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>> THANK YOU FOR OVER £3,000 YOU GAVE TO THE RATANAKIRI FLOOD VICTIMS.

Fashion show

Girls from the garment factories were given a chance to design and then model their creations at a theatre in Phnom Penh in front of an international audience. The Minister for women's affairs gave the key note speech.

Duck Cull

Cambodian authorities have begun a mass killing of ducks after confirming a fresh outbreak of the deadly bird flu virus.

The cull comes after more than 15,000 ducks died last week in the southern province of Takeo. Samples tested positive on Tuesday for the H1N1 virus, commonly known as bird flu, said Kao Phal, an official of the Agriculture Ministry.

Khmer Rouge Trials

Comrade Deuch awaits sentencing, due in March.

The Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia have completed investigations on the other defendants and intend to put them on trial beginning later in the year.

Ieng Thearith and Khieu Samphan have petitioned the courts for their release prior to the trial.

Dengue & Malaria on the rise

The Health Ministry reported dengue fever cases were up 22 per cent from 2008 to more than 11,000 last year.

Although full-year figures for malaria were not available, preliminary figures for the 11 months to

November revealed 69,280 malaria cases, or nearly one-fifth higher than the 58,887 recorded for the whole of 2008.

International airport delayed

Although the international standard renovations to Sihanoukville's airport are completed, it has not seen any airlines commit to flying there. It is believed that the global downturn has affected estimates of passenger numbers.

Boat owners complain

Tonle Sap tourist boat owners are complaining about a new system set up to stop the scramble when tourists arrive to hire a boat for a trip on the lake. The owners have to pay a \$3 fee to their association, which they claim is too high and prevents them taking phone bookings.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Cambodia Action is an evangelical inter-denominational mission and development agency, founded in 1973 by Major Taing Chhirc of the Cambodian Evangelical Church. The Object is to promote the Christian faith and relieve poverty and distress among the peoples of Southeast Asia. Work is now solely amongst Cambodians.

Cambodia Action is a member of International Co-operation Cambodia (ICC), Global Connections, the Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC) and British NGO's for Development (BOND).

DONATIONS

We rely on God to meet our needs through gifts. All donations are acknowledged unless otherwise requested. General gifts may be allocated to the greatest need, although donors can indicate a preference. Funds given for a specific appeal will be used for that purpose.

Cheques should be made payable to "Cambodia Action" and sent to the Bawtry Office.

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>> EDITORIAL - Christmas blessing

Dear Friends,

Cambodia has changed so much since we, as SAO, first entered the country at the beginning of the '90s.

I lived then in a country where contact with the national Christians had to be carefully handled, in order not to bring them trouble with the communist authorities, who watched and noted our every move.

At Christmas in 1992 I was able to visit one of the two churches still operational after the decade of Vietnamese occupation following

the Khmer Rouge. I am thrilled that it continues to thrive and is located just down the road from our current ICC offices.

With the laws enshrining religious freedom in the mid 90s we became more involved with supporting the national church in their activities and in para-church organisations like the Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia.

We joined ICC in 2000 and together with the other Member Agencies continued some church based activities outside ICC working hours.

But with the changing climate it is felt that we can all be more open about these activities and fit them within the official ICC remit. We are now looking forward to developing closer relationships with the national church. Please do pray for us as we discern God's will for us in this.

Geoff Collett
Executive Director



It's not too late to get training for the Edinburgh marathon. We have some charity places left if you want to take part and raise money for Cambodia Action at the same time. For more details email Ivor at: i.greer@CambodiaAction.org

Ivor Greer and Dave Thompson, part of a group who ran in the 2008 marathon



>> Return to HOPE



Sixteen years ago Mark and I were travelling through Thailand when we met a Dutch couple. They were taking a sabbatical, paid for by the Dutch government, in return for long service teaching. We knew then that we would like to have a sabbatical sometime in the future – a plan which developed into

a commitment to a two year stint somewhere overseas. At that time, we would have laughed if God had presented us with a six year opportunity in Cambodia! Four

years after our first arrival here, we have extended a contract to last until June 2012, with the possibility of it being longer. We love working here at HOPE School, a school where ninety percent of the students are part of families doing significant mission and development roles. Mark is principal



Some of the HOPE children and their teachers

of the high school, Jane is principal of the primary school, and each day brings new challenges and opportunities as we try to give students a biblical world view, developing servant leadership.

Our children, Eden and Alfie, call this home, although both enjoyed the six month furlough in the UK – family, friends, food and fellowship

was great. God has provided a wonderful new home in the middle of a Cambodian neighbourhood, with new friends to play with. They remember much of the language, and hearing them play with the local kids is funny – the mixture of developing Khmer and English used by our family makes me smile.

They have the great opportunity to study in a Christian school, taught by people who love Jesus. God has called us here and honours

us daily as we try to honour Him.

HOPE is a great place to work and to serve mission families. The staff are all Christian and all feel called to be here. It is so rewarding to wake up each day and look forward to a job I love.

Jane and Mark Prothero



Nice to have small class sizes!

A special need!

Special needs teacher:

HOPE is a growing school and as we grow we attract more students who have learning needs.

Small classes and committed, fully qualified teachers meet most of these needs, but we would love someone to come and further support the children, the staff and the families. Diagnosis is difficult here due to a lack of extra services and we frequently have to send children out of country to get professional help.

We are seeking someone who is passionate about inclusion, but who has the experience and discernment to know when it is not the best way forward.

We would like someone who can teach in the classroom as well as working with SEN. The right person would be able to assess the general needs and work with class teachers to implement Individual Education Plans.

Contact g.collett@CambodiaAction.org if you are interested in learning more.

MORE VACANCIES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

The Prothero family are back in Cambodia

Cambodia Action members, Mark and Jane, have returned for another two and a half years at Hope School after six months in the UK.

Pray that they all settle in quickly, that Mark and Jane have all the energy and skills for the tasks and that Eden and Alfie re-establish their friendships.

Hope International School in Phnom Penh is seeking internationally qualified staff to join us from August 2010 onwards.

HOPE was established in 2002 to serve the missionary community in Phnom Penh. The school has grown rapidly and now provides a quality Christian education to over 237 students from 26 nationalities in a secure and caring environment. It is a unique opportunity to impact Cambodia's future for Christ.

Teaching Positions available:

- Elementary/ Primary teachers across all ages
- High /Secondary teachers in the following subject areas:
 - Geography
 - Music
- Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Other positions:

- Boarding Home parents
- Executive Assistant to the Director
- Human Resources Manager

Home school Support Unit:

- Qualified teachers who can support mission families' outside Phnom Penh. (Note this is a self funded role).

A salary is provided for most roles to cover living expenses in Phnom Penh. We encourage all staff to seek additional support from either their home church or a sending agency.



People of HOPE – godly leaders worldwide



>> Made a will?

Did you know that more than two thirds of people do not make a will and therefore die intestate in the UK? This means that the courts will divide up their estate according to the intestacy rules.

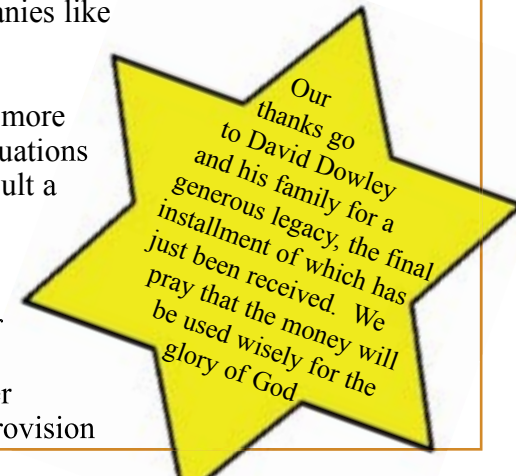
Wouldn't you rather know where your treasures on earth were going once you start enjoying your treasures in heaven? If your affairs are simple it is more than possible to write

your own will using a form available from a stationery supplier. There is plenty of guidance on the web and in packages from companies like LawPack.

Those with more complex situations should consult a solicitor.

Why not review your will today and consider making a provision

for Cambodia Action, to give a Cambodian a helping hand in this world once you've gone to the next?



>> Thanks

Here are our income and expenditure figures for the 2009 financial year. Thanks you all for the support you have given which has enabled us to do so much. Most of the money you give goes to the support and activities of the team in Cambodia and UK. We also make grants to a variety of worthy projects.

Most of the project funding in ICC goes direct from the funding agencies to ICC and is not reflected in our accounts.

Full accounts are available on application to the CA office.

2009/08 FINANCIAL REPORT	2009	2008
Incoming resources	£	£
Voluntary income	239,858	242,766
Activities for generating funds	4,632	9,121
Investment income	487	2,077
Total incoming resources	244,977	253,964
Resources expended	£	£
Charitable activities	213,518	229,908
Costs of generating funds	13,322	18,618
Governance costs	20,674	24,186
Total resources expended	247,514	272,712
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(2,537)	(18,748)
Bal carried forward at 30/9/09	34,727	34,838

Village Integrated Development Project

A new ICC run programme will be working in the villages, equipping and envisioning local church leaders to promote a better quality of life in the village; empowering them to bring about change in their communities and build relationship with their neighbours.



1. Laying out a chicken house frame

Village Integrated Development Project, a pilot for the Back to the Village movement, is encouraging development within the village to prevent population drift to the city.

This church-based community development

project is partly funded by Tearfund UK with Cambodia Action funding the salary of one of the facilitators. It has a similar ethos to the FAITH project which localised to form WDO in 2000.

✚ Purpose: To inspire and equip the local leaders and communities (including local church leaders and members) with a vision for better village livelihoods, achieved by empowering the communities through wholistic development using their own resources.

✚ Uniqueness: its focus on strengthening and empowering civil society by building capacity of the communities and not on material support. Giving

more priority to the communities in initiating their projects **using their own resources in their own villages.** VIDP will often work through the church.

Phanna, (also working in PPC next page), is a Cambodian national, funded by Cambodia Action, to work as a village facilitator. If you want to get alongside this young lady and encourage her work, then *send a gift for her support* to us using the form on the mailing sheet or downloaded from our web site .



✚ VIDP differs from the former SAO project, WDO, which also does church-based development, in that in WDO's current work each facilitator handles 60 villages whereas each VIDP village has its own, resident, facilitator, building a better relationship with the villagers.

The approach used focuses on 'process', involving the following four stages:

1. Build vision in the local church, Introduce the development project to local authorities.
2. Invite the community to join in.
3. Recognize needs and resources, and learn how to do the baseline survey, then design a project, including writing a simple proposal, (like the chicken coop in the photographs).
4. Local implementation.



2. Fixing the roof

✚ Facilitators: (like Phanna above) live among the communities.

✚ VIDP works in 3 villages where there is a church but few or no other NGOs.



3. The finished chicken coop, made with the communities own resources



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>> Two new projects - PPC

Pioneering Partners in Cambodia

A new programme has been established, based in Kampong Thom. It is a successor to ICC-SPPA programme, but it will be locally run and have a broader range of micro-enterprise and community development projects. Read more about it here.

new local NGO (LNGO) called Pioneering Partners in Cambodia (PPC).

The founder staff are Mr. LY Pisey, Ms. MER Phanna and Ms. TUN Chanleap (all former SPPA staff), and advised by Cambodia Action member Herry Heryanto.

Vision: To see empowered communities in Cambodia growing wholistically (spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally) able to support themselves and enjoy life in their own location and environment.

ICC-SPPA started in 2002 and focused on income generation activities with poor families through partner organisations. SPPA finished at the end of 2009 and is being localized as a

Mission: Facilitating, training, coaching, mentoring, consulting, promoting and demonstrating a model of sustainable wholistic community development for individuals, local churches and civil society organizations.

PPC will be an umbrella covering multiple projects. Initially it will continue SPPA's work, but will begin new projects using different approaches as well. Ideas include student sponsorship and micro-enterprise development. Other ICC projects or projects from other International NGOs

could localize as a project under PPC's umbrella.

PPC is currently gathering all documents and plans to submit an LNGO application to the Ministry of Interior. PPC plans to form a five member governance board with at least three Cambodians.



Mr LY Pisey, Ms TUN Chanleap & Ms MER Phanna

>> Still not registered?

We have a 'registered users only' area on the new Cambodia Action website with additional information about our work and resources for fundraisers. If you register you will also gain access to our email newsletter which gives you much more up to date news about what is going on in Cambodia with our team and the work that is being done, than can be achieved through the print magazine.

It's easy to register, just click on the Login/Register menu item at the right hand end of the menu bar and follow the instructions.



Go to www.CambodiaAction.org to register for our email news service.

>> Thanks for £3,125 given to the Ratanakiri flood

Please help us to put the pieces of the jigsaw back together. Text **JIGSAW** to 84424 and we will receive approximately £1. The money will be used to restore wells that have polluted, latrines that have been destroyed and to replace books in the village libraries set up by our literacy programmes. **One text message will buy a replacement book.** You will be charged £1.50 and standard network text rates may also apply. Please get the bill payers permission. Or alternatively give online at www.CambodiaAction.org and go to Fundraising/Giving. You can also post a cheque to us marked for Ratanakiri Appeal.

So far we have sent out £3,125 to help the victims of the flooding in Ratanakiri after Typhoon Ketsana (read about this in last quarter's Action magazine).

Thank you so much for your generosity which has enabled our ICC partners to give out food, mosquito nets and water, while preparing to restore the

village amenities as described to the left. We hope to send a further instalment soon. If you still want to give then please follow the instructions in the left hand panel.

