

Gilead's Hope

2021 Year End Report and Current 2022 Update
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Greetings from rural Kampot, Cambodia. After much hardship, it seems the worst of Covid 19 is behind us and Cambodia is now open for business. Patients began returning to the hospital a few months ago and we are now

seeing 100 – 120 per day. I continue to teach young Cambodian family medicine residents and senior medical students in the outpatient, inpatient, and emergency departments. This is such a delight. The young doctors are very eager to learn and quite appreciative of our efforts to teach. I feel privileged for my past excellent instructors and medical education in the USA and I want to impart any knowledge I have to these young physicians. I've been working in Texas for the last 6 months and catching up on new medical advances which I will continue to share. After 22 years here, I see positive results with much improved diagnosis and treatment: good medical decision making which will carry on from one generation to the next.



Teaching resident physicians during morning bedside rounds.



Ang Samnong, age 38 (center) with her mother and husband. Rheumatic heart disease. Needs 2 mechanical valves. \$4,500

I continually get requests to help poor patients who need specific surgical or medical interventions to save their lives. Most are young, below 40 years of age, and with families. The most common illnesses are: rheumatic heart disease requiring open heart surgery and mechanical valve replacement, lupus glomerulonephritis found mostly in young women requiring immunosuppressive medications to preserve kidney function, and aplastic anemia in young people which destroys their bone marrow. I ask God for wisdom in how to disperse the Gilead's Hope funds as the needs can be overwhelming.

Major expenses for 2021:

Pich Mom	\$6,300	Paraplegia and flap surgery
Yun Mey Mey	\$4,500	Rheumatic Heart w/ 2 valve replacement
Yit Kiem	\$3,600	Rheumatic Heart w/ single valve replacement
Mom Saron	\$3,000	Rheumatic Heart w/ single valve replacement
Pheap Kunthea	\$2,600	Rheumatic Heart w/ single valve replacement

Keo Sokha	\$2,400	Immunosuppressive medication post kidney transplant
Pum Chantha	\$2,395	Lupus Glomerulonephritis
Yeu Sathen	\$2,200	Hepatocellular Carcinoma w/ tumor ablation (deceased)
Ngeth Sao	\$2,150	Lupus Glomerulonephritis
Srey Ouk	\$2,100	Cervical Cancer
Ly Heng	\$2,000	Lupus Glomerulonephritis (kidney disease)
Prum Sreyneang	\$1,825.	Lupus Glomerulonephritis
Toek Bouny	\$1,800	Scleroderma
Cheang Vuth	\$1,350	Autoimmune Kidney Disease
Tep Sambath	\$1,080	Aplastic Anemia
Keuth Chenda	\$960	Aplastic Anemia
OI Nellie	\$800	Hearing Aides (2 year-old girl)
Pram Sokha	\$750	Lupus Glomerulonephritis
Clod Sreykewathida.	\$730	Lupus Glomerulonephritis

Total for major expenditures of these 19 patients: \$42,540

Expenditures for remaining 102 patients (lab, x-ray, physical therapy, medication, etc): \$18,168

Total Expenditures for 2021: \$60,708

Major Expenses for January – June 2022

OI Nellie	\$10,000	Cochlear Implant (Kendrick Contributed \$5,000)
Srey Ouk	\$6,085	Cervical Cancer (surgery, chemo and radiation)
Keo Sokha	\$5,800	Antirejection Medication after Kidney Transplant
Ly Malika	\$5,000	Kidney Transplant
Soeb Sreyneat	\$4,500	Rheumatic Heart w/ 2 valve replacement
Say Sreyneang	\$3,500	Rheumatic Heart w/ 1 valve replacement
Phe Sokun	\$3,500	Rheumatic Heart w/ 1 valve replacement
Pov Sarith	\$2,630	Breast Cancer (mastectomy, chemo, surgery)
Keo Sreytheng	\$2,100	Lupus Glomerulonephritis (deceased)
Chin Chun	\$1,980	Lupus Anemia/Glomerulonephritis
Khgney Dyna	\$1,800	Lupus Glomerulonephritis
Krya Sony	\$1,150	Autoimmune Kidney Disease (Nephrotic Syndrome)
Mom Lai Sim	\$1,095	Mycosis Fungoides (skin disease)
Pheouk Tour	\$1,080	Aplastic Anemia
Hoeung Roth Navy	\$980	Diastolic Heart Failure, Diabetes, HTN
Pen Sam Ath	\$700	Autoimmune Kidney Disease (Nephrotic Syndrome)
Nhene Noem	\$625	Congestive Heart Failure
Keuth Chenda	\$580	Aplastic Anemia

Total for major expenditures of these 18 patients in 6 months: \$53,105

Total for remaining expenditures of 50 patients in 6 months (lab, x-ray, medications, etc): \$17,972

Total Expenditures for January – June 2022: \$71,077

I am so thankful for each of your generous gifts. As you can see from the breakdown above, we have helped many poor Cambodians over the last year and a half who would have otherwise suffered and died. We respect and serve all faiths to include Muslim and Buddhist and those without faith. We do share God's plan of salvation and the love of Christ with each patient and family. We pray for their healing, and that God will open their hearts to His love, joy, and abundant life.

One example occurred last week. Dom Matt, a young Cham Muslim male, age 33, came to our hospital suffering from several months of worsening right arm and lower extremity weakness. Dom was previously a strong laborer and provider for his family, but now unable to move his legs and recently incontinent. He was totally dependent on others and very discouraged. He and his family could not afford the MRI needed to diagnosis his condition or any surgery. I told Dom, his mother, and siblings that we could cover the costs of the MRI and any surgery necessary. They were filled with hope! The MRI revealed two cervical (neck) discs bulging into his spinal cord causing the problem. I notified my former medical student and now neurosurgeon, Dr. Sim Sokchan, who operated on Dom, resecting the disc bulges from the spinal cord, and fusing 3 cervical vertebrae. Dom awoke from the surgery with some improved arm and leg sensation, strength, and partially resolved incontinence. The cost: \$3,500. We won't know how much function Dom will regain until several months of physical therapy have passed. The family members were thrilled at the prospect of recovery and called me to thank each of you for your generosity.



As I have said before, I wish you were here to experience the gratitude of the patients and families. Their situations are truly dire without your generous support. We currently have \$10,000 remaining to finish the last five months of 2022. We will be out of funds within the next 2 months. I trust God to provide what is needed and direct those who need help to me. "Lord, please give me wisdom to know who to help, and how much money to commit. Give me Your wisdom in all medical and spiritual matters. Help us to clearly articulate Your plan of salvation and show the love of Christ to all as we relieve suffering in Your name. Amen."

And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness and your gloom will become like midday. And the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. Isaiah 58: 10 – 11

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Khgney Dyna, Lupus Glomerulonephritis



Toek Bouny, Scleroderma



Keuth Chenda, Aplastic Anemia



Sok Moeth, Aortic Insufficiency. Needs valve replaced: \$3,500



Ol Nellie, 3 y/o Deaf Girl. After Cochlear Implant surgery



Saeb Sreyneat, Rheumatic Heart 2 valves were replaced, \$4,500.