

# World Champions

OM New Zealand's newsletter for children who want to make a difference in God's World!



## Country focus: Cambodia

**Topic: Showing love to others**

You could call Cambodia the kingdom of children. There are nearly 14 million people in this mostly Buddhist country, and almost half of them are under the age of 15! This kingdom of children is not an easy place for children to live in though.

There has been a lot of fighting in Cambodia in the past, where many people died or were injured. Even though the fighting has stopped now, there are still landmines hidden that often hurt people, and the many years of fighting have left most people in the country very poor.

The saddest thing is that some parents in Cambodia sell their children to get more money. These children have a very difficult life and feel that nobody loves them. Children in Cambodia really need World Champions to Pray, Give and Go For It!



### This month's memory verse:

People in Cambodia speak Khmer, a language very different to English. Use these Khmer symbols to figure out this month's memory verse.

### Bible reading:

Did you know that when we show love to others, it's like we are showing love to Jesus? Read what Jesus said in

**Matthew 25:31-46**

*Can you think of the different ways that Jesus showed love to people in the Bible?*

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(CEV translation)



Cambodian children playing in the rain

# The White House - World Champions in Cambodia:

Have you heard of the White House? Did you know there was more than one? You may think of the president's house in the USA, but Cambodia has its own White House especially for children!

Many Cambodian children live on the streets and have a difficult life. Many come from poor families or live on the streets, where they pick through rubbish to sell things so they can buy food and drugs.

The White House is a special place where these children can come to wash, get First Aid, play games together and listen to Bible stories.



Workers in front of the White House



Children listening to a Bible story at the White House

Some of the children have been hurt badly by adults, and there are people at the White House who can help them feel better about themselves. They also teach all the children how to protect themselves from getting hurt by others.

White House workers also help the families of these children and even go on the radio every month to teach listeners about how to work with children.



This girl has come to the White House to get treatment for her cut foot.

Over 100 children keep coming every week to the White House, a place where real love is shown to them by the workers there.



## Did you know:



You won't find many petrol stations in Cambodia.

People, including children, store petrol in old bottles and sell them to drivers on the street.

Do you have a telephone in your house? If you lived in Cambodia, you would be very rich! There is only one telephone line there for every 1000 people!



People at the White House in Cambodia try to show love to the children in everything they do. Find some of the things they do in the Word-find, and see how many times you can also find the word LOVE. There's many!

- washing
- First Aid
- games
- fun
- help
- Bible stories
- listening
- teaching
- hugs
- Radio talks

I found the word LOVE \_\_\_\_\_ times!

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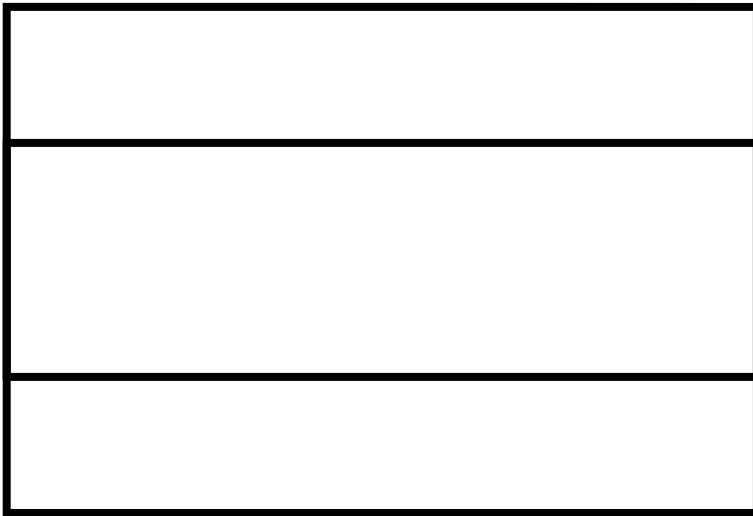


## Rice and bugs!

Rice is the main food people eat in Cambodia. People like to eat it just-cooked and quite crunchy. People often add a fish sauce and hot red chillies to their rice meals. One dish, *Prohoc*, is made from rotten fish left to ferment into a paste, which is mixed with rice. Yum! The photo is of some other interesting food for sale in a market—fried spiders and cockroaches! These are eaten as snacks!

## Wat, I mean WHAT, is Angkor Wat?

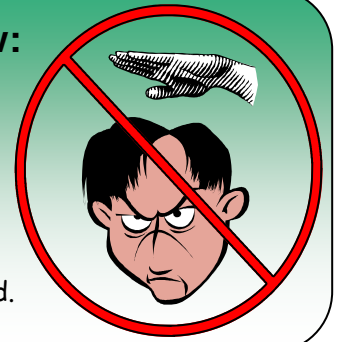
Cambodia's flag has three horizontal stripes. The outside ones are blue and the middle one is red with this picture in its centre. This is a part of Angkor Wat, which is the largest religious temple in the world. It was built about 900 years ago, and was HUGE. (About the size of 160 rugby fields put together!) No wonder it took about 30 years to build! People in those days believed that Angkor Wat was the centre of the world. Now it is a protected ruin that many tourists visit.



Can you use the description above and copy the picture to make your own Cambodian flag?

### Did you know:

People in Cambodia consider the head to be very holy, so it's very rude to pat or touch anybody on the head.



## World Champions... Pray!

You can be a World Champion by praying for children in Cambodia.

- Pray for the many children in Cambodia who have a difficult life, from being poor, being sold to others or addicted to drugs. Pray that God will care for them and show them His love.
- Thank God for the White House that helps children like these.
- Pray that the millions of Buddhist people in Cambodia will learn about God who loves them.
- Pray that you can show love to others in everything you do.

How can you remember to pray for Cambodia? Easy! Every time you eat rice, see a petrol station or hear the telephone ring, or anything that reminds you of Cambodia, PRAY!



## World Champions... Give!

You can also be a World Champion by giving. You may like to save a bit of pocket-money to give to the people who run the White House, so they can continue to help the

children in Cambodia. If you would like to, you can ask an adult to help you send some to us. We will make sure the White House gets it, as well as sending you a special thank you.

Giving is not just money. How else can you be a World Champion to those around you by giving? Look on our website for ideas.



One of the children at the White House



## World Champions... Go for it!

Showing love is not just hugs and kisses like we may think. It is when people put the needs of others first and do things to help them or make them happy.

Think about the people who show love to you. What do they do? How does it make you feel?

God is the expert at showing love to others. In John 3:16, a verse you may already know, it says that God loved the people of this world SO MUCH that He gave His only Son, Jesus. What did Jesus do? He took the punishment for our sin by dying on a cross so that everyone who believes in him will be forgiven and have life with God forever! What an amazing way to show love to others!

It's quite easy to show love to people we like, like our family and good friends. But Jesus said that everybody does that. We should even show love to people that we don't know or get along with well.

Think about people you will see this week. How can you show love to them? Maybe it's in something you say to them or do for them. Challenge yourself to follow the example of Jesus and show love to others in everything you do!



### Just for fun - Cambodian wisdom:

The Cambodian proverb in the frame is many years old. What do you think it means? Draw a picture to go with the proverb - you may want to make it a funny cartoon. If you like your finished picture, why not copy it to send to us? We may even put it on our website to make you world famous and send you a prize!



**"Don't let an angry man wash dishes; don't let a hungry man guard rice."**  
- old Cambodian proverb



'World Champions' is made by OM New Zealand, where we want people of all ages to be a part of the wonderful things God is doing around the world. Why not contact us and see how else you can get involved?

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