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Introducing Chorvy Toeng

Chorvy is from Takeo province and is in her second year studying law. She has a younger brother and is the eldest child for her parents who are farmers in Takeo. Her parents are thrilled that she is able to get university education, knowing that she will have a better future. She decided to major in law with the recommendation of her mother. After she graduates, she hopes to become a police officer and help people. In fact, she wants to move back to Takeo and serve the province where she can be near her parents.

Although her parents are supportive of her getting higher education, they were not supportive of her becoming a Christian. When she lived in Takeo, she attended a methodist church in her town. However, her father would threaten to cause a scene at church if she continued to attend church. There were times when he used corporal punishment to prevent her from going to church on Sundays.

When asked why she refused to listen to her father and continued to attend church, Chorvy replied that church was a place where people encouraged each other. She felt that people who attended church were happy and she wanted to be happy, too.

Chorvy has the brightest smile that can melt anyone's heart. We have no doubt that she will serve God and God's people through her life in Christ.

She asks for prayers for her parents who suffer from high blood pressure as well as her younger brother (Srey) who has quit school. Please pray for Srey to be able to find purpose in life through God who loves him.



Self-Empowerment After having served these wonderful students for more than 6 months, one of the major prayer requests that the SWH local leadership has is that the students learn to problem solve by looking within themselves first for resources. It takes encouragement and training for the students to feel empowered enough to think that they can resolve their problems (at least partly) on their own without immediately seeking outside help. We want the students to become confident about who they are and cognizant of their own power to know that they have the power to help themselves. Thank you in advance for your love and prayer for these wonderful young people of God in Cambodia.

Let's Learn English!

We have started an English class for the SWH students. The class is held every Saturday morning at 10:00 am. The instructor is Janice Lee, the coordinator for SWH ministry. Currently, nine students have signed up and are zealously learning the language. We focus on vocabulary building as well as being able to use the learned words in sentences.



Pronunciation is another important part of the class. Many Cambodians don't think that it is important to pronounce the "r" in English words. When one of the students said, "I am shot" instead of "I am short," they could not stop laughing when I told them the difference between "shot" and "short."



We encourage the students to be active learners with role plays as well as by having them write their sentences or answers on the board. They were shy to speak up at first but now they understand that they can't learn a language if they're afraid to speak up!

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