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New on the Web!

New Updates!

We regularly update our web-site. Please be sure to check out some of the latest additions, including new pictures and new monthly e-updates for July, August and September. There is even a new link to allow for online giving toward our ministry. Check it out at:

www.online.com.kh/users/ttabor

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Troy and Lisa as they continue language study
- Pray for God's leading and direction as we continue to research needs and plan for future projects
- Pray for the continued training of the Cambodian church and that God would give them creative ways to reach their people with the Good News

SOWING & REAPING: What Seed Leads to Gang Rape?

For a number of years there has been an ongoing debate in the United States as to the effects of negative images and violence on the behavior of young people. This same debate has been going on to some extent around the world.

Although domestic violence has been a long-term problem in Cambodia, lately a frightening activity known as "bok" has become more and more commonplace. Essentially, "bok" is gang rape practiced by school age boys as young as ten or eleven years old. Recent news editorials have been debating over why this despicable practice has been growing so rapidly, speculating on everything from residual effects of the Khmer Rouge years to frustration with lack of economic opportunities. Yet in all the comments made, one area has been conspicuously ignored.

In May of this year, a study was published on the accessibility of pornography by minors. The results are appalling. Almost half of children as young as eleven have seen pornography of the most depraved and graphic nature. And while the exposure rate, availability and commonplace nature of pornography among Cambodian youth is shocking, the most amazing part of the study regarded responses that young teenage boys gave in a discussion group setting. They explained they regularly attended public showings of pornographic films and afterward, if they had enough money, they would visit prostitutes to act out what they had seen. Furthermore, they said it was not uncommon for men who couldn't afford a prostitute to pick a girl up off the street and rape her. Yet, despite all of this, the study's authors, and the media at large, refuse to draw a connection between pornography and "bok", and in fact even refuse to label the pornographic exposure as a negative thing.

To us, the connection is obvious. The Bible clearly teaches the principle of reaping and sowing. Unfortunately, Cambodia has been sowing in areas that will only lead to a harvest of evil and destruction.

We believe media can have a huge impact on a nation, both for good and for evil. Please pray with us for God's leading and direction as we strive to use media to sow the seed that will lead to eternal life in the hearts of the Cambodian people.