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Current Situations in Cambodia

First of all, the world wide economic downturn we have seen hitting every sector of society, add on to the existing of rising cost of living and high poverty level in Cambodia affecting the poor families even more. Some of the factories around the city are closed. There are about 30 percent of young ladies lost their jobs due to the shutdown of these work places. People are fearful about whether they will be able to ride out the rough times lie ahead as we are all aware of such in the States.

But for us and all church families, we must look to the Lord Jesus Christ who is our provider and sustainer of life. Definitely, he is in control of the world economy.

Second, the tribunal of the Khmer Rouge trial is started after a long-delayed for sometimes. There are only five defendants to appear in this trial. Khmer Rouge regime swept into power on April 17, 1975 to 1979, brutally turning the country into a collective society of farm peasants. They committed a mass murder of intellectuals, doctors, teachers, businessmen, government bureaucrats and army soldiers. It was estimated Khmer Rouge killed roughly from one to three millions people during their three and half years in power. Most people feel there should be more individuals on this trial than just the five defendants. It's hard to believe that just five people capable to commit such atrocities in the country. Please pray for inner healing of all survivors because this trial will bring back all the horrible memories of that darkest time in their lives.

Third, the ongoing border dispute between Cambodia and Thailand unfortunately the issue has yet to be

solved over the 11th century temple and its surrounding land in Preah Vihear province. There were armed confrontations between Cambodian and Thai troops in the area early this month and two others last years. Thai Prime Minister is scheduled to arrive in Phnom Penh to meet with Cambodian Prime Minister this April to discuss border issue but the trip was cancelled due to political chaos in his country. Please continue to pray for a peaceful resolve of this problem.



The Map of Cambodia

Easter Celebration

This year, it was so wonderful for us to celebrate Easter with our church in Phnom Penh. We have missed two Easters since Kunnary's illness. There were about 200 hundred people came to the service. This was a good turned out in Phnom Penh city just a week before the Khmer New Year. Because usually most people would



Special Song by Youth Group

travel to provinces to celebrate the Khmer New Year with their relatives. Normally, it was very quiet around this time in the city.

Our Easter special service included praise and worship, special songs, worship dance and fellowship together with meal. It brought much joy and encouragement to the city church.

The First West Regional Training

One of our goal is to establish the regional training center in the four areas of the country. The east, west, north and south in addition to the main training place in Phnom Penh city. By having the center at these strategic locations, we can have ongoing discipleship and leadership training to strengthen and expand our ministries in the region. Also, this is to help minimize the travel cost to bring our leaders to train in Phnom Penh city all the time.



West Regional Training

At the end of March this year, we conducted our first regional leadership training in the west area at our church building in Banteay Meanchey province for three nights and two days. We had 63 pastors and lay leaders from three provinces attended the seminar. The focus of the conference was “Quality of the Church”. At night times, we had praise and worship, special song, worship dance, preaching and impartations. Also, we distributed the first set of Khmer commentary to our provincial pastors and leaders.

Rice Distributions

In the third week of March this year, Fran Lance and her team came to visit the churches in Cambodia. She bought 4 tons of rice and distributed to some village churches in southern and central of the country. In addition to the rice, her team distributed beanie babies, toothpastes, toothbrushes, combs and hand lotions as well. There were 263 families were blessed by her generous love gifts and words of encouragement from the team.



Rice distribution with Fran Lance in Kampong Som

Also, Mrs. Nam Sok from our church in Long Beach donated 2 tons of rice and 150 sarongs distributed to poor families in Western part of the country. But because the needs in the area was great, we added 2 tons more tons of rice from the fund provided by Impartation Ministries International. A total of 4 tons of rice was distributed to the needy families there. Again, we blessed 263 more families.



Rice and sarong distribution in Siem Reap



Altogether, we provided rice to 526 poor families in villages. Thank you so much for your love and care for the poor and suffering in Cambodia for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

University Student Center

This is a place to provide housing for young men coming from provinces to pursue higher education in the city. These young men come from poor families. It is already a challenge for their families to pay for their school tuition, and it even add more burden to supported them with housing. Typically, a young man from a poor family come to the city and having no one to live with, will seek a small space to sleep at a local Buddhist temple.

Our student center is a simple and secure place for them to stay while they study in Phnom Penh. About 90% of new students came to stay in the house were non-believers to start with, but they must abide to the house policies, rules and Christian environment. We have our weekly bible study in the center. Also,



Pastor Mony fellowship with students at the center

they attend Friday night and Sunday worship services at church. Not long one after the other came to know Christ personally. Some of them serve in the ministries as well. Our experience is that in a matter of time most new residents are drawn to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a great way to reach out to the educators who have great potential to permeate our nation with the love of Jesus Christ in the government offices and business sectors...etc.

Micro Economic Development

For us to insure the longevity of the church, it is necessary for our church to have a way to adequately support themselves. Economic development is a must. By having seed money available, we can help our church family to start self sustaining projects. This project will allow them to generate enough income to support their family basic needs. Some of these church families have knowledge, skill and experience, but they lack of resources. With seed money we can help them start projects like sewing, selling fabric/clothe, beauty salon, chicken/duck farming, fish farming, pig farming,



Duck Farm in Banteay Meanchey Province

rice farming....etc. The turn around time to return seed money back is from one to two years depend on the project. This is a continuous cycle that we can help other families to help themselves to become a self sufficient.

However, it is our end goal is for a self-sustainable church and ministry, but at this time we are dependent upon outside support as much as possible.

Gift Boxes for Poor Children

Children seem to be the victims from the adult decision or life styles, especially in Cambodia. When the parents are poor and unbelievers, the children seem to receive impacts from their own parents. Some parents who are infected by diseases like HIV or any others contagious ones, their children most likely infected as well. Poverty also plays a major role in limiting the future and happiness of these children. The Lord inspired us that regardless of



Children in Leuk Dech showed their new flip flop

their background with parents are not believers yet, we must reach out to them as much as possible with the love of God through such Christmas gift boxes etc..

We raised funds for 600 boxes for our 2008 Christmas gift boxes for children. Each gift box contains essential items such as a towel, a pair of flip flop, a toothpaste, a toothbrush, a bar of soap, a notebook, a pen and a toy. We distributed gift boxes in two provinces at the end of December 2008. First distribution site was in Leuk Dech district in Kandal province which is about 1 1/2 hour drive from Phnom Penh city to 300 children and second we distributed in Kiri



Children in Kiri Vong showed their new towel

Vong district in Takeo province near Vietnam border to 300 children as well.

After sharing how Jesus loves children and wanting them to be blessed, our team prayed for all kids who want to receive Jesus into their hearts. Many children were so excited with both the gift boxes and to have Jesus in their hearts. Almost all of children and many parents prayed to receive salvation and God's blessing together joyfully.

This incredible event has really touched many people's hearts who had involved in giving the gifts of love and of life. Our goal for this coming Christmas 2009 is to bless two thousand children. Thank you to all who partners with us for this project this past years. We hope you will continue to do more this year and the future.

Orphanage Updated

Our children have been growing up fast. So-Vichea is in second semester of the first year of foundation courses in medical school. Pheara is a junior in high school. Saray is a freshmen in high school. Chen is 8th grader. Neen, Sithat, Sros and Pros are 7th graders. Channak and Ravuth are 6th graders. Lors, Chakriya and Tola are 5th graders. David is 3rd grader. Kimleng, KimEng and Ravit are 2nd graders and Priscilla is 1st grader.

They all do well in school except Ravit. His teacher said he has a hard time to concentrate. His grade is in the bottom of his class. Some older kids helped him at home, but he is still behind. We need your prayer for all kids, especially for Ravit to concentrate more in class. In regard to David, he is doing much better with his school. Thanks for all of your prayers for him.

At church they are actively involved in Sunday school class as well as worship services. They are doing great both boys and girls.

By the way, the children had a wonderful time at the water park with Grandma Fran, Grandma Edie and Grandma Teri and at the market. The kids love to listen to their prophecy given by Grandma Fran. It's bring much encouragement and hope to them.

Also, please remember to pray for a break through for our land with the city planning committee that every issue will be resolved quickly.

We want to say thank you to Fran Lance 's ministries teams and to our faithful partners and friends who greatly helped this ministry to be able to bless these children to survive, to have good education and a place to call home.



Our Family Picture in Easter 2009



Boys Daily Devotion



Boys played guitar and sang at Sunday service



Girls played keyboard and sang at Sunday service

Our Health Updated

I just completed the maintenance phase of chemotherapy which lasted for 2 years. March was the first month that I finished all medications. It was a very rough time for almost 3 years. I still follow up with my doctor and do blood test every 2 months now.

Mony is much better. The cystic acoustic neuroma has been shrinking significantly from the last MRI in February of this year. He will repeat MRI again in August. Also, he still needs injection every three weeks and labs for the post transplant.

We thanks and give the Lord Jesus Christ all of our praises and glory for what He has done in our lives. Also, we are grateful to our families, friends and partners for your steadfast prayers for us. May the Lord keep you and bless you all abundantly. Please continue to pray for us for a complete restoration in our body.

A Word of Thanks

As we try to keep in touch with many of you, we know that year 2008 has had its share of ups and downs, and we want to give a heartfelt thanks to you for your kind partnership with us and the rest of our ministry team. Because of your partnership, our ministry is still going strong today despite of all the challenges we have gone through this past year. We praise God everyday in our prayer for our faithful partners who has been helping us continue to serve the Lord in this great fields of harvest in Cambodia.

We want to thank you again for your tremendous support of the Lord's work in Cambodia. We are humbled to have partners like you collaborated together to harvest souls for His kingdom. We could not and would not want to do it without you!

Abundant blessings,
Mony & Kunnary Mok

Here are some opportunities for you to add fuel to the fire in the ministries:

- 1. **Christmas Gift box** for 1 child \$5
- 2. Monthly support for 1 **Orphan**\$50
- 3. Monthly support for 1 **Provincial Pastor** \$100
- 4. Monthly support for1 **Student Center Rental** \$500
- 5. Annually scholarship for 1 **Univ. Student**\$800
- 6. Annually scholarship for 1 **Med. Student** ... \$2,000
- 7. Help 1 **Micro Economic** project \$3,000
- 8. Sponsor 1 regional **Leadership Training**
Of 100 pastors\$4,000
- 9. Build 1 **Regional Training Center**\$25,000

**Note: Please Designate in Your Support.*

** Any Donation is Tax Deductible.*

Thanks You for Your Generous Partnership with Us.

Your Supports

If you would like to help financially to this ministry, please consider the following needs:

- 1. *Christmas Gifts for children. Our Goal is 2000 kids(\$5 per kid)*
- 2. *Monthly Support for Provincial Pastors (\$100/pastor).....*
- 3. *Monthly Support for the orphanage (\$50/month/each).....*
- 4. *Scholarship for University Students (\$67/month/each).....*

A monthly pledge for 2009 of \$25 , \$50 , \$100 , \$500

A One time gift of any amount

Note: Please write on your check or envelope of designated funds.

If you would like to help, please make check payable to:

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