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JOTHAM AND FIONA

Cambodia

Cambodia never struck Jotham and Fiona as a country where they might end up. But, after hearing about the need for a Speech Pathologist and the work of the Global Interaction team, they got excited about the possibility of being involved.

“After watching the *Friends of Cambodia* DVD, we really connected with the work Global Interaction is doing amongst the Khmer people. The strong connection staff make between the good news and social justice and the embracing of the local culture really stood out to us.”

Fiona started her Speech Pathology degree hoping to work in a developing country one day. After spending six weeks working in an orphanage in Vietnam, she experienced first-hand the huge needs and the importance of empowering people for sustainable change. “I needed to be very creative and adaptable in the way I worked with the kids. It was hard and challenging, but I found satisfaction in seeing even small changes.”

Jotham has been working in the IT industry (Information Technology) for the three years and in Cambodia uses these skills to serve the Cambodian people.

Cambodia is a country which has endured decades of oppression and instability. While the country is gradually rebuilding, there is a lack of adequate technological resources and trained personnel. Almost ten percent of the people live with a significant physical or intellectual disability and struggle to gain acceptance in the community. There are few trained para-medical workers.

Jotham and Fiona see their year of service in Cambodia as an exciting opportunity to demonstrate God’s compassion amongst the Khmer people. They have joined Global Interaction through Gi6pro (Generation Isaiah 6 professionals).