

## Hope Through Education: Socheatha

### Socheatha Jim

**University:** Liberty University, Virginia  
**Major:** Public Health

**Likes:** Anatomy

**Favorite Things:** Spending time with friends and families, playing piano and guitar, reading

**Cambodian Food?** Yes!  
**Hot Dogs?** No!



**Favorite Music:** Gospel, Hymns, and Country

**Would you have been able to take care of yourself and a younger sibling when you were eleven years old?** How about without resources, and with a broken heart? That is what Socheatha had to do. When she was eleven, her mother went to work one day, and never came home.

At first, Socheatha could not believe that her mother wasn't coming back. Socheatha and her younger sister, Marena, lived in a tiny shack with many holes in the roof. When it rained, and it rains a lot in Cambodia, it was hard to find spaces small enough to curl up in to sleep without getting wet due to the extremely leaky roof. Days weren't much better than nights. Socheatha not only had to find ways to survive, she had to ensure that her sister did as well.

A child has to harden their heart to survive when they are in circumstances that are beyond their level of emotional resources. Naturally, Socheatha became angry with God. She wondered how God could let this happen to her if He was good. She and her sister went to a church, not because she believed that God loved her, but rather because they needed the food and provisions given to them by the church.

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### *News and Updates*



**Congratulations Marena, Fanny, Rena and Elizabeth!**  
2009 Logos International School Graduates!  
To learn more about these girls from Asian Hope visit the Higher Education tab at [www.AsianHope.org](http://www.AsianHope.org)

### **Did you Know?**

- Cambodian children do not celebrate their birthdays.
- The Khmer (Cambodian) New Year is celebrated on April 13th or 14th. The exact date is determined by an ancient calendar called the MohaSangkran.
- A traditional Cambodian wedding can last from three days to a week.

## Socheatha's Story Continued...

After two years of living hand to mouth in the shack with her sister, missionaries took them to live in the orphanage at Asian Hope. Socheatha lived there for seven years. In the evenings, after they had a devotional time at the house, Socheatha began asking God to show Himself to her. And because Jesus has assured us that whoever seeks Him whole-heartedly will find Him, God did indeed reveal the truth of His being and love to Socheatha.

Socheatha grew to love her "family" at the orphanage, and life settled down. Her house parents, and the various families that she has been a part of with Asian Hope have had a great deal of impact on Socheatha. She says that they have helped shape her into the person she is today. The consistency and care that she enjoyed after coming to Asian Hope allowed her to devote attention to her studies. She graduated from high school in 2007.

She was accepted to Liberty University in Virginia, and has just completed her sophomore year! Socheatha was the first of the Asian Hope kids to begin college. She is excited that her younger sister, Marena, will also be attending Liberty University in the fall. While Socheatha really enjoys the school environment at Liberty, she does miss her Asian Hope family in Cambodia.

She is studying Health Promotion, and dreams of being able to educate people about health issues in Cambodia and other third world countries, and ultimately to impact the world for Christ no matter which direction her passion and calling takes her. While she has a passion for health care, Socheatha says that it is challenging to do college level work in English, which is her second language. On top of that she must learn medical terminology and when she returns to Cambodia, she will have to learn medical terminology all over again in Khmer, her native language.

Socheatha connects easily with people, a trait that will help her in serving a broad range of people with health care needs. She does not know yet what her ultimate calling is in health care, whether it is to be a nurse, doctor, or public health educator. Socheatha says that the best moment of her life was in realizing that God has a plan for her, and that He will use her for His work in His timing. "...for I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for a future and a hope..." Jeremiah 29:11.

**Prayer Request: Socheatha would like prayer that God will strengthen her to carry out her calling in which ever branch of health care He ultimately calls her to.**

### Rotarians Needed

Asian Hope is applying for a Competitive Matching Grant (CMG) with Rotary International (RI). If you or someone you know is a Rotarian, please contact Jordan Fischer at 303-653-6576. Through this CMG, Asian Hope has the potential to raise over \$300,000! Every dollar given at the Club level as the ability to be matched 2.5 times. This is a great way to get involved and make a huge difference in these student's lives. The money will help equip the new campus for Logos International School.

## Your Prayers Matter

1. *One of our teachers, Kristi Fletcher lost her father this past week. He died of a heart attack while she was back for the summer. Please pray for her and her family in their grief.*
2. *Please pray for continued guidance and blessing as Logos International School works toward completing and moving into the new campus.*
3. *Praise that Logos is now officially accredited by ACSI! We are waiting on the WASC accreditation. We should hear from them within a month or so. Thanks for your prayers!*
4. *Praise that we have been able to hire all the needed staff and teachers for the coming year! Thanks for praying.*

## Get Involved

•Participate in the **3rd Annual Golf Marathon**: contact Jordan at 303-653-6576 (Monday, September 28th at **Red Rocks Country Club** in Morrison, Colorado)

•Volunteer •Pray •Church Presentations

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