

A caring relationship, plus a job...

Transformations



Special Edition From Cambodia

More effective than government programs in curtailing gangs.

Success since 1993.

Two steps and you're up:
A caring relationship plus a job, lifts a gang member from the street into a life of hope and success.

Employers Wanted

There are benefits to hiring a Hope Now youth: First, you help our community by providing employment for one in need of hope. Second, there is a support team behind each Hope Now young man you hire. Working together, we will help you make sure your new hire succeeds. Call our job developers for more information.

Odd Jobs Needed.

**Executive Director and CEO,
Since 2004**

Pastor Roger Feenstra

Founded 1993
Rev. Roger Minassian

It only takes about \$5,000 per year to guide and assist one young man. Your gift goes a long way!



Greetings from Phnom Penh, Cambodia. I am visiting this interesting and diverse country to assist and encourage our staff member, Chantha Kong, who directs a Hope Now ministry here. Currently, there are over 500

young men (and a few women) who have been deported from the U.S.

Samnang is one of the young men in our Cambodia program. He was born in a refugee camp during the tragic war of the Killing Fields in Cambodia. His father died in the war, and his mother never became a citizen when she arrived in the U.S. As a younger man, he committed a crime in his hometown of Philadelphia. That crime banished him from the U.S. for life. It's a tragic story that I've heard over and over again, of young men who got caught up in gangs and were then deported to a country that was completely foreign to them.



The United States flies them here, opens the door of the plane, and tells them: "Have a nice life." They can never return to the U.S. There are over 500 young men here now. Our Hope Now work provides training and encouragement, and helps them acclimate to their strange new world.

Chantha was deported in 2010. Ironically, that was the year he was the Hope Now Youth of the Year. His crimes took place years earlier. He had turned his life around, gotten married, was a supervisor in his job, was attending school, and was contributing positively to our community. Randomly, Immigration called him in, confiscated his car, did not notify his wife, and deported him. But God meant it for good.

Since 2010, Chantha (and his wife Sharon who joined him here) works with young men just like him.

Thank you for your support of Hope Now, and for our Cambodia outreach. Just note: "Cambodia" on your gift and we will use it directly for our work here.

Warm regards,

Roger Feenstra

Executive Director

Please Help Us Achieve Our \$25,000 Matching Grant

We have received a matching grant from the SG Foundation. The SG Foundation trustees and staff collectively strive to serve God and the poor by relieving suffering and improving the quality of life in communities and in the individuals in those communities both locally and around the world. Our goal this year is to hire one more counselor so we can reach more gang youth who desire to change their lives. Including benefits, insurance, and salary, it will cost us about \$42,000 to bring on a new staff member. Here are ways to match your gift.

1. Commit to giving a monthly gift beginning this month. Monthly gift amount will be totaled for the entire 2016 calendar year and count toward the match:

Example: \$100 this month
April-December \$100 per month
Total \$900 = \$1800 Total Impact

2. Already give monthly? Increase your monthly gift by any amount, and the increased amount will count toward the match:

Example: Monthly increase = \$25 (Make a note of your increased gift. You may increase your gift by more than \$25.)
April-December \$25 per month
Total \$225 = \$450 Total Impact

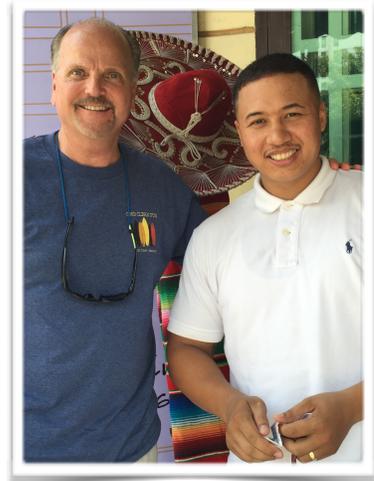
3. Give a one-time gift this month in any amount and it will be doubled.



Veasna was deported in 2002. She suffers from rheumatoid arthritis. She has no family and relies on Hope Now to help her.



Mout had a thriving barbershop in Philadelphia. He had changed his life, but one day Immigration swooped in and deported him, leaving a wife and child behind.



Sam was deported from Stockton. He is lonely, but surviving as a personal fitness trainer for local Cambodians.



Chantha and Sharon are a beautiful couple. An American citizen, Sharon bravely joined her husband in 2010.

She is a great encouragement to Chantha and helps him in the ministry. Chantha heads up Cambodia Hope Now. Your financial support, designated for "Cambodia" helps us continue assisting over 500 deportees.

Thank you for your support!



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