

Tabitha Cambodia



Working side-by-side with the people of Cambodia

When a person begins to work in a Third World Country – they should always ask questions before they design the answers.



What would it feel like to be always hungry – to never have enough to eat?



What would it be like to have only one set of clothes or no clothes at all?



What would it feel like to have a home that is not safe- too small for everyone to sleep inside and cannot keep you dry when it rains?



What would it be like to never have enough water to drink, or cook, or to take a bath when you want to?



**What would it feel like to never go to school
– to never be able to read or to write – to
never know what your name looks like in
letters?**



What would it be like to be sick and no where to go for help



In Cambodia, 75% of the population does not know how they will feed themselves each day, where they will find enough water; their children do not have any clothes or only one set of clothes: their houses do not provide safety and they are too small; their children have never gone to school and too few people have access to health care.



Tabitha Cambodia helps these people to change this through a savings program that leads to changing their lives.



Why Savings?

90% of poverty is attitudinal. People have moved into despair, have given up hope – have given up trying.



In Cambodia 40 years of war, genocide and insecurity has resulted in the decimation of the population, loss of all infrastructure and loss of all normal societal systems.



This has resulted in a perception of
the people that **I am bad.**



Savings changes this attitude as people use their own money to say they are worthy of dreams. They are in control. They make a positive choice.



How does savings work.

- ▣ People save a little money each week – When they begin it is .25 cents a week
- ▣ They save for 10 weeks - \$2.50
- ▣ Tabitha pays the family 10%- or .25
- ▣ The family now has \$2.75
- ▣ The family buys 5 baby chicks at .50 cents each



Second Cycle

- Saves for another 10 weeks - \$2.50 plus .25 cents interest = \$2.75
- Sells the chickens for \$10 each – \$52.75
- Buys a sack of rice – 50 kilos – cost is \$40.00
- Buys 20 chicks for \$10.00
- Buys second hand clothes for the children



Third Cycle -The Family gets a Well

- ▣ Family saves \$5.00 - \$55.50
- ▣ Sells 20 chickens - \$200.00
- ▣ Plants seeds for garden
- ▣ Pays \$15.00 for well
- ▣ Buys Water Pump for \$190
- ▣ Buys 30 chickens - \$15.00



From Savings, families buy many things for example



pots and pans



pay school fees



buy cement posts to build a house



or buy a bicycle

To date **467,046** families with **3,736,368** dependents have been impacted through the savings program

**And the cycles continue until they don't
need Tabitha Anymore – about 5 Years**



**Over the years our families have saved
\$19,735,881.23 USD**

**Rural Cambodians have 2 resources –
land and water – neither resource is used
to full capacity.**



The reason is that although Cambodia has lots of water – the water is not accessible without digging wells or ponds.



**Wells provide water for family use
improving the health of families
through daily baths and washing
clothes but...**



Wells also need to increase a family's income through raising animals, fish or growing vegetables and rice



The size of land a family owns also impacts how the water should be used – if a family owns less than a hectare of land – family wells can enable a family to



to raise pigs



family garden



ducks or chickens



or fish

If a family owns more than a hectare of land then field wells become of great importance – a field well enables a family to grow crops year round



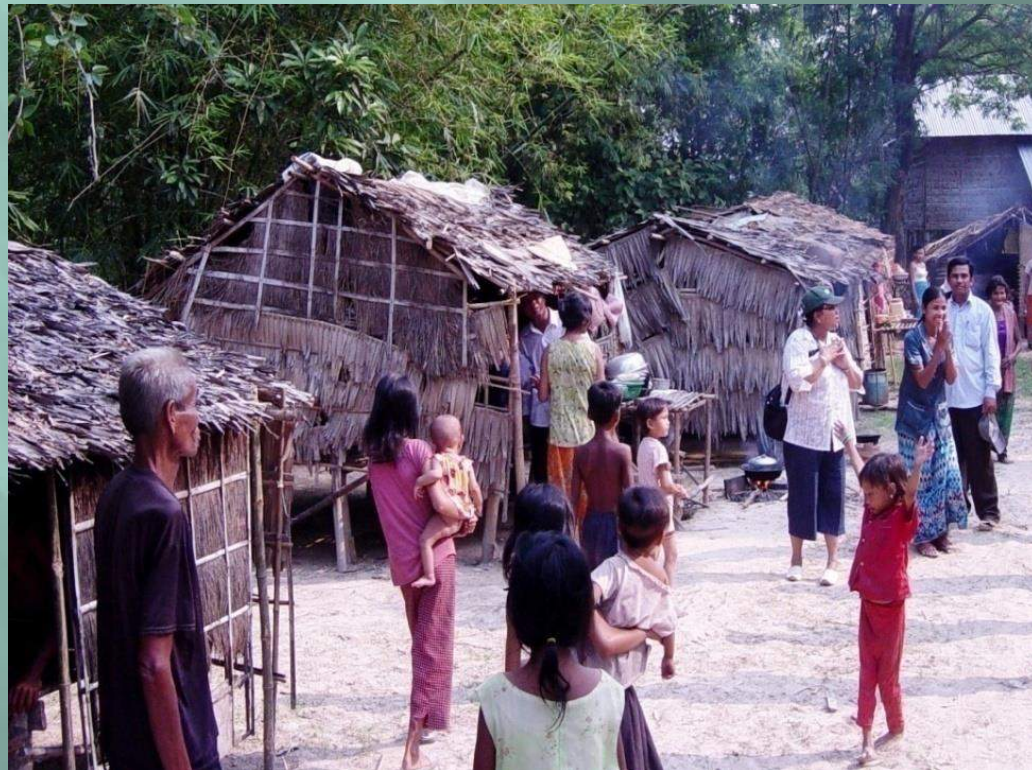
The impact of wells and ponds is dramatic – they enable a family to earn an average annual income of \$6000.00 per year, to improve a family's diet, to providing security as husbands are able to earn a good income at home rather than traveling away to find work.



Tabitha Cambodia has installed 17,753 sources of water to date.

3 Years of change in Svay Rieng

In Svay Rieng 200 families lived in small huts and on small plots of land – hunger was always there.



The Tabitha volunteer was elected as village chief. He went to the government and asked for land for the families.



Each family was given 100 square meters of land

Tabitha gave wells to encourage the people





The government banned the import of meat and so they raised pigs



They grew gardens that supplied a healthy diet and food to sell



They raised chickens and ducks for food and selling



And each cycle they saved to buy house materials until....

UNTILL

They Built Their Dream Houses



For some families, they need extra help-Tabitha house building volunteers come from all over the world and build for those who cannot build for themselves



More than 12,000 volunteers from all over the world have come to build 9,222 houses.



**In addition – 349,617 families
have built their own houses**



Schools Project

When our communities begin to be able to eat regularly and have a better income – their thoughts change to how best to educate their children.



**Less than 20% of children complete primary education.
Families help donate land for a school. Village, commune and
district chiefs join in.**



**Villagers and chiefs join in to
build a school**



**Once there is a donor –
construction begins**

Schools vary from 3 rooms to 12 rooms. Each classroom has an average of 80 students – 40 in the morning and 40 in the afternoon



Desks for Students



**Blackboard and Teachers
Desks are included**

**Schools include toilets so that girls will attend;
wells for water and flagpoles are mandatory**



Middle Schools – Grades 7 -9

Less than 14% of all children are able to attend Middle School – Schools are so Needed!



In the past 4 years Tabitha has built 66 schools

Financial Sustainability and Cottage Industry

Financial sustainability is derived partly from cottage industry



Sales pay for 80% of all administrative costs



It teaches Cambodians to take pride in Cambodian made products



It is an alternative for street women.



Cottage Industry helps to restore dignity, pride and self respect to those who have lost this through poverty, Aids and famine.



**\$8,189,875.81 worth of products
have been sold.**

Tabitha Cambodia is beginning a health program that focuses on women



Women are the mainstay of all families – when a mother is sick – all families suffer

Less than 15% of women in Cambodia have access to health care



When a woman becomes too sick – the family will often sell all that they own – land, animals and sometimes children

**Nokor Tep Hospital for Women will help
Cambodian women to have access to health
care without having to sell all that they own.**

First we will build a hospital



Second we will out fit the hospital

Third we will have mobile clinics that will go out to all areas in Cambodia



The hospital will serve all women

In time – every woman in Cambodia will have access to healthcare

SUMMARY

**Tabitha helps families change their
lives**

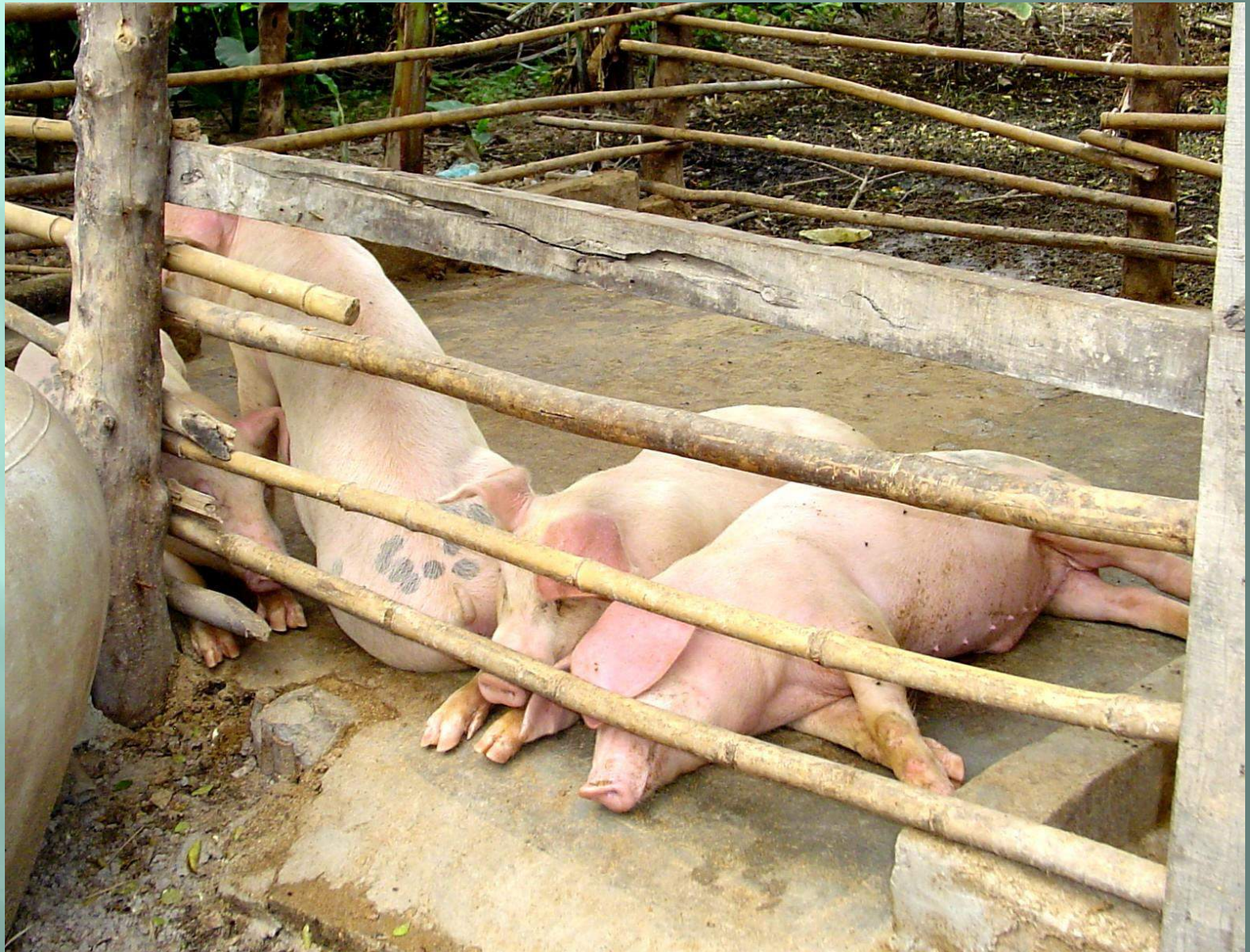
From this...



to a secure home



to having sources of income



to having children in school



to growing vegetables for food and for sale



having access to clean water



to having dignity restored through decent labor



Cambodia's Future



ON behalf of our families and staff we say
Akun - Thank you

