

"I the Lord, do not change." Malachi 3:6.

This is our hope and confidence. We all prefer the security of things remaining the same. But change is inevitable. God alone does not change. He has been leading us through important changes. Some have been happy, others, painful and confusing. I share some of them now for your praise and prayer to our unchanging God.



At Place of Rescue I, two members of the Management committee retired. Sokhan Lao and Sakhon Men have been with Rescue Cambodia since the very beginning. For them, leaving the relationships that have been built over the years is painful. Their emotional reactions have been difficult and have led to confusion and misunderstanding. We had a farewell party for them and they received many expressions of love and honor. May they move on into their futures with joy, peace and freedom

- At Place of Rescue 3 in Pailin, four staff members left. One of them, committed serious offenses so had to be dismissed and may face jail time and three others were somehow connected to him and chose to leave as well. This has left these orphan homes seriously understaffed.
 - Young people finishing grade 12 in all our centers will be leaving for further studies soon. But first they need to write their final exams. Their futures lie before them. May they make wise choices. They have been well loved at our orphan homes and we send them out with much satisfaction and pride.
 - Twelve dancers from Place of Rescue 1 are preparing for their tour in Canada in September and October. What a change they will face as they leave their homeland to visit and perform in a country that is vastly different. May they be well prepared and well protected on their journey.
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- We welcomed one new Granny. One Granny moved on to her final destination in Heaven, the ultimate change.
- New children and babies came to make Place of Rescue their home. Some just recently lost their mothers so this is a huge change in their lives. A father brought us his twin babies, a boy and a girl, after their mother died and he was unable to care for them.
- There is a huge epidemic of dengue fever in Cambodia. Many of our children have been sick and have had to go join other children in crowded hospital wards, where they often have to share a bed. Several of our Grannies are suffering dementia as age changes them.
- This year has brought me (Marie) many changes in location. In March I went to California, in April to Perth Australia, in May to Canada and in June back to Cambodia.

. At the end of July I will return to Canada and remain there until the middle of November. Inevitably these changes cause a measure of stress and fatigue even when the destinations bring much joy. My grandson, Shelly and Blaine Sylvester's son, James will marry Elena on August 2!

Through all the changes the Father of our children remains faithful. So we declare:

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2