



## **Cambodia and the Corona Virus**

This is a difficult time across the globe where we are all feeling the results of isolation in disconnection. Words like isolation, quarantine and separation have replaced words like gatherings, meeting-up and even congregating.

Cambodia has not been spared the effects of this deadly virus plaguing the planet. We have seen the closure of borders, suspension of flights and even the banning of this year's Khmer New Year festivities, a really important time for families and friends to come together. Life in Cambodia has had to adapt with the onset of the Corona virus. Media attention has focused a lot on Europe and the United States with little focus being diverted to the pandemic's impact in smaller nations. But let us not forget Cambodia during this pandemic and the difficulties this brings.



## Day to Day life in Cambodia.



Most Cambodians survive day-to-day by selling fresh food at a market or by walking the streets collecting waste and the odd plastic container to sell at recycling plants. Others make things to sell and peddle their goods on the streets of the city in hope of making a living. All of this micro-economic activity has been adversely impacted by restriction, drop in demand and fall in buying power. An example of this, the plastic collector's fees have been slashed by up to 60%.

Other news coming out of Cambodia is the closure of some factories with no explanation, no recourse and no pay-checks. Government is doing all it can to help tackle the effects of Covid-19 in Cambodia. NGO's are still operating and our partner organizations are working

tirelessly to help the poor with basic food and provisions. But we need to pray that God turn the situation around.

### **Please pray**

- \* Pray for those that depend on living day-to-day economics, that help will reach them.
- \* Pray for NGO's in the country, that they will be able to get the help needed to those that desperately need it. Pray that they would be protected during this time.
- \* Pray for Government, a cooperative attitude among officials and wisdom in decision making.
- \* Pray for our team in Cambodia for their personal protection, for peace of mind and for opportunities to share the love of God with the Khmer people around them.