

Coats Cambodia Newsletter

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The Children's work

I want to thank you all for your prayers for our youth. Some very good things happened when they attended the Christian conference in the city — more than I had hoped would happen. To begin with, the teaching was very good and most of the kids paid pretty good attention throughout.

At one point, one of the speakers asked people to come to the front for prayer. A lot of our youth went up. Another speaker had already spoken about his horrific tragic family situation, how he had been terribly abused, and how he had forgiven his own father decades later. When the kids went up to the front, they were read a love letter from a father to a child, the father being like God in the letter. As the letter was read, a lot of the kids started crying. It was

not quite a normal crying but seemed to be something brought on by the Holy Spirit, crying at God's incredible love for us. Some of the kids had other special encounters with the Holy Spirit.

Since the kids returned to the villages, many of them have come to our teachers asking if they could be baptized. I went to one village to see some of the kids at one of the after school programs, and one girl started to describe how God had touched her in a special way. She could not finish and broke down crying at her wonderful encounter with God.

It was also very encouraging for the youth to see over a thousand Christians, mostly younger folks, from around the country. I am delighted with what God has done! Please pray the youth will continue to grow and we will know how to teach and mentor them. John



The youth loading into vans to return to the villages, 20 plus per van.

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