Foolish and impossible! Some may think working with gang members is just that. Maybe from a jaded perspective, they are right. But for those who have witnessed the rescue of these troubled young men, it's not foolish or impossible. To them, it's a miracle.

There is a popular song today that addresses this philosophy. The song says, "Call it what it is. Call it grace. Amazing, unshaking. This is grace, this is grace. Unchanging, unfailing. This is grace, this is grace."

Call It Grace. This is the theme of our 23rd annual banquet on February 25th. I hope you will take the time to RSVP and attend this inspirational time where we will hear from several such miracles. It will be a time to see grace in action.

If you have never attended, you've missed a wonderful opportunity to see God at work in our communities. There is nothing spectacular about the food or the lighting or the sound at our banquet, but what always shines forth are the young men, and sometimes women, who once were "dead," and are now breathing out new life.

I promise that you will walk away feeling better about our world after attending our banquet. It’s free too! Just RSVP by calling, e-mailing, or going to our website. Bring a few friends with you. In fact, why not sponsor a table? I would love to see you on Thursday, February 25th.

Foolish and impossible? Hardly. Come and see for yourself.

Warm regards,

Roger Feenstra

Executive Director
Cambodia Corner

Whether working with young men who have been deported to Cambodia from the United States, or helping children find hope in a desperate place, Chantha and Sharon are fulfilling the work of Hope Now For Youth in Cambodia.

Hundreds of men and women, former gang members in the United States, have been deported to Cambodia. Chantha assists them as they work through the culture shock of being sent to a place they have never been, and where the people speak a language they do not know.

Hope Now For Youth has partnered with the YMCA, and our goal is to train some of the deported young men to reach out to those who are in greater need than they are—to help them take the focus off themselves and place a greater emphasis on helping others.

Please continue to pray for Chantha and Sharon in this endeavor. Next month, our executive director will travel to Cambodia to see the work that is taking place there and deliver new training materials for Chantha to use as he helps young men. It has been four years since we have had an on-site visit, and Chantha is looking forward to the encouragement.

If you would like to earmark a donation to be used specifically for our work in Cambodia, simply state "Cambodia" on your check or place a note with your donation. Your gift will be restricted for that ministry alone.