

# Gilead's Hope

## 2022 Year End Report

### July 2023

Greetings from Kampot, Cambodia. I'm located on the Gulf of Thailand just 35 km from the Vietnamese border. It's the monsoon season so we often get heavy rains that start and stop abruptly. I do like the break from the heat. I recently returned here to our charity hospital after working at the local VA Clinic in my hometown of New Braunfels, Texas. I enjoy caring for fellow veterans, keeping up with current US medical trends and also earning a salary to support all my living expenses as a volunteer teaching medicine. This is my 22<sup>nd</sup> year in Cambodia and the work continues to be challenging yet very rewarding! The young Cambodian physicians show improvement in critical thinking, referencing evidence-based medicine and attaining better patient outcomes. We have 20 – 25 senior medical students and young doctors in our 3-year residency training programs at any one time.



I'm frequently presented with younger patients needing definitive medications or surgeries to save their lives. I started Gilead's Hope in 2000 for this very reason. Our mission is to "demonstrate the compassion of Christ through specific medical and surgical interventions for poor Cambodians." We were able to accomplish this mission and relieve suffering for many as listed below for about 10% of the cost in the USA. Most of these young patients would have died or been left permanently disabled were it not for your generous donations:

Oi Nellie	Cochlear Implant, 3 year old girl	\$10,000 (Kendrick paid \$5000)
Keo Sokha	Kidney Failure, 38 year old male	\$9,300
Phoeuk Tour	Aplastic Anemia, 24 year old male	\$8,250
Srey Ouk	Advanced Cervical Cancer, 38 y/o female	\$6,085
Ly Malika	Lupus Nephritis (Kidney), 30 y/o female	\$5,000
Orn Art	Rheumatic Heart Disease: 2 valves replaced	\$4,530
Soeb Sreyneat	Rheumatic Heart Disease: 2 valves replaced	\$4,500
Ang Som Nom	Rheumatic Heart Disease: 2 valves replaced	\$4,500
Dorm Mat	Cervical Spine Laminectomy, 34 y/o male	\$4,015
Muth Vin	Rheumatic Heart Disease: 2 valves replaced	\$4,000

Total Expenditures for 98 patients in 2022 was **\$134, 109**.

The 3 major expenses for many years continue to be diseases which usually attack younger adults. The big 3 are *rheumatic heart disease* requiring open heart surgery and one or two valves replaced, *lupus or other autoimmune kidney disease* requiring strong immunosuppressants, and *aplastic anemia (severely depressed bone marrow)*, also requiring strong and more prolonged immunosuppressants. A course of immunosuppressants could run \$2,500 to get the kidney disease into remission. Stronger and longer courses of immunosuppressants could be required to get the bone marrow back to producing blood components again in aplastic anemia.

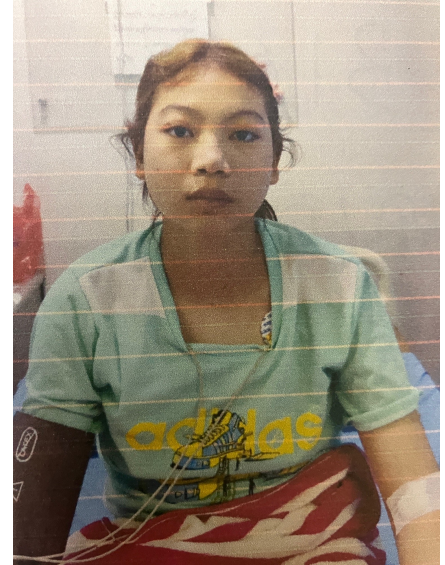
The same open heart surgery and valve replacements in the USA would easily cost \$100,000. Even the \$4,500 here is cost prohibitive for the poorest of Cambodians who live on \$2 or less per day. Without surgery, the young patients, usually parents in their 20's and 30's with young children, progress to atrial fibrillation, a stroke with paralysis, and eventually heart failure and death. They fear the future and are without hope due to the cost. What a joy and blessing when we tell the patients we can repair their hearts and they can go on with their lives!



Huy Srey Touch, Age 40. Needs 2 heart valves replaced for \$4,500



Suong Sophy, Age 35. Needs 3 heart valves replaced for \$5,000



Pheak Sophorn, Age 16. Lupus nephritis. \$2,500 for immunosuppressants



Meas Pheap, Age 42. IgA nephropathy (autoimmune kidney disease). Needs immunosuppressant cyclosporine for \$2,000 to gain disease remission.

Here are some of the poor patients presented to me over the past 2 months. As I've said many times, I wish you were here to personally experience their joy and sincere gratitude for life-saving care. We also explain the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His saving faith through God's grace to each patient. No more fear of death, no more worrying about tomorrow, for our sovereign God has His perfect plan for all of our lives. We trust in Him.

Your prayerful consideration for donation is greatly appreciated. Should you be so led, **Gilead's Hope** is my 501 c3 non-profit based in Texas. All funds raised go directly to patient care. I cover any administrative costs to include tax preparation and filing each year. I have a board of directors with accounting oversight both in the USA and Cambodia.

Grace to you, Kendrick.

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