

Darin's News Letter for Quarter December 25²⁰¹¹

Cambodia Slum Project

December 25th, 2011 will be a Christmas not soon forgotten in Phnom Penh. The "Well of Life" Foundation along with few others and myself had a lunch for the Underprivileged at Rubbish Mountain, Phnom Penh. To our knowledge, this has never been done before.

Rubbish Mountain is, in short a Garbage dump (Slum), just outside Phnom Penh. The Homeless people who live at the dump earn a living by whatever they can salvage from the garbage and sell on the streets. These people rarely have a full stomach of food.

Our purpose this year is not only to provide them with a lunch, but to offer them hope. We want to let these people know that they have not been forgotten. This may be the first time that this has been done, but we certainly hope that it is not the last time. Having this type of event at a garbage dump is very challenging, but the outcome makes it well worth the effort.

Imagine living in the garbage, without running water, without a bathroom, and 15 feet from raw sewage. Imagine working in 100 degree heat for 4, 6 or 10 hours for .50 cents or a dollar day for food. Imagine living in a shack like this. When you look at all the kids, or just a few of them, you can see they have a personality, feelings, and a unique character. They walk on garbage in their bare feet for hours. They live in wood and cardboard houses or whatever they can build on from the Garbage.

These kids were so happy to see us. Many people said thank you. These people don't have many visitors. They were so happy to get a Christmas card! Imagine that, excited about a Christmas card with their name on it. We gave the children one toy each, wrapped. Something they rarely if ever receive.

We did make a difference and were not done yet, we just got started. We going to build some schools, Education, Health projects, and oh we are going to do it! Before leaving we left 2 tonnes of rice to be distributed.

Here's some Pics:





