

Co-founder of Rescue Ministries speaks at Roxy

Marie Ens, Co-Founder and Advisor to Rescue Ministries in Cambodia spoke at the The Roxy Friday, November 7 about Place of Rescue and her unwavering faith as part of a cross Canada tour in honor of her 80th birthday.

Originally from Saskatchewan and growing up in a loving Mennonite home, Ens married her husband Norm in 1956. She and her husband and two young children first arrived in Cambodia in 1961 with Christian and Missionary Alliance, but were forced to evacuate in 1975 due to the takeover of the Khmer Rouge. Ens and her husband continued to work with Cambodian refugees in France for twelve years until her husband passed away in 1991. In 1994, Ens returned to Cambodia working with the Christian and Missionary Alliance's women's ministry and compassion ministries. At the age of 66, however, she was invited to retire. Still, Marie believed she had been called to Cambodia and that she must come back. In 2000, she returned to Cambodia.

Ens founded Place of Rescue in 2003. In the early 2000's the AIDS crisis was at its worst in Cambodia. Up to three percent of the population was infected, according to Ens, and in some cases affecting entire families.

"It's a terrible thing to see a little child with AIDS," Ens said.

It became clear to Ens that no one organization could manage such a large crisis on their own, and so she wanted to get involved. Initially building small houses from thatch and brick, Place of Rescue began to welcome people to come. While they wanted to ease people's physical suffering, they also

wanted to assure them of a hope for Heaven. Dying parents yearned for their children to have a future and a home and so entrusted them to Place of Rescue. The first of the orphan houses was built in 2004.

"We soon realized Cambodia didn't just have orphan children," Ens said. "But also orphan grannies." Elderly women who had lost their husbands and children while the Khmer Rouge was in control, Place of Rescue began to welcome them by building two granny houses. They would encourage the women to come if they had no other means of support. Over the years, Ens said that they have received many 'grannies', and at any given time they have about twenty-five women.

In 2006, Ens' son-in-law, Blaine Sylvester, started Place of Rescue Foundation in Canada to help with the growing responsibilities and fundraising needs as more and more children came to them. Place of Rescue now has 20 orphan homes with 200 school age children and a school. They have built two dormitories, one for boys and one for girls, who are attending university.

"Here's this little country," Ens said. "And you know there are children out there somewhere that are suffering, that are being abused—physically, sexually—that are being used as slaves because they don't have a mother. And we just pray and pray, that's my biggest prayer, 'Lord you know where they are, the kids that are hurting, bring them.'"

To learn more about Place of Rescue or to donate, please visit their website placeofrescue.com



BIRTHDAY TOUR: Marie Ens (right) and her son-in-law Blaine Sylvester with her 80th Birthday cake. - Dawn Brown photo

FIRE REPORT

Monday, October 27 Gas leak

On Monday at 9:18 a.m. Fire fighters responded to the report of a gas leak on Gordon's Creek Court in Acton. Staff arrived on scene and determined there was a small leak in the area of the stove in the kitchen. Staff isolated the problem and cleared the scene.

Two car crash

At 6:20 p.m. Fire fighters responded to a two-vehicle motor vehicle collision in the area of Main St N and Mill St E in Acton. Ambulance was on scene upon our arrival. Staff applied absorbant to leaking fluids and isolated the batteries. Staff assisted with traffic control until Halton Regional Police arrived on scene.

Battery to blame

At 11:30 p.m. Fire fighters responded to a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm activation in the area of Regional Road 25 and 5 Sideroad. On scene staff

met with the homeowner who advised that their CO detector had activated in the basement. A check of the home was done and readings of 5 ppm were found in the basement. A further check of the home was done and a battery was found in the garage as the source of the CO readings with 70 ppm in the garage. The homeowner unplugged the battery and vented the garage to correct the problem.

Wednesday, October 29 Electrical smoke

At 2:45 p.m. Fire fighters responded to the report of a possible fire at a home in the area of 22 Sideroad and Fourth Line. On scene, staff spoke with the homeowner who advised of smoke coming from a light in the main floor bathroom. Fire crews checked the home and found no fire. The homeowner was advised to contact a licensed electrician before turning the power back on.

Saturday, November 1 Alarm Activation

On Saturday November 1 at 11 p.m. Fire fighters responded to an alarm activation on Church St W in Acton. On scene staff checked the alarm panel and found it to have reset itself. The alarm company was contacted and they advised that the alarm was from Tower one. The premise was checked by fire staff and nothing was found to be out of the ordinary. The alarm maintenance company was to be advised.

Saturday, November 8 Pedestrian collapse

At 11:31 a.m. Fire fighters responded to an ambulance assist on Mill St East in Acton. While returning back from the Remembrance parade, staff was flagged down for a pedestrian that had collapsed. Staff radioed dispatch for ambulance to attend and administered oxygen until their arrival on scene.

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