

Cambodia

The Lord's Move in Cambodia

Cambodia is an ancient Buddhist country. Ninety-five percent of its people are Buddhists. However, the religion they believe in can never bring them true peace and happiness. Their history is fraught with much suffering; thus, the people are not afraid of physical poverty and pain. But they are eager to know and obtain the meaning of human life. Their parents' generation experienced despair and hopelessness. Their history was one that passed through a period of utter despondency, and somehow they managed to survive. However, they do not know the meaning of existence in such despair.

For this reason people in Cambodia are wide open to the gospel. Many saints who came to participate in the gospel move said that they had never seen people who were as open. If you have ever been to Cambodia and preached the gospel to the people here, you would never forget them. They have a desire for eternity. We as proclaimers of the gospel know: it is because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit them from on high, to shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace.

We the saints who are in the local churches in Cambodia have a dream, that is, the gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the entire land of Cambodia. We will speak the high-peal truth to every Cambodian, and plant church trees throughout the inhabited land. We declare in faith that Cambodia will become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

Church in Siem Reap

Siem Reap is a popular tourist city with a population of 200,000 with the world-famous Angkor Wat. Here the door of the gospel is wide open. Many people are willing to believe in the gospel, be baptized and enter into the church life. However, shepherding is lagging. Many saints need to be perfected in the truth, and to receive help to grow in life. Thus, our main burden is to establish home meetings, shepherd the new ones, and supply them with the Lord's word.

A newly saved sister has a strong yearning for the Lord. When we visited her at home, she pointed at the idols in the house and asked us to burn them. For this we worship God from our hearts! Afterwards, we presented and explained to her Bible verses and the truth concerning dealing with idols. Not only were all her

doubts driven away, her face radiated with a sweet and joyful smile. Thank the Lord! Truly the hearts of the people in Cambodia are open to God. The desperate need here is to have more workers of the Lord who can cut straight the word of the Lord to bring the truth to them.

Most families in Seam Reap have many children; thus, the children's work is an important work. On one occasion, we were meeting at a sister's house. The children in the neighborhood were attracted by our hymn singing and voluntarily came to join the meeting and sang hymns with us. Children are the future of the church. We have a strong burden to propagate the children's work. On the one hand, we can gain the parents and families through their children; on the other hand, we can teach and nourish the children from their youth that they may become useful vessels unto the Lord.

Church in Phnom Penh

The church in Phnom Penh is meeting in three districts, with regular attendance of the Lord's table totalling around 57. Saints in all the districts are practicing preaching the gospel, shepherding and having small group meetings in the principle of vital groups. Every district has a prayer meeting. Through such practice, all the saints are able to coordinate in various services. Not long ago we started to collect statistics in the church life, through which we have a better understanding of the situation of the saints and the church, and have more definite direction in our prayer and service.

We have started a corporate pursuit of the Life-studies since



September 2016, one message per week. By entering into the Lord's word in the small groups, saints have a deeper enjoyment of the Bible than ever before. A sister who was backslidden only used to attend the Lord's table. After enjoying the Life-studies for eight months, her enjoyment of the Lord was recovered. Every time after reading she is always the first one standing up to share. Moreover, she became more open to the saints and is willing to have daily morning revival by phone with the saints. She voluntarily joins the prayer meeting and opens her home for weekly small group meetings to enjoy the Life-studies. And she started to have a burden on the new ones whom she shepherded before. We can testify that human urging, comfort and care can never really help people. Only the sure word of the Lord can bring life to people and cause people to be enlivened.

The Literature Work in Cambodia

The literature work in Cambodia started in 1996, while the Cambodia Gospel Bookroom was established in 2002. Since then, the Bookroom has published four volumes of "Life Lessons", two volumes of "Materials for New Believers", eleven booklets including "The Mystery of Human Life", "Calling on the Name of the Lord", "Pray-reading the Lord's Word", "The Body of Christ", and Hymns totaling 446. The Bookroom has also translated seven volumes of the "Rhema Books", of which the three volumes of "The Basic Elements of the Christian Life" are now being freely distributed. It has also translated the Holy Word for Morning Revival, the Life-Study of John, the Life-Study of Romans, the Life-Study of Galatians, partial portions of the Life-Study of Genesis, A Pattern of the Healthy Words (96 Lessons), 24 lessons of the New Believer's Series, and many other spiritual books and materials of various trainings.

The Lord's recovery has a rich store of spiritual books, but language is a barrier that hinders the Cambodians from enjoying the riches of the truth. Without proper translation of our literature, the Cambodian people will not be able to fully know the Lord's

recovery, the truth regarding God's economy and about Christ and the Church. Thus, the literature work is extremely important; it is the conduit of the spiritual food distribution to the Cambodians. We greatly need a number of people to engage in the translation work in order to deliver the rich supply to God's people.

Currently, we have one brother who is translating the Holy Word for Morning Revival for us, while a sister does the proofreading. This allows the saints in Cambodia to enjoy the Lord's present speaking. Still, it is not enough to keep up with the various needs. Many more spiritual books await translation, plus the Recovery Version Bible with footnotes, and the Life-study messages for the entire Old and New Testament. At present, we are preparing for the translation of the Recovery Version Bible with footnotes. Another local brother has a desire to come back to the translation work. We need much prayer of the Body for him and for more local saints to rise up and take part in the literature work to satisfy the Lord's present needs. May the Lord bless His literature work in Cambodia.

Prayer items

1. Pray for more saints to coordinate in the weekly gospel preaching and shepherding every Saturday, that multiplication and increase may be brought in through a regulated practice of begetting and nourishing, and the Lord's word in the Church in Siem Reap may greatly multiply and grow.
2. Pray for the propagation of the children's work; may the Lord prepare more serving ones to coordinate in the service, and may He guide us in the content and direction of the children service.
3. Pray that within the next three-year period, the number of meeting saints of the church in Siem Reap will reach a hundred on the Lord's day; currently, we have around 30 saints.

Laos

Testimony of the Blending in Bangkok

Thirty-six saints from Laos attended an International Blending Conference held in Bangkok from August 12-13. They joyfully participated in the blending of the Body and were refreshed by the word of God. While being uplifted by the vision seen in the meeting, they were strengthened to be steadfast on the way of the Lord's recovery.

The content of the training was taken from the 2017 Summer Training Crystallization-study of the Book of Ezekiel, part 2. Through the ministering of the word by the brothers, all the attendants were recovered by the Lord's life. We all saw that through the breathing of God's word of life, even the dry bones are resurrected and joined together to become an exceedingly great army. For some of the saints who have other religious background, it was their first time to join such a conference. After listening to the messages and worshipping God in spirit and truthfulness, they all eagerly rose up to prophesy, share and respond. All the

participants touched the flow of life in spirit and were enlivened by the Lord's word, willing to join the flow to participate in God's building.

After the meeting someone asked a brother what was the point he touched most in the conference? He said, "The building is for God's glory". Thank the Lord. God's speaking indeed infused more of Himself into us, so that we were caught by the vision of the building and saw that God's judgement and God's recovery are for His building. God is expressed when He gains this building, which is the glorious expression of Himself.

May the Lord continue to bless us to not only see the vision of the building but also live a life to build up the church. May we all be open to God to receive His infusion and walk in the God-ordained way in the church life to be built into the building in a practical way by preaching the gospel, shepherding people and prophesying in the meeting weekly.