

## Case Study

### *Return Home to Stay with my Family*

“During the 7<sup>th</sup> month pregnancy of my 3<sup>rd</sup> son, my husband seriously fell ill and become mentally disordered. Due to my poor living condition, I decided to give birth to my 3<sup>rd</sup> son at the house of a traditional midwife.” said Sao Chantha, age 48, living at Thnoat Village, Thnoat Commune, Bati District, Takeo.



In 2009 she also severely got sick, leaving no breadwinner to earn income to support the family. She also has no money to receive treatment for her disease. Because the 2 caregivers have severe sickness and are not able find money to support the family, the 1<sup>st</sup> son quit his school to work, the 2<sup>nd</sup> child looks after her parents, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> child is sent to live with their relatives.

Witnessing the hardship of the family, Partners in Compassion’s staff in collaboration with Thnoat Village Chief includes this poor family into the project.

Leng Vong has 3 siblings and is the youngest member in the family and was sent to live with others when he was 10 years old, since his family is not capable of raising him. After receiving support from PC, Vong moved from his relative’s house to reunite with his family and pursue his education at a nearby school at Grade 5 in 2013.



“While I was staying with my relatives, I was not happy, because I missed my parents and family. Sometimes I felt pity of myself and cried all alone. Now that I can live with my parents and my brother and sister, I am very delighted and filled with hope. I believe that with the support from PC and my family, no doubt I will have the opportunity to be educated just like other children in the village and especially I will no longer feel lonely.” asserted Vong.