



CATHERINE

To Cambodia

The years 2000-2001 were incredibly tough for Catherine. Her father died after a prolonged battle with cancer and, in her grief, hurt and loss, Catherine became overwhelmed and unwell, resulting in three months being spent in hospital.

Yet that dark time was also a catalyst for a journey of healing and deepening relationship with Jesus.

It also marked a transition in her journey into mission. This led her from part time to full time studies at Bible College with a focus on mission, and three months service in Cambodia with Global Interaction. Catherine wrote, "My short-term exposure trip gave me a small insight into what it means to live and serve cross-culturally, and enabled me to consider and reflect on what it means to be a Christian in a different culture and society."

When she returned from Cambodia, Catherine had already decided that she wanted to go back. However, wanting to be sure this was God's desire for her and not just her own dream, she continued to explore the possibilities. This resulted in her applying to Global Interaction in 2007.

While doing language and cultural studies, she and the team will consider the best use of her gifts. She is content to wait on God's leading, though adds, "My desire is to interact with Cambodian people, and learn from and with them. I want to help empower them to address the challenges they experience." One possibility may be using her skills in social work and social policy to help Cambodians develop wholistic responses to health and well-being issues.

For Catherine, life is an unfolding adventure as she continues to seek God and live out an active, growing faith.

