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## ADOPTING FROM HARMONY HOUSE

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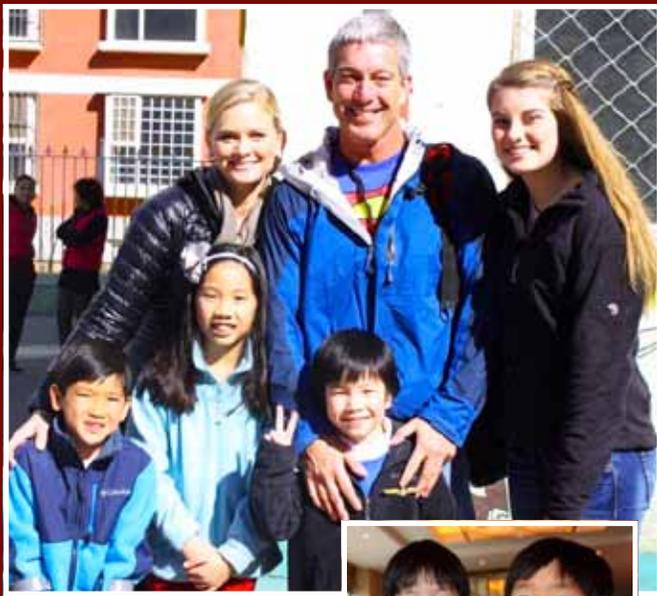
by John Bentley

Did you know that 85 families from all over the world have adopted Harmony House orphans? A pile of these families will soon be joining us in Chicago August 1-2 for our second Adoptive Family Reunion. And among these families are a growing number who have chosen to adopt from us multiple times.

Membership has its privileges. When Rodney and Jacqui adopted their FOURTH Harmony orphan, Harlan and Linda made the trek to San Francisco to present them with their brand new (from Target!!!!) blender.

The latest such family are Greg and Jennifer from North Carolina. Some years ago they adopted Adam from us and in March were back in China to pick up their second Harmony cutie, Reid! This marks the fourth family to adopt from Harmony on more than one occasion, with three more families seriously considering joining this elite inner circle.

Congratulations, Greg and Jennifer! Please stand by. Harlan will soon be contacting you with information on the secret hand-shake....



Adam (R) adopted from HH in 2010, and Reid just adopted, are now brothers!



Rodney & Jacqui get their blender after adopting number 4!



Charlie (2010) and Maddie (2008), now brother and sister, with their parents and Lily.





Our adoptive families becoming fast friends at our last reunion.

Contact Lori Liang at (847) 749-0789 or [lori@memorablegetaways.com](mailto:lori@memorablegetaways.com) to reserve rooms at Sonesta Suites in Schaumburg, IL.

Plan to arrive sometime Thursday. Be sure to get there in time for the Chicago pizza party at our host's home! Events will include Brookfield Zoo, a water park, Millennium Park and an afternoon at a local "farm" with animals, hands-on activities and a train. The day and event will end with a big BBQ at the farm Saturday night. 🍷

## SEE YOU IN CHICAGO!

by Linda Huckaba

Sign up now to be part of our Second Adoption Reunion, August 1-2, 2014! We will be participating in fun events that allow lots of interaction among the children who shared their early years together at Harmony House. The parents also have a great time of fellowship and shared adoption stories. Our featured guest will be **Lily Huang**, the mama the children first knew in China. This year she will bring her daughter Joy who is now 11 years old. Most of the children also knew Joy.

## Little Tina's Surgery Changes Her Life

by Linda Huckaba



There's no doubt that Tina's lip surgery has changed her life. The pictures demonstrate the most obvious change which is her appearance. But there are many more elements involved than just appearance. She is now able to eat without fear of being choked because food gets into the wrong passage, her teeth will grow normally, and she will grow up without being teased because she looks different. We thank God that Tina will no longer have to face such issues, because her surgery has changed her life.

Many of you have partnered with us to provide this and many other types of surgeries through the years, and we are truly grateful for your tender hearts and your generosity. 🍷

## NEVER AGAIN

by John Bentley

A couple of years ago we faced a situation where a poor family in China approached Lily (our China director) for help for their child who needed emergency surgery. Lily contacted us and we approved the surgery but did not have the funds on hand. We immediately began efforts to raise the money needed to save this child. Tragically, before we could raise the funds, Lily emailed us advising that the child had died.

At the time of this event one of our families was in China to adopt their second Harmony child and witnessed this situation. They made the decision then to provide seed money for an Emergency Surgery Fund so that this would not happen again. It was from this account that we provided Tina's surgery and for Srey Kouch's emergency surgery reported in our last newsletter.

Please help us replenish this account so that funds are available for our next emergency medical situation which we will surely face. See the information at the bottom of page 4 to contact us. 🍷

# ACT OF LOVE LEADS TO VILLAGE REVIVAL

by John Bentley



## Khim's Story

Although Khim is only 27, her life has been hard. Not "American hard"—I mean "Cambodian hard." Her mother was blinded due to a landmine explosion. Khim's vision was fine until an insect stung her eye. Without medical treatment, her eye became infected, and died, while still in her eye socket. Khim's husband and four children were so poor they couldn't afford a house, and so they were nomadic—gleaning leftover rice from fields that had already been harvested.

When pastor Soeum learned of this family's extreme poverty and the pain Khim was suffering because of her infected eye, his heart was moved with compassion. He contacted us and asked for help funding the medical procedure to remove Khim's eye. As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we funded the surgery and Khim is now pain free. Here's her story in her own words:

"My name Khim, I am 27 years old I am married with 4 children. I and my family had a hard time living these days, because I have no land, no house. My life always keep moving from place to place for living. My children do not get proper education. I did not get a better treatment for my eye because of the poverty and moving.

I thank God for the church in my village. They knew of the hardship I had, and the church leaders always come to visit me and my family and offered me food, clothes and send me for medical treatment. Now my eye had removed and the pain is getting better. I am back home now with my children. The leaders of the church always come to visit, encourage me and pray for me. I see the world do not care for me but the church pray for me, help me and care for me. I and my family accepted Christ as my savior since last week, and we are attended the church every Sunday to learn more from Jesus. Thank you for praying for me, for God healing my eye, and for providing me food, clothes and treatment to my family. I am very happy and continue to follow Jesus in my whole life. Thank you!"

## Village Story

But the best news was yet to come! Shortly after we received Khim's letter, Pastor Soeum wrote this:

*Dear John, I have to tell you Khim's story became a testimony to the entire village, and many of them accepted Christ as their Savior and were baptized on April 8. Remember to pray for this church and their walk with Jesus.*

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**Villagers  
celebrating after  
their baptism.**



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When this wonderful news reached us, I couldn't help but recall a passage from Isaiah 61. In the first few verses we read:

***The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD ...has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort all who mourn, and...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.***

These pictures show the large number of villagers who were baptized after they received Jesus. They are also evidence of the "garment of praise" that results because of the release from a life of bondage.

## Will You Help?

Khim and her family are now born-again believers, and I don't want our compassion to stop at helping her eye problem. I want us to help this sweet family of baby believers who are full of joy in the Lord to get on their feet and have a new start. If your family would like to give to help Khim's family, we invite you to send a gift of any size earmarked for "Khim's family."

***Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*** (1 John 3:16-17) 🌱



We recently welcomed Rose Chheang to our Harmony team—and to the U.S. for her first visit! She became our Acting Country Director for Cambodia in January.

Rose will be hiring and managing local staff, directing our work with the state orphanage children, coordinating activities for our Cambodia trips, handling government reporting requirements for our NGO and acting as liaison and coordinator for our outreaches into villages in Battambang and other provinces. We are confident of her abilities and the mandate God has given her to reach her own people. 🌱

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