

# Allison Newsletter

December 2008



## Meet Sokha

I first met this beautiful Christian woman during my 2003 stay in Cambodia. We visited her husband, Kimsom's, school to teach English to the young students. Eventually Sokha became one of my more advanced English students. Through our studies we became friends and were able to spend time getting to know each other outside of our studies. Sokha provided special insight into what a Khmer Christian marriage looks like, something we special on our hearts as part of our future ministry in Cambodia. Her respect and love for Kimsom, her devotion to her daughter, and her eventual dedication to serving orphans testified of the God she served. Sokha was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in late 2008. We rejoice in her homecoming and grieve with her family. Please pray God to raise up more godly women like Sokha in Cambodia.

- Casey

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** God's will to be done in our discussions with the Pleasant Valley congregation concerning our ministry.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** our family's transition to Cambodia. Pray for God to bless our girls as they say goodbye to another home and dear relatives.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** our friends and family as we say goodbye. Pray for God to ease fears and bless our efforts to stay in touch.



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Cambodia on the Solid  
Foundation of Jesus Christ



# Our Family



Happy New Year from  
our family to yours!

Chris, Casey, Maggie, and  
Melanie



Wow! Who knew  
Christmas would be so  
much fun! The Christmas  
tree was beautiful and I  
loved eating lots of  
different kinds of popcorn.  
My Aunt Lesley got my

favorite present: princess jewelry, a tiara, and  
pink high-heeled shoes. I look fancy! Daddy is  
not sure he likes my new look, but I think  
growing up is fun to do. I am even talking so  
much that my Nana says she forgets I'm a kid!



Although I did say "Dada"  
first, mommy would like  
me to point out that I very  
quickly began say "Mama"  
as well. She also told me  
not to tell anyone how  
much we practiced that. I

have not gained on pound since we came back  
from Thailand, but I am stretching out. I love  
eating big girl food now. My favorite is the same  
as Maggie's: rice! We also have another favorite  
thing that's the same. We love taking baths!

## The Excitement is Building

We have been so blessed to stay with the Hanson family. We have been able to spend our time fundraising and preparing for moving to Cambodia. It has been a full-time job, and we are almost sad to see it come to an end...almost! While we have enjoyed reconnecting and meeting with many of you, letting our kids participate in fun American pastimes and activities, and working in the ease of the American lifestyle, we can hardly wait to begin our Cambodian life. Plus, in this cool weather, we have even wished for a bit of that Asian heat. Our attention has turned to packing and studying Khmer, and each passing day God gives us more peace and excitement about our future. We now feel ready as a family to go on this great adventure.

# Our Ministry



We are excited to be a part of a community in Cambodia!

## Our Christian Family

While in Huntsville, we have had the blessing of visiting many churches in the area. It has been good to visit old friends and make new ones, to visit supporters and to make new ones. God has blessed us so richly by giving us communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ. While we have enjoyed building relationships with Christians in the United States, we are greatly looking forward to forming relationships with Christians in Cambodia, especially new Christians that God brings into His family through us. Please constantly keep not only us but especially them – those who will come to know the Lord through our work – before the Father in prayer. We greatly need your prayers because it is only through God that anything good will come about.



## Thank You, Supporters!

We have been completely blown away by the generosity shown to us by so many churches and individuals who have contributed to get us to Cambodia and to keep us there. I hope and pray that our work is fruitful and that God blesses the Cambodian people. We are learning how truly frail we are and how much we need Him – and you! Thank you!

Please watch our brief video expressing our gratitude and excitement.



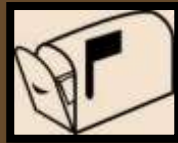
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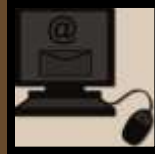
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## Hillcrest Church of Christ

We are currently overseen by the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Arkansas. Please send all contributions to Hillcrest Church of Christ, 7208 West Kingshighway, Paragould, AR 72450. Please write "Allison's Cambodia Mission" on the memo line of your checks. Thank you!

You can also send mail to this address – just make sure that it is clearly marked for us.



## Need a Website?

Do you or anyone you know need a website? Chris got a degree in Computer Science from Harding University and has since been making websites. 100% of donations made to Tentmaker Web Design go to support our work. Get a professionally designed website for much cheaper than industry standards and support a good work in the process: a win-win situation!