



# Invitation

From GSC Executive Director Rick Lathrop: "This is a follow up to our December 2018 newsletter announcing a GSC 25th Anniversary Special Program in Cambodia scheduled on June 23, 2019. Since many of you expressed interest in an autumn trip, Maxine and I are now planning on hosting a second 25th Anniversary Special Program in Cambodia beginning September 8, 2019.

We hope that you can join Maxine and me as we continue to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our very first international service-learning volunteer program back in December 1993.

It has been our dream for all these years to serve and learn with fellow volunteers as we change our own lives and the lives of those we serve. Please think about joining us on this memorable two-week special cultural immersion service-learning experience. We know you will enjoy getting to know the Cambodian people, culture, and cuisine while we participate in a service project together.

Besides welcoming individuals to join us, we also welcome families, including grandchildren, to participate in this special program. This Cambodia service experience would make a wonderful special occasion gift to those family members we all love so much.

As you can imagine, there is additional planning required for our time together so we are asking that you reserve a spot by sending along a \$300 deposit/person no later than May 8th. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Along with Maxine and me, we anticipate around 10 participants to create a close-knit group experience. Follow the link for more information about this [25th Anniversary Special Program](#).

Feel free to email or call us if you would like more information.

We are so excited about this once in a lifetime trip. Maxine and I look forward to spending this special time with you."



Best Regards,  
Rick and  
Maxine Lathrop

GSC Founders Rick and Maxine Lathrop in Cambodia.

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### **25th Anniversary Friends and Family Service-Learning Journey Special Two-week Program September 8 - 22, 2019**

This Cambodia cultural immersion service-learning program will be hosted in Cambodia by GSC Founders, Rick and Maxine Lathrop. Program participants will join the Lathrops in this special experience to learn about the Cambodia culture and history, and to participate in a service project. Participants will gain insight about the ongoing effects of the Khmer Rouge genocide in the 1970's. Learn why GSC has been working in Cambodia over the past ten years and how your participation can make a difference. The program will include:

- Three-day orientation

- Lectures on Cambodia history, society and culture from university staff member
- Basic Khmer language instruction
- Visit to a Buddhist monastery and lecture on Buddhism by senior monk
- Visits to the Royal Palace compound, the National Museum, Khmer Rouge genocide sites, and other historical sites

- Seven-day service project

- Choice of Buddhist Immersion/Teaching English or Child and Orphan Care Program

- Two-day Siem Reap trip

- Flights to Siem Reap (departing from Siem Reap at end of program)
- Visits to world heritage site Angkor Wat and other historical sites
- Boat trip to floating village
- Accommodations in comfortable tourist hotel

**Buddhist Immersion/Teaching English Programs (Teaching experience not required)**



From Left to Right: GSC volunteers practice meditation at a wat. pc: Sophak T. A volunteer teaches English to monks. pc: Anna WY. A volunteer poses with a monk. pc: Marcus R.

**Child and Orphan Care Program**



From Left to Right: Cambodian children stop for a quick photo. pc: Lauren D. Two GSC volunteers teach a workshop at a children's center. pc: Rick B. A volunteer reads to a child. pc: Rick B.

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