

The God of my rock; in him will I trust; he  
is my shield, and the horn of my salvation,  
my **High Tower**, and my refuge, my  
Savior; He saves me from violence.  
2 Samuel 22:3

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To our Friends back home,

Well, they are off! The paperwork that is. Last week we successfully submitted our paperwork to establish ourselves as an International Non-Governmental Organization. (NGO) This will allow us to minister more fully and efficiently in Cambodia.

This past year has been very fruitful, but the main focus has been getting our home established, becoming acclimated, and learning language. Life may still have its moments for us, but we do feel good about this first year. In fact, we look back over this first year with something like awe. We are so blessed that God has allowed us to be a part of this harvest field.

#### So what does High Tower Ministries NGO look like?

- Bykota House---a Christian children's home with the purpose of raising disciples for Christ. In 2006, we hope to admit our first 8 children. 2007, eight more and then in 2008 the total goal of 24. Bykota House will be opening soon as the final things are settled.
- Shepherd's Crook---this is High Tower's Families@Risk program. Targeted aid, usually from direct sponsors, is made available for assistance in the form of food, medical care, and education. This ministry has been going all year the difference now is that it has a name! We hope to expand Shepherd's Crook as more sponsors join with us.
- Cambodia Orphan Aid---this last year as we have ministered in the orphanages, we have raised support for and organized this program which has done many things. This group is primarily made up of adoptive families that we met and have remained in contact with through the adoption of Seth and Chantal. They are like hearts and minds of those who cannot forget the precious ones that remain in the orphanages...left behind. Each month we make deliveries of food and supplies which grow as the funds have steadily grown this past year. COA also had a large hand in the AOA Orphanage well drilling project. Our next project is a dental program which will see all of the children to the dentist for checkup's and all dental work as necessary. This will be quite an undertaking, but with God all things are possible.

We are about at our halfway mark of this first term. So it will still be some time before we see any of you in person. Our furlough, should God allow, will be May-August 2007. At this time we hope to spend time in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, and Arkansas with as many of our friends and loved ones as possible.

We get frequent emails that are full of concern over the bird flu. We are watching that situation the same as you all are in America. At the moment, all is well. Should the situation change, our trust (and we hope your trust) is in the name of the Lord...a name where the righteous find safety.

Family News - everyone is doing pretty well. Rhonda is showing symptoms that her thyroid may be malfunctioning. The tests necessary were found right here in Cambodia and the doctor is watching it. Please pray for her healing.

As we look to the near future, we are excited that our pastor, Mike, and other leaders are coming to visit. We are all excited but our teenagers are about to burst. It has been such a long time since we left home.

Prayer points:

- favor and blessing with the NGO application as well as our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Social Affairs.
- wisdom as the final details of Bykota House are sorted through and the home is opened.
- God's grace and mercy will rest upon our family in all areas and that we will abound to every good work, lacking nothing.

It is a bright spot in our day when emails arrive from home or the occasional card or letter comes to our gate. We would love to hear from you to hear how things are with those we care about. We try to answer the emails promptly. Sometimes that doesn't happen, but we do really try.

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With all our love and affection,  
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