



Ministry Newsletter for Spring 2017

“Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, ‘behold now, the place before you where we are living is too limited for us. Please let us go to the Jordan and each of us take from there a beam, and let us make a place there for ourselves where we may live.’” 2 Kings 6:1 & 2

In 2002, Pathway To Hope opened the Hope for Cambodia Christian Children’s home in Sisophon, Cambodia. More than 30 children lived in this home over the past 15 years. All of them are now adults either raising families of their own, attending universities or Grace Bible School, and several are working with other Christian organizations.

So, like all families, our children have reached the point of leaving home.

We have counted it a privilege to have had the opportunity to help to build the life of Christ into these children. And, it is our great joy to see many of them serving Christ in their lives today.

But, the time has come to use this house for something different as we continue to support the development of the church in Cambodia. So, as of March 1, 2017 we officially closed

the Children’s Home and we are converting this facility for use by Grace Bible School. This house is ideal for use as a dormitory for students upstairs and as the administrative offices for the school downstairs. So, it will still house students, but of a different age and for a different purpose. Please see the newest pictures of the Bible school construction, including the Children’s Home building on page 2.



The Early Days ↑, and Later On ↓



Over the years, dozens of you have helped raise these children through your prayers, financial support, and letters of encouragement. “Thank you” to every one of you. You have truly made a difference in the lives of these children.

We trust that you will rejoice with us in the fruit that God has wrought.

Jack and Susie



Grace Bible School Construction Update!

The new building for Grace Bible School is nearing completion! It will total approximately 4,000 sq. ft. on two stories. The lower floor will house 4 modern classrooms, with a stairwell in the middle of them. The 2nd floor will house 6 dormitory rooms with 4 students in each room.

Here are some pictures. The 2 on the right side of the page are of similar angles to the previous Ministry Letter, which will give you a good idea of the progress made on this beautiful building.

Finish work is underway as we write this letter, which includes: finishing the tile work, interior and exterior painting, electrical work, and final plumbing installations.

In December, we added the concrete floor for a future third floor addition. This was an addition to the original plan, but makes any future expansion much easier and cheaper to complete. However, this added about one month to the overall construction schedule for the building. We are now hoping to occupy the new building in late April.

Female students will live in the upstairs of this building. Each dorm room has its own bathroom. The male students will live in the dormitory rooms on the second floor of the old Children's Home building. Total student dormitory capacity will be about 32 students.

We recently completed the 1st semester of year 2 at the Bible School. 2nd semester

classes will begin on April 24—possibly in the new classrooms! And, we trust that our next prayer letter will provide pictures of the completed facilities.

Please pray for the construction to finish well and pray for the upcoming new semester of classes. “Thank you” to all of you who have prayed for and given financially to this project.



*Upstairs Walkway
Being Tiled*



New Bible School Building is Nearly Finished



*Left to Right: Faith Bible Church,
New Bible School Building,
Renovated Children's Home Building*

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Young People are Responding to the Love Shown by Our Young Adult Leaders

Nearly all young people in Cambodia want to learn English. There are many English language schools—from formal schools down to individuals teaching out of their house—scattered throughout cities, towns and villages.

English is the language of business and computers. The better jobs, which are few in number, require proficiency, or at least some knowledge of the English language. Many parents believe that sending their child to English language school is vitally important to their child's education and future employment.

The church leadership of our church in Sisophon, Faith Bible Church, recognized this situation as an opportunity to introduce the young people to the church and to Jesus Christ while teaching English. Teaching English is a way to build relationships with people. Be-

cause Christianity is unfamiliar to them (it accounts for only 1-2% of the population), most children and teens would never come to a church to attend a worship service or Bible study. However, they will come to have a specific felt need met, such as to learn English.

When the students enroll they are told upfront that the classes are part of the church, and the Gospel is intentionally shared once a month. Along with learning English, they join in with our own young people in participating in youth group meetings and other events. Phachan reports that we have many new young people also joining our Sunday worship services.

We started the ESL Outreach over 3 years ago. Currently there are 3 levels of classes being taught by young adults who grew up in our church ministry programs. Now the children who grew up in our ministries are doing the work of bringing the Good News to a new generation. We have long recognized that it is the young people who will soon be the backbone of the church in Cambodia.

We hope that this article is an encouragement to you as you share in the fruit of your investments into these young people.



Sidat teaching English to the teens



Chhean teaching English to the younger children

Ministry Summary

1. **Local Church Support:** Includes Pastor Support and Training, Village Outreach, Youth Group and Outreach, ESL Outreach, and Widow Care all with the purpose of strengthening the churches and exemplifying the love of Jesus Christ.
2. Children's Ministries: **Village Child Sponsorships** help poor children, who are active church members, attend school. **Street Kid Ministry** is a weekly VBS-style ministry open to all area children—over 100 children attend.
3. **Grace Bible School** offers a 2-year and a 4-year program to provide formal training to future pastors, evangelists, church planters, and other church workers.



Teacher, Reth Ratanak, with his students after completing "Teaching Principles and Methods" course.

Please Pray With Us

1. Our most important prayer request is that God would choose, prepare and send His chosen, future students to study at GBS.
2. Pray for the building construction to finish well, including safety of the workers.
3. Pray for a good start to the new semester at the Bible School, which starts April 24.
4. Pray for our young people as they extend the reach of Faith Bible Church into the universities, high schools, and surrounding villages.
5. Pray that many more young people would respond to the Love of God shown by our own students. Pray that they would find the peace in their lives that can only be found in the forgiveness and leading of their lives through trust in Jesus Christ.
6. Pray for our students, teachers and other ministry leaders as they grow in knowledge and in responsibility for growing the church in Cambodia.
7. We are excited that Phachan and Hanna are expecting their 3rd child in July! Please pray for her pregnancy to be uneventful and for a healthy baby.
8. Pray for continued health and strength for Jack and Susie as they lead these ministries.



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