

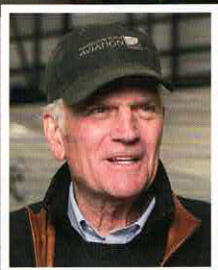


THE GREATEST JOURNEY

REACHES CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA



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Dear Friends,

Samaritan's Purse has been working in Cambodia for many years in Jesus' Name. Along with agricultural projects and helping protect people from human trafficking, we've also provided clean water and sanitation and hygiene training to help families and communities.

Cambodia is home to nearly 18 million people, and most have never heard the true hope that can only be found in the Lord Jesus Christ. In January, I had the privilege of preaching the Gospel in Siem Reap, and over 27,000 people heard the Good News of God's love.

For years, Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts have been reaching children across Cambodia. In 2009, we launched *The Greatest Journey*, our follow-up discipleship course for boys and girls who receive the gift-filled shoeboxes. We thank God that more than 52 million boys and girls globally have gone through this discipleship program.

Last year alone, almost 23,000 children in Cambodia decided to follow Jesus after participating in *The Greatest Journey*. It takes an army of volunteers in Canada and from local churches to reach so many people.

Sann* is a young believer who loves sharing the Gospel and teaching others about the Lord. God is using him in a powerful way. He received a shoebox gift when he was a boy and, through *The Greatest Journey*, learned more about Jesus and how to tell others about Him. He has been helping children to grow in their faith for over a decade now. You can read more about him in this newsletter.

Jesus said in Luke 10:2, "*The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*"

Please pray for the people of Cambodia—that many more would come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for standing with Samaritan's Purse as we share the hope of the Gospel around the world in Jesus' Name. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

Discipling the Next Generation in Cambodia

AN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX RECIPIENT IS HELPING SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH PEOPLE AROUND HIM



Sann* seeks to follow Christ and actively works to share the Good News with people around him. That's been true of his life since he graduated from *The Greatest Journey* at age 10.

But much of the young evangelist's life before that was filled with pain. Wanting to spare him the troubles of a fractured home, his mother sent him to live with a pastor at a local church. There he found stability, hope, and love and began learning about a Savior who could provide that for eternity.

When Sann turned 8 years old, he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox stuffed to the brim with gifts that made him smile, but an invitation to the Samaritan's Purse discipleship program, *The Greatest Journey*, changed the trajectory of his life forever as God opened his mind to a whole new ministry opportunity.

"Once I started *The Greatest Journey* class and began coming consistently, I became more on fire and more passionate about the Word and about the Lord because of the things that I was learning," Sann said.

The Greatest Journey was the turning point in his life where he fully committed and understood what it meant to be a Christian. He soon wanted other children to experience this transformation, too. Now 21, Sann has dedicated the past 11 years of his life to teaching this class.

"*The Greatest Journey* and Operation Christmas Child have changed me," Sann said. "I cannot stop discipling others, teaching others, and helping these children to grow in the Lord."

Although he never wanted to be a teacher, he now sees his position for the incredible blessing it is to reach kids at a young age and point their hearts toward Jesus. He considers it a privilege and a calling to pull children up out of desperate circumstances and give them hope.

"My prayer has been that the children of Cambodia, not just here, but all of Cambodia, would rise up and become the next generation [of disciples]," Sann said. "I think of the verse in the Bible (Luke 10:2) that says, the harvest is ready and ripe, but there are few people who are ready to actually go and do the harvesting. My goal is getting them excited and getting them ready to be the ones to go reap that harvest themselves."

A relationship with Christ is the most important thing he wants a child to walk away with, but he also knows the importance of a relationship with a teacher thanks to his own story.

"My teacher, her name was Sok,* and she taught me since I was really young, and I call her mom because she took care of me like I am her own child," he said.



WATCH THE IMPACT OF A SHOEBOX GIFT NOW

Thanks to Sok, when Sann graduated from *The Greatest Journey* at 10 years old, he immediately started teaching. He firmly believes you're never too young to teach someone else. One of his favorite things is encouraging his students to take on leadership roles and disciple others. He asked Dara,* for example, to help him lead this class.

"Since attending *The Greatest Journey* I feel as though I've been able to know more about God and be able to affirm my faith," Dara said. "I also feel confident in sharing the word and sharing the Gospel with other people."

Sann saw something special in Dara, explaining that her wisdom and faith extends beyond her 13 years.

"My favorite memory verse is Genesis 1:27, 'God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them,' because it shows the power of God and how He was able to create us from nothing," Dara said.

Sann knows what his students are going to encounter if they follow Jesus—often rejection from others, along with pressure to not go to church. He does his best to prepare them to hold on to their faith against all odds and find the courage to share it with friends and family.

"Before I started *The Greatest Journey*, I knew that Jesus is the Savior of the world, but through these lessons I learned to be bold and be courageous to tell others about Jesus," Chea,* a student in Sann's class said.

When these kids enter his class, they often carry the baggage of hardship and struggle, but over the course of the program he sees their transformation firsthand and attributes it to Jesus. He knows that most people who pack shoeboxes will never step foot in his classroom, but he wishes they could understand the incredible impact a single box has on this community.

"Know that because of your shoebox and because of what you've done, there are smiles on children's faces." Sann said. "The joy, the laughter, the cheering, seeing their joy, it's because of you being able to bless them."

Please pray that each of the millions of shoebox gifts delivered this year will show a child God's love and that many of these boys and girls will participate in *The Greatest Journey* and become lifelong followers of Jesus.

*Names changed for security





FILL THE CLASSROOMS

Goal
750 CLASSROOMS
by August 25, 2026

Through *The Greatest Journey* discipleship program, trained volunteers teach millions of children about Jesus each year. Your gift helps provide lessons, a workbook, a graduation certificate, and a New Testament in the child's language, often the first Bible their family has ever owned.

Learn more at SamaritansPurse.ca/fill-the-classrooms or scan the QR code above

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

■ PRAY

Ask God to continue using *The Greatest Journey* and Operation Christmas Child to spread the Gospel and build up His Kingdom through the witness of little children. Pray for children who need safe water and for Samaritan's Purse teams and partners working to reach them in Jesus' Name.

■ THE GREATEST JOURNEY

You can help a classroom and disciple boys and girls around the world. Your gift of \$8 per child will provide the materials and teacher training to help a child like Dara participate in *The Greatest Journey*. For \$240, you can give a class of 30 children the opportunity to know Jesus, follow Him, and share Him with others.



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