



Ministry Newsletter for Fall 2015

"The things that you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2

Grace Bible School Opens In Sisophon, Cambodia

The above Bible verse is the guiding verse for our new Bible school. A high quality Bible school has been an important part of our vision for ministry since we first started training pastors in Cambodia in 1996.

There has been a great need in northwestern Cambodia for such a school to provide high quality Bible training, and a systematic course of study for future pastors and full-time Christian workers for the churches in that area. It saddens our hearts when we come across people who do not have a clear understanding of the character of God, or they are confused about the deity of Christ, often because their pastor does not know or isn't clear. Reasons like these are why we have had a heavy burden to open this Bible school.

We have spent the past two years preparing to open this new Bible school. And we are excited to tell you that Grace Bible School is now open and classes were commenced on October 21 with 8 full-time and 2 part-time students.

In God's wisdom and grace He has brought us together with other like-minded missionaries in Sisophon to make this school possible. We would like to introduce you to Pastor Phillip Nierras and his wife, Armie; who are missionaries from the Philippines.



Pastor Phillip and Armie, along with other team members from their mission, bring with them ministry gifts that we needed in order to complete the staffing to open Grace Bible School. They are all teachers and have degrees

in Christian Education from Bible Schools in the Philippines. Pastor Phillip is also the **Chairman of the Board of Directors and Assistant Director** of the Bible School.

We are amazed at God's perfect provision in bringing together His people with differing gifts in order to fulfill His purposes for this school. **Please rejoice with us as we reflect upon God's great grace.**

Jack and Susie



How We Prepared for This Bible School

The primary ministry of *Pathway To Hope* has always been to train and prepare pastors and workers for the local church in Cambodia.

In the course of our ministries over the past 20 years, God has provided for many of the things we would need to open a high quality, full-time Bible school. This school is established to prepare young men to become fully qualified pastors and teachers, and for young women to teach and serve the Lord in their local churches.

Some of the ways God has provided over the years are:

- He has allowed us to translate a very good **curriculum** (BTCP) that we have used and tested over many years. The translation of this core curriculum took 10 years to accomplish.
- Children from our various sponsorship programs are now well educated **young adults capable of managing this school and translating more materials** as needed. In particular Phachan Ros, our Cambodia Ministry Leader, is prepared to manage the Bible

school, with Ratanak Reth assisting him. Phachan is also teaching a Bible class and his wife, Hanna, is teaching English. Phachan recently earned an MBA, and Hanna and Ratanak have Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration. Phachan is the **General Director and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors** of the Bible School.



PHACHAN, HANNA,
BILLY & BENNY

- **PTH owns land and buildings suitable for construction of future facilities** as growth requirements would demand.

Though we have these gifted and godly leaders, we were lacking other experienced and qualified teachers to help Phachan complete the preparations for this school. **We thank God** that He has brought us Pastor Phillip and his team to complete this need!



PHACHAN TEACHING O.T. SURVEY

The **first semester classes are:** Old Testament & New Testament Surveys, Understanding The Bible,

Personal Spiritual Life, Personal Evangelism, Music Theory, & English.

How wonderful are the wisdom and timing of our Lord!

Partnering With Us to Train Leaders

It was our pleasure to be a part of the opening ceremonies for our Bible school on October 20. Jack had the distinct privilege of delivering the charge to the first class of 10 students.

What are our current needs?

1. Our **primary need** is for prayer support from you. Would you uphold Phachan and Phillip, their wives, the teachers, and the students in **prayer** as we begin this new and exciting chapter of our ministries in Cambodia?

Many obstacles will be thrown in the way of this unique school as we move forward. Prayer is our *most important tool* available to the school.

2. Most of the 10 students come from very poor families and have limited or no personal resources. **We are seeking 10 scholarships of \$30 per month each by the end of this year** to assist these students. This is a great opportunity for individuals, families, churches, and Sunday School classes to have a significant impact in the lives of these students.

3. We are in need of **\$1,200 per month** in order to operate the school and to prepare for the acceptance of more students in the next year. **24 ministry partners at \$50 per month would meet this need.**

A big *“Thank You”* to all of you who are already partnering with us. You have made the opening of the school possible.

Would you pray about becoming a partner with us by supporting Grace Bible School?



PRAY FOR OUR BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

BTCP Training Curriculum

Bible Training Centre for Pastors is a systematic 10-book curriculum written to impact the local church by equipping and training pastors and leaders on the Word of God and in practical ministry skills. Our Bible school is using the books below, as the core of our curriculum.

1. Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation
2. Old Testament Survey
3. New Testament Survey
4. Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry (*or Communicating Biblical Messages for non-pastors*)
5. Bible Doctrine Survey
6. Personal Spiritual Life
7. Church Ministry, Administration, Education
8. Teaching Principles and Methods
9. Church History Survey
10. Missions, Evangelism, Discipleship

You can learn more about BTCP at their website: www.bibletraining.com

Help us Share the Story

The remarkable story of **the development of Grace Bible School and the sovereign hand of God** in bringing it about is far too long to describe in a prayer letter such as this. Also, future plans for this school and the expected need to expand it as more students attend next year are already in preparation.

We would love the opportunity to talk with you individually or to meet with you as a group to give you the complete story of this work of God in Northwestern Cambodia.

Please contact us any time by telephone or email for more information or to schedule a time for us to meet and share the story.



THE BIBLE SCHOOL FACULTY & STUDENTS

A Time of Reflection

It was December 1999 when Susie made the decision to follow the Lord's leading to start a Child Sponsorship program for the children in our churches who wanted to go to school but were too poor to afford the uniforms, school supplies, and teacher fees. "How can we expect these children to grow up studying their Bibles if they can't read?" was Susie's explanation as she shared her burden to help children in the rural part of Cambodia that we minister in.

Over the past 15 years, sponsors in the US have helped over 155 children from our village churches and children's home go to school. Not all of them completed high school, but many did and some even went to university. All graduates have jobs! 155 children is not a big number but it is the number of children that the Lord brought into our lives.

This photo is from a party that some of the students graciously gave for Susie in October as a way of saying "thank you" for her labor of love for so many years for them. It was a blessed time of celebration and reflection.



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