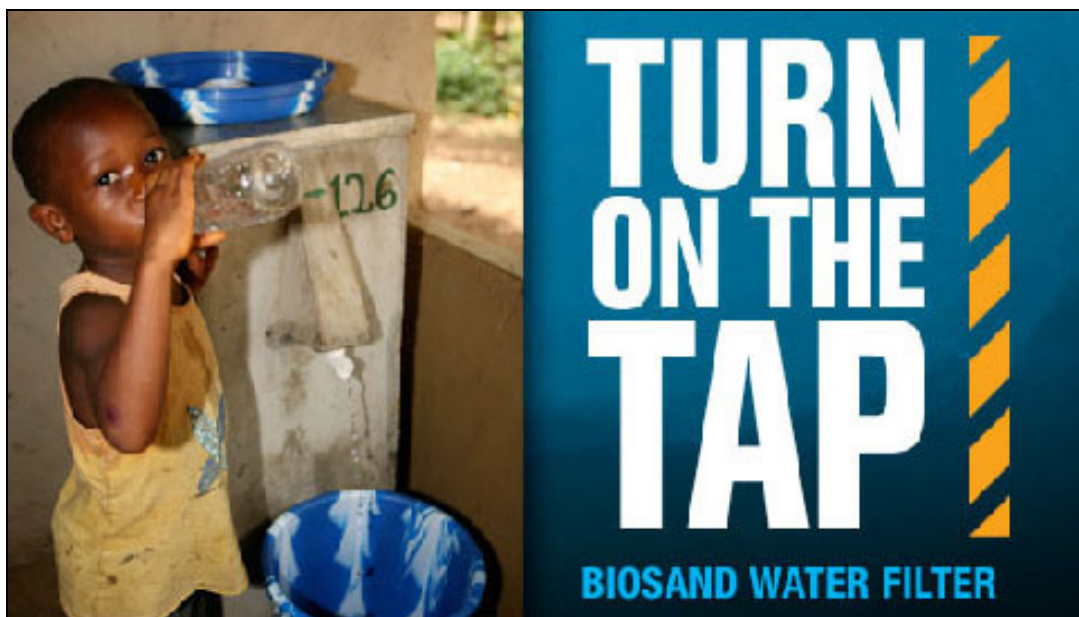


‘Living for a Cause’ Cambodia Trip 2011

**Proposed date
(24th – 30th September 2011)**



GENEROSITY, JUSTICE, PERSPECTIVE, HOPE

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INTRODUCTION

Following is an outline of a proposed trip to Cambodia in September 2011 which will challenge those involved to be generous, help change the quality of life for future generation, broaden our perspective of the world and its needs and bring much needed hope to many families in Cambodia. It's going to be awesome!

You might be surprised by the extent of this document. I'm keen to demonstrate a willingness to put in the effort to make this trip a rewarding and meaningful experience. To give up a week of annual holidays and to pay from your own pocket to do something for others that can't be done by them deserves my wholehearted enthusiasm.

While we are generally keen to help our family and friends when difficulties arise, it can be much more difficult to do something worthwhile for people suffering in developing countries - apart from doing the easy thing like sending our hard earned cash. Most of us want to help but often just don't know where to start. Because of my involvement in Cambodia over the last three years it is relatively uncomplicated for me to put this trip together. We have established strong relationships with key partners in Cambodia which means our time in country will be used well.

The trip will span seven days and include a general orientation of Cambodian history and culture, half a day with the children of Asia's Hope Orphanage, the building of some water filters and or wells, involvement in a soccer program in Poipet and participating in other possible tasks that our partners may need.

We are looking to take a team of 6-8 but if more express interest then all the better. The cost is still to be worked out but I expect it could be as low as \$1,500 and no more than \$2,000 including food and accommodation. It will primarily depend on who we fly with as meals, on ground transport and accommodation is relatively inexpensive.

We will also do some fundraising and get to see first hand where these funds go as we build the Bio-Sand Water Filters which have been so successful in bringing fresh clean water to many poor villages around the world.

In addition we will also be able to post blogs, photos and or video to a web site so that family and friends back home can follow our trip and share the experience.

I know the rewards of engaging in activities like this and hope you will join with me. It will be something you will remember forever.



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'LIVING FOR A CAUSE'

Having a vision or theme I think is really helpful. I hope this one 'Living for a Cause' will help us be intentional about using this trip to make a difference for others.

Here are some words that come to mind when I think about 'Living for a Cause':

GENEROSITY, JUSTICE, PERSPECTIVE, HOPE

- ❑ Being **Generous** with our resources
- ❑ Acting for **Justice** for the oppressed
- ❑ Altering our **Perspective** of the world
- ❑ Offering **Hope** to people in need

Being Generous

This trip presents an opportunity for us to express generosity both through our time and the use of our resources. It also creates an opportunity for our family and friends to be generous as they become aware of the needs and connect with the people of Cambodia.



Acting for Justice

Many in Cambodia suffer at the hands of the elite and powerful. People are displaced from land they have lived on for years (literally have their home bulldozed or burned). While Cambodia is growing both socially and economically there are still corrupt elements in some government circles. While seemingly small, our itinerary and contribution will make a difference to those who suffer injustice. You will be surprised at how far this journey will impact the lives of both the people of Cambodia and people at home as well.



Altering our Perspective

One of the great outcomes of doing a trip like this that our perspective of the world in which we live is changed. We are privileged to live in a comfortable, safe and wealthy country but when we connect with, understand and assist others less fortunate we experience unique rewards that really only come when we seek to 'Live for a Cause'.

Offering Hope

Communities in poverty often aren't able to enjoy life as we know it. A simple water filter can change everything. There are so many needs in the world we can often be overwhelmed by the extent of the need. Every effort helps those affected by poverty and offers generations to come hope for a brighter future.



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FUNDRAISING

A key part of our trip is for the team to raise funds for the Bio-Sand Water Filter project which we will be engaged in. This not only raises funds for the project but builds team unity, advocates the need to our wider local community and adds to the overall success and outcome of the trip. I suggest we have a target of \$10,000. This I think is very achievable.

'Living for a Cause' Fundraising Target - \$10,000

BACKGROUND OF PARTNERS:



Insight into SP

SP is committed to meeting critical needs of victims of war, poverty, famine, disease, and natural disaster while sharing the hope that is found in knowing Jesus.

Samaritan's Purse is committed to meeting the needs of under-privileged people through the delivery of practical everyday items and necessities through the local church in Cambodia.

Water filtration, Ponds and Wells – Samaritans Purse have implemented the construction and installation of more than 17,000 Bio Sand Water filters throughout Cambodia. Each water filter costs between \$55 and \$110 us dollars - depending on the location of each installation - and is constructed by community leaders alongside local churches. We will work alongside a local village in constructing these water filters.



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Asia's Hope



Asia's Hope is a multi-denominational, grassroots movement working in Cambodia and Thailand providing quality, long-term care for orphaned children at high risk of sexual and economic exploitation.

Each child living at an Asia's Hope orphan home receives all the benefits of a loving family: shelter, acceptance, medical care, education, life skills training and most importantly, the transforming power of hope. They partner with churches, individuals, businesses and community organizations to fund orphan homes and other services geared towards meeting the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual needs of the children in their care. They also provide quality primary and secondary education and help each child transition into adulthood. Some children benefit from a college education, others from vocational training. Funds are raised and programs developed that enable them to give each child the tools they need to succeed in their culture as adults.



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PROPOSED ITINERARY: 25-30 SEPTEMBER 2011

Date	Morning Itinerary	Lunch	Afternoon Itinerary	Dinner	Accom	SP Cambodia support
Sun 25	Arrive Phnom Penh AM		Tuol Sleng Killing fields Russian Market		Golden Gate	Van
Mon 26	Visit Asia's Hope Orphanage	Daughters of Cambodia Cafe	Visit EF Soccer program (?)		Golden Gate	Van
Tue 27	Drive to Kampong Chhnung BSF: build water filters Stay in the village		Visit SP Aust water (wells) and agriculture projects		Local hotel	Van
Wed 28	BSF: open and build filters Drive to Battambang		SALT soccer challenge Drive to Poipet		Poipet	Van
Thu 29	Schools water programs / latrines (possibly paint a 35,000 litre rainwater tank)		Drive to Seam Reap		Empress Angkor	Van
Fri 30	Sunrise at Angkor Watt		Fly Seam Reap To Bangkok Then to Sydney			Van

If you are keen to commit to this exciting opportunity or you just want to talk more, send me your details in an email:

- Name
- Address
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I'm looking forward to getting this trip under way.

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