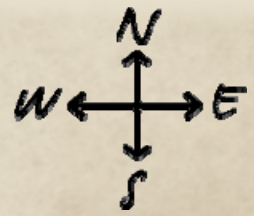


# Hansen Journey Log



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Dear Friends,

We are excited to tell you all about the young men we will be spending time with when we reach Phnom Penh, Cambodia. In each of our letters we will tell you about one of them so you may come to see them as we do. In that spirit... Meet Tirua (Ter-oo-ah).



*Tirua's father was killed and his mother remarried. Sadly, one of Tirua's older brothers hung himself. When Tirua was ten, his mother died and his step-father abandoned Tirua and his brother and sister. The three siblings survived in the province on their own for several months before coming to Asian Hope. Today Tirua is an intelligent young man with a deep compassion for other people. He is applying to college, helps lead worship in his church, teaches English to Cambodian students five nights a week, and is a joy to know!*

I (Joe) really enjoyed visiting with Tirua in November during my trip to Phnom Penh. In one of our conversations he told me he wanted to study architecture or engineering in college. He smiled and admitted, "but I am bad at math."

"Why do you say that?" I asked.

"Well," he said, "calculus is really hard for me."

Hmmm... Did *any* of us breeze through calculus?

Tirua is a soft spoken young man in his senior year at Logos International. He loves basketball, plays acoustic guitar, and likes hanging out with the guys. He has a noticeable inner strength to stand for what he believes. He also has a tender heart for the needs of others. We are really looking forward to supporting Tirua in pursuing his interests and watching his giftings develop!

## *The Top Three Recent Hansen Family Highlights:*

#3-Two weeks in Oregon visiting family and reconnecting with old friends – super fun!

#2-Caleb is beginning to use his long awaited communication computer. Yay Caleb!

#1-Discovering on the 20 hour road trip to Oregon that our kids are **great travelers** – *priceless!*

*Thanks for journeying with us,*

*Joe & Renee*