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#PraiseGod for this spiritual retreat with Mission Alliance staff! We are thankful for rest and renewal #PrayMonday



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#Givethanks for our new volunteer joining us in August who will be surveying how we can work better within an urban context #PrayMonday

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ONE to TWO dollars means so much for Mrs. Eng

Partner: ODOV-Prey Veng Province

Eighty percent of Cambodians are farmers. Their way of life has not changed much over the last century. The average family income is \$1,000 per year. Often they have no electricity and no road to their village.

Most farmers have small plots of land where they typically grow one rice crop per year. Droughts and floods, which have become more prevalent as the climate changes, can destroy their single rice crop. Most people lack the resources and the knowledge to irrigate. Without irrigation it becomes either impossible or at best, very expensive and labor intensive, to grow fruits and vegetables or to raise animals. Without irrigation they are also unable to save their rice crops in years when the weather doesn't cooperate.

The multi-purpose farm can help farmers to improve their food security and earn extra income.

The lady you see in this photo with a smile on her face is Mrs Eng. She is working in her cucumber garden. She is 55 years old. Mrs. Eng and her husband have 10 children and live in Thnong village, Baphnom District in Prey Veng province. Even though both she and her husband work very hard in their rice field, the family runs out of rice before the new crop can be harvested. Each year they have been short of food for four to five months. Like other families in her village Mrs. Eng's family can only plant a single crop of rice each year on their small plot of land.

In 2015, World Renew's partner ODOV began to work alongside Mrs. Eng's village to help them manage their development and improve the lives of the community mem-



bers. Mrs. Eng was one of the participants selected to receive training and learn agricultural techniques such as vegetable planting, and fish and chicken raising.

In addition to the training, she was selected to receive funding for a family pond.

In order to ensure that World Renew's work is sustainable and has community ownership, World Renew encourages program participants to contribute to any funding provided.

Despite their financial struggles, Mrs. Eng was able to convince her family members to work together to raise enough money to contribute to the costs of digging a pond on her farm.

The new pond and the knowledge Mrs. Eng received through the training helped her change the lives of her family members.

With a regular home visit conducted by ODOV's staff, Mrs. Eng has been able to continue to improve her knowledge and skills on agriculture techniques. She is excited and inspired as she sees her family income steadily improving.

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How much income has she earned?

No longer does Mrs. Eng's family live on rice alone. Each day they have diverse foods to eat including rice, vegetables, meat, and eggs. Moreover, Mrs. Eng not only produces enough food to feed her family, but she has extra food which she can sell. To her amazement she can now earn one to two dollars each day. One to two dollars of income every day means so much for Mrs. Eng and her family. This income is a sign of hope and change for the future. They do not worry about running out of food. Mrs. Eng said, "I am so happy now. In the past I spent money to buy food and still had no food to feed my family for periods of time. Now I produce enough food to eat not only rice but also every day of the year we can eat vegetables, fish and/or chicken."

Mrs. Eng and her family plan to expand their work in agriculture. She hopes to continue to improve their family income. She sees that she can continue to improve the quality of food eaten by her family. She has seen the health of all her family members get better because of their improved nutrition. Mrs. Eng has expressed her thanks to all supporters.



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Prayers for Cambodia

- We are grateful for the way in which the 20th Anniversary Tour is taking shape. We ask for God's blessings on the 11 people coming from North America to Cambodia in November. We pray that God's hand will continue to guide the preparations for this event, both in Cambodia and North America.
- We pray for Kayla VandenBosch who has just arrived in Cambodia from Calvin College in Michigan. Kayla will spend 3.5 months researching opportunities for World Renew to begin to work in urban areas.
- Please pray for the launch of World Renew's program for youth. We will soon organize the first youth leadership camp with our partner in Kampot province.
- We are grateful for the way our recently promoted managers have taken on their new roles. Pray that the new organizational structure is a blessing to all staff. Pray that, through this new structure, the impact of World Renew on the communities we serve will be enhanced.



Welcome, Kayla!



- Pray for guidance as we bring our *Improving Governance Through Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships* workshop to the provincial level. We will bring together the leading organizations in Cambodia working in the area of governance for this workshop. We will also work closely with the government at the national level. Pray that this workshop improves accountability, transparency and participation at the provincial level, just as it did at the district level.