of these accomplishments is significant and glorifies our Lord as His people are served and loved. Yet, without a new, paved road, improvements could not continue and the people would still have many needs unmet.

The dedication of Road #59 is the result of five years of planning, submit-

ting requests, and much prayer. Today, the 15th day of February in the year 2011, these five years of petitioning, prayer, and patience have produced the product CHO and the people of the region have dreamed of - a comprehensive plan for a large and lengthy paved road which will connect this region in a speedy, comfortable manner to the rest of Cambodia.

Truly Road #59 will transform the quality of life for the people of the those region. First, agricultural products will be able to be shipped quickly and inexpensively to larger markets which will result in higher earnings for the farmers. Second, the health of the people will improve dramatically as they are easily and comfortably transported to cities for more technical services. Also health care providers and technicians will more easily come to train medical personnel already serving in the area, and vaccinations will be more readily available. Additionally, the educational system will continue to improve as inspectors and supervisors are able to spend more time in the area training and improving the quality of teachers employed. Also, customers of local merchants will be pleased to purchase their goods locally as the supply of goods increases due to better road conditions. Finally and perhaps most importantly, the people of the those villages will no longer be isolated. They will now have a sense of their larger community as they are united geographically and socio-economically. During the ceremony in the presence of over 8,000 onlookers, Prime Minister Hun Sen, recognized several organizations by donating financial contributions to them Each of the following received one million riel to assist in their efforts: the

town of Poipet, the Department of Education in Poipet, the Districts of Malai and Ochrov, and the Red Cross. Director Chomno In, on behalf of CHO, received three million riel in gratitude for hosting the police and security forces for three days at Safe Haven prior to today's celebration, and most significantly, in recognition of the organization's consistent and lengthy commitment to the people of the area.

Today, hope and excitement lit up the faces of the deserving people of



this community. Our Prime Minister and the Chinese Government vowed that this road will, indeed, be built, and by August of 2013, Road #59 will be completed. The light of God's promise for a better life will grow brighter and brighter for the people of those areas. All glory and honor goes to our Lord, Jesus Christ for His mighty love and faithfulness in allowing Road #59 to become a reality. Praise be to God our Father for building and continuing to nurture the relationship between CHO, its committed staff members, and the Cambodian Government.

Promise a better life



Tuesday, February 15, 2011, marked a significant day for the people of those areas and for CHO, Cambodian Hope Organization. Road #59, which runs directly in front of Safe Haven, was dedicated by Prime Minister Hun Sen and became an official project shared by the Cambodian and Chinese governments. This paved road, due to be completed in August, 2013, will connect the people of those areas and Poipet all the way to Pailin, a total of 144 kilometers at an estimated cost of 72.89 million US dollars. This road joins three provinces, Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, and Pailin, located on the Cambodian/Thai border. It also connects to the Sakoe Province of Thailand.

Most governments develop a comprehensive plan for national road infrastructure, and indeed, the Cambodian Government, from time to time, has attempted some improvements. But this section of road has been neglected since 1998 due to its association with the Khmer Rouge Regime, as it branches from Road #5 leading from the Thai/Cambodian border and through a former Khmer Rouge Camp. As the Khmer Rouge retreated from their strongholds into this area, many people were trafficked through this

region; consequently this section of road evokes strong emotions and bears the scars of this difficult period. Prayerfully, this road will serve to eliminate the reminders of this suffering during this lengthy war.

Because this area of Cambodia was particularly stricken with land mines, the people of those villages have suffered many hardships and have been forced to live in primitive conditions in comparison to most Cambodian villages. This lack of development has led to poverty and a poor quality of life for these villagers.

Although the farmers in the area grow many needed crops, such as soybeans, corn, and cassava, the deeply rutted, unpaved road has limited their ability to get their products to a large market where they would have been able to receive a fair price for their agricultural goods. Very few shopkeepers and other businesses are successful due to the poor condition of the road.

Health care in those areas have been a serious issue. Because of the many unexploded land mines, many people have been maimed or killed as they walked their fields. A hospital, which could treat these severe injuries, is many miles away and the rough, bumpy roads contributed to the suffering of the victims and resulted in many deaths. Even minor health issues were neglected due to lack of clinics and trained medical personnel.

Illiteracy is a deep concern in the area. Many elderly are unable to read and write and the future of the children has been a constant worry. There is no school directly

in the village and those which are considered near are still a considerable distance for children to travel.



Chicken farm



Clean Water



God has vision His children



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