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Garage sale set to raise money for mosquito nets

GRAVENHURST - It doesn't take much to protect a family from Malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases, but for most poverty-stricken rural Cambodians, the \$6 it costs for one mosquito net is equivalent to a week or two wages.

Most rural Cambodians secure work in the rice fields, but that work is only available during planting and harvesting seasons.

The world-wide surge in Malaria cases is being caused by global warming and the increase in drug-resistant strains of the disease. Cambodia has the most resistant forms of Malaria in the world. Only 25-50% of those in high risk areas own a mosquito net (WHO). Close to 1,000 of every 100,000 Cambodians are diagnosed with Malaria annually.

Many organizations around the world, including the World Health Organization (WHO), are on the band-wagon to combat this killer disease by providing millions of families in developing countries around the world with treated family-size mosquito nets.



COMPASSION: Gravenhurst resident Lisa McCoy with a family in Cambodia. McCoy is raising money to buy mosquito nets for the malaria-stricken country.

We, in Muskoka, can do our part by part – very simply by donating our good used (or new) items for the **7th Annual GIANT GARAGE SALE to be held at the Gravenhurst Curling Club on July 7th and 8th, 9am-4pm at the Gravenhurst Curling Club.** Call to have your items picked up, or take them to our drop-off location: The Hammond Transportation tractor trailer located at the Bracebridge Lions Club: 325 Fraserburg Rd, Bracebridge (just before the Fairgrounds). You can also volunteer your time at the sale – trucks and workers needed for the Friday set-up (10am onwards) and the Saturday and Sunday.

The sale is in support of A Mine Free World Assistance Programs, www.amineworld.org , who will conduct the distribution of the mosquito nets.

Every year, Lisa McCoy, with the help of Gravenhurst's Linda Harrison and many other Muskokans, hold a Giant Garage Sale to benefit the children and families of rural Cambodia. In the past, this sale has raised funds towards the '**Muskoka School**' in Cambodia and bicycles for its students. Last year, over \$5,000 was raised to build two latrines and wells at two more rural school sites in Cambodia.

To donate your items, or to volunteer, please call:

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