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My life was dramatically changed three years ago during my visit to Cambodia, a country with unmatched beauty yet scarred by many years of human suffering. As I was visiting an oceanfront site in Sihanoukville, a charming and majestic seaside village, I met up with my destiny for the first time in my life. Just 100 yards off of the beach was a group of about 25 children, barely clothed, playing on a small dusty road. As I walked over to the children, they came running up to me like I was a lifelong friend. The smiles on their faces were magical. They literally jumped into my arms and hugged me. I instantly fell in love with each and every one of them.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw a beautiful young woman standing shyly near a tree. I approached her with a smile. She spoke no English, but I could understand her simply by looking into her eyes. It is remarkable how two people from cultures worlds apart can communicate without words. I knew that she and the children were impoverished and without homes. They literally had nothing, yet their happiness and love were powerful and unforgettable. It was right there and then that I knew that I would make it my mission in life to help these Cambodian children. A shelter, a recreation center, a schoolhouse...these simple things that we all take for granted will dramatically improve their quality of life for generations to come.

I am proud to introduce the Bankhurst Foundation for impoverished children. The Foundation's goal is very simple and clear—to enhance the quality of life for children around the world. It will change their lives forever just as their warmth, their smiles, and their love have changed mine.

—Greg Bankhurst

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