



FIONA AND BARRY

Serving in Cambodia

Barry: building peace bridges

Decades of war and conflict have left physical, emotional and spiritual scars on many Cambodians. For the past five years, Barry has been working with the local churches to establish Peace Bridges – an organisation committed to building peace in families, communities and churches.

Barry writes, “Seeing the 40 graduates of Peace Bridges’ one-year certificate course – in conflict counselling and mediation – so excited about putting their new skills to use has been the highlight of my time in Cambodia. These men and women are working for ‘Shalom’ – a just peace – in tiny churches in remote parts of the country, with troubled families in homes around the city, and with communities torn by conflict in rural areas.”

Fiona: training people who care

Fiona’s vision is for people with disabilities, often the poorest of Cambodia’s poor, to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as others. As an occupational therapist, her role is to train, support and mentor community-based rehabilitation workers and physiotherapists across four rural provinces.

“I believe that providing good quality rehabilitation and support services to children and adults with disabilities is a concrete expression of God’s love for all people. This is particularly the case for the oppressed and marginalised; those with whom Jesus spent so much of his time.”

Fiona and Barry have served in Cambodia since 2001, always doing their best to express God’s compassion for people in their lifestyle, attitudes, words, actions and reactions. They have been seconded to Service Fellowship International for this work.

They write, “Our Global Interaction Cambodia team has made a long-term commitment to use our gifts and professional skills for the transformation and development of Cambodia and to encourage Cambodians in their work of strengthening the local church. We are passionate about seeking justice and equality for those we serve, particularly the poor. With your support we will continue to work on building strategic partnerships that will empower the people of this country as they work towards a more hopeful future.”

In 2007, Fiona and Barry welcomed Visarl Hugh (born 5.6.06) into their family.

