

# ...Latest News...Cambodia Action Conference 2013

Come and join us as we celebrate what God is doing in Cambodia!

When: 5th October 2013. Cost: £5 on the door

Where: Gorsley Chapel, Gorsley, Ross-on-Wye Herefordshire, HR9 7SE (Just off M50 Junction 3)

Keynote Speaker: Rev Hartmut Kopsch



We will also have Mark and Jenny Rye on home leave from Cambodia with us to talk about the work God is doing in Health care and at Hope Christian School, and Mark and Jen Ainsworth will also be with us to share about CVM Cambodia and their future plans.



See some of the work that Sarah Chhin is involved in with her new DVD on providing alternative care for at risk children; encouraging them to be cared for in families.

ps. Bring your own lunch (drinks provided), email [s.millard@CambodiaAction.org](mailto:s.millard@CambodiaAction.org) for further information or to let us know you are coming, which is helpful for numbers.

Are you wondering about how to support Cambodia Action? Want to know about different ways you can give to the work covered in this magazine? Contact Steve Millard for more details: [s.millard@CambodiaAction.org](mailto:s.millard@CambodiaAction.org) or ring the office for information on Gift Aid, using Stewardship Services, CAF donations.

All the projects working in Cambodia rely on donations from people just like you to raise the funds they need to help change lives in Cambodia. Can you join us and help those most in need?

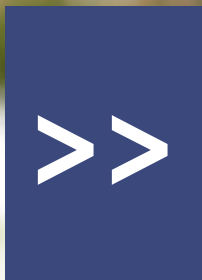


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# Cambodia Action

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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 and the Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC).

## 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.

## BANKERS

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Cambodia Action is working in partnership in Cambodia with three other missions as part of **International Co-operation Cambodia (ICC)**

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Dear Friends,

A casual visitor or tourist coming to Cambodia will see development and rapid progress everywhere. New roads, bridges and schools being built all the time, better telecommunications and the promise of a better life..

However, the more you get off the beaten track and explore what is happening in Cambodia beneath the surface, the more you will realise that these changes affect only a few, often at the expense of the many.

Poor salary structures and pressure on the new unions still mean that it is too easy to exploit the labour force. Endemic corruption result in poor or powerless people unable to control any aspect of their lives. Although there are elections on the way, most

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Cambodians do not make the connection between the right to vote and the ability to register a protest for what the sitting Government is doing. A long history of a powerful elite, in control all aspects of their lives, usually for their own benefit, not accountable for any of their actions, ruthless in removing any opposition, has led the average person to believe that it is best to keep a low profile and vote as the commune head directs.

The new generation of educated young people might challenge this, but they are a minority; quality education does not reach the vast majority of the population.

Our projects are aimed at empowering people to make choices in their lives. We

are doing this via community projects, working with children at risk and ethnic minorities. Our new Men's ministry (see Pg 7) will also seek to change men's attitudes to more Christ-like ones of responsibility, generosity and fairness.

We are also considering a new work with the elderly, encouraging community care.

In all these ways we are seeking to bring about lasting change to Cambodian society. Pray that God's love will change hearts through our work and folk coming to a relationship with Him.

*Geoff Collett*  
Geoff Collett  
Executive  
Director



## >> Videos of VIDP

Ever wanted to understand more clearly the work we are involved with?

**TEAR Fund** is a major funding partner of our ICC-Village Integrated Development Project. This work helps, amongst others, the village churches to connect with their neighbouring communities through development activities and improve their lives. TEAR Fund have produced some excellent videos of interviews with both ICC staff and church members involved in this work as part of their 'See for your self' information. These videos can be seen by visiting:

[www.tearfund.org/en/give/see\\_for\\_yourself/asia/](http://www.tearfund.org/en/give/see_for_yourself/asia/) or on the link from our own web site.



# >>Volunteer Opportunities!

We have plenty of opportunities for volunteers in Cambodia, both within our own projects and with those of our partners. Take a look at these roles and see if God is calling you to fill them, (or someone you know!).

## Qualified Teachers

Hope International School needs qualified teachers for:

- Primary school
- Secondary school teachers
  - PE
  - History
  - Chemistry
  - Music
  - English

## Project Management Advisors and Administrators

To advise and help build up capacity in the local Project Managers and project management team.

## Story Writer

Do you have a writing/ journalistic background? If so why not help by writing stories with the different project teams in ICC. Help collect data and write the stories that will help show the significant difference these projects are making. Training project staff in writing articles and collecting the correct data will be a big part of this role. Based in ICC head office you will be travelling to the different projects on a regular basis.

## Social Work Advisors

Are you a qualified Social Worker? This is a great opportunity for you. Work alongside our ethnic minority staff to research how to effectively work with social issues in their context.

## Promotions Manager

Prison Fellowship Cambodia need a manager for their promotional work, representing PFC, developing opportunities, managing all the marketing materials and cultivating media relations. You would need marketing or fund raising experience.

## Community Advisors

We need Agricultural and Community development workers to advise our teams on best practice in these areas. You will need to be suitably qualified and able to share your experience with national team members.

## Writer/photographer

ICC needs someone to record project activities and project success stories.

## Expatriate Volunteer Liaison Officer

Prison Fellowship Cambodia need someone to manage expatriate volunteers to ensure the best results for the prisoners and PFC. The Officer will guide the donor teams, short term teams and individuals who visit and volunteer to spend time with the prisoners.

*What an opportunity!*

## Finance Officer

We have vacancies for Finance Officers, with the appropriate qualification and experience to help with handling finances in both an international school, an outreach to trafficked women and a medical clinic.

## IT Support - Phnom Penh

ICC needs someone to improve their office network and web site.

## Short Term Opportunities

Do you have 6 weeks to 6 months free to serve in Cambodia? We have opportunities for IT work (both training and building systems,) admin work and some short term work.

## English Language Teachers

ICC needs teachers to improve the English language skills of staff.

## >> Zoran and Margaret in Phnom Penh



and seen doors open. Although initially unsure that we suited CA development projects there is at least one newly founded work that we have readily fitted into so we are very happy to have become members.

When CA worker Mark Ainsworth

leaves Cambodia in June, Zoran will take on his role as adviser in the Christian Vision for Men work that CA are partnering in. Called Boroh La-or Pit in Khmer (Good Real Men) and led by Nou Vandeth, it does what it says on the tin – creating fellowship among men in churches and other Christian organisations that promotes growth in understanding, faith, commitment and Christian character. These individuals/groups will also be encouraged to reach men in their personal circles (families, friends, neighbourhoods) with the offer of the gospel and friendship with men who have been/are being changed by Jesus. The vision is to develop and serve a

Hello! We're **Zoran and Margaret Sulc** and since October last year have been making ourselves a home in Phnom Penh and seeking the Lord's clear direction about how we should serve. After 12 years of trusting and testing our sense of calling, by visits to Cambodia and close involvement with CA as a trustee, we took early retirement from our work (Margaret, a nurse and Zoran, a Jobcentre manager) and set off – leaving 5 adult children and 2 even harder to leave grandsons in Bradford.

With a conviction that we were to support existing work rather than start anything, we have spoken to many folks, made friends, prayed a lot, started language lessons

network of men's leaders – responsible to their church or organisation leaders - by resourcing, training, event planning, inspiring and personally supporting them by ourselves being Good Real Brothers in this endeavour.

Margaret wants to be involved in some way helping girls who have been trafficked in the sex industry – this is still to be worked out - there is so much more to be done. There is also a great need for care for sick elderly people for whom there is no help available unless families have money to pay. CA is in the early stages of seeing if we can get something moving here – so maybe she will be in at the beginning of things after all.

The two things we do know is that GOD is ALWAYS faithful in all things, but THINGS NEVER work out as you expect! But He is the one who (Eph 3:20) “ is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us”.

**Zoran Sulc**

Scenes from the building site opposite our apartment. Itinerant Vietnamese - the builders work from 6am to 6pm, 7 days a week and live, eat and sleep on site, along with their wives and young son all of whom we've seen labouring. Once the 1st floor is on they will be better sheltered from the weather – the rainy season is due soon. Under the blue tarpaulins there is a kitchen and bedrooms!



Sunday Roast – not many leftovers for the Monday curry! We like the way they don't discard the best bits – the Head, Beak and Feet! It cost \$1 (66p) from a street vendor and was quite tasty - a bit chewy, but definitely dead and well and truly roasted!



Zoran (see previous page) went on the back of Deth's moto, accompanied by Mark Ainsworth, to a village on the outskirts of Phnom Penh, created for families relocated by land development. They delivered training to twenty volunteer community workers offering sound Christian alternatives to Cambodian attitudes to relationships between men, women and children. These are early beginnings in what will be a movement, primarily aimed at raising up strong Christian Cambodian men.



*Vandeth (Deth) is the Cambodian project leader for CVM Cambodia, a joint project between CVM and CA.*

*Mark Ainsworth is CA's advisor to CVM Cambodia, or Boroh La-or Pit in Cambodian.*



*Volunteer Community workers receiving training in Christian attitudes to relationships.*



## >> Election Day - July 28th

The Cambodian National Election will be held on the 28th July, 2013 with eight political parties registered to contest the seats. They include the current governing Cambodian People's Party, led by Hun Sen, the main opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party led by the self-exiled Sam Rainsy, the royalist FUNCINPEC party led by the youngest daughter of the late King Sihanouk and five other lesser known groups.

Around 9.67 million Cambodians are registered to vote and analysts predict a landslide victory for Hun Sen's CPP party. He has been in power for 28 years and has vowed to stay in office until he is 74 (another thirteen years).

Hun Sen's main rival, Sam Rainsy is not able to vote himself as the Election Committee has removed his name from the electoral register on the grounds of his conviction for 'interfering with national boundaries'. This was due to a dispute over the siting of a marker post on the Cambodia Vietnam border and accusations he made that Hor Namhong, the current deputy Prime Minister, had been a member of the Khmer Rouge.

The CNRP has been protesting against perceived bias in the National Election Committee towards the CPP and irregularities in the national voter list. Their claims have been rejected by the NEC.

Please remember to pray for Cambodia on July 28th and the weeks preceding the election. Pray for a peaceful process; for free and fair elections; that democracy would become a reality in Cambodia and that our own staff and team members would remain safe.

National elections in the past have been marred by political violence and vote rigging.



Taking **Give as you Live** as an example, all you have to do to start helping Cambodia Action when you shop is:

**Do you shop on the Internet using major retailers?** Do you know it is a great way of raising money for Cambodia Action without leaving the comfort of your own sitting room or indeed costing you any money whatsoever. All you have to do is search or shop online at one of our webshopping sites and we will receive a donation from different retailers. How easy could it be? We have a number of options including:

**Give as You Live**

**Everyclick**

**Easy Fundraising**

**Easy Search**

**The Giving Machine**

Go to the Give as You Live page - [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com)

**Click on 'Get Started'**

**Install Give as You Live**

You then need to **choose Southeast Asian Outreach** (our registered charity name), as your Beneficiary.

Once you have done that, then simply **start shopping** at your usual online store.

You will notice the Give as YouLive bar across the top of your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla etc) This tells you how much you have raised for Cambodia Action by simply shopping online



for things that you would have bought anyway.

As you look for different shops to buy things in, Give as You Live will tell you if they are registered with their scheme or not. If they aren't then you might want to change your shop to one that is in the scheme.

It really is that simple. It will not cost you a penny, just a couple of moments of your time and you will be helping us to change lives!



>> Will you continue to bring hope?

We all want to be remembered, to leave a memorial to our lives. How about leaving a legacy to Cambodia Action and helping God's work to continue changing lives in this needy country, after you have moved on?

Your legacy can make a real, life changing, difference in the lives of some of the most needy people in Cambodia. By including Cambodia Action in your will, you are making it possible for us to continue to reach out

to and help the people of Cambodia for many years to come.

If you would like to know more about helping Cambodia Action's ongoing work by including us in your will, please contact the office or visit our website and look for the 'Leaving a Legacy' section.

We would be very happy to talk with you about this and can provide information about the options available.

*You can use your will to leave a lasting legacy in Cambodia*



GO 2013 was a great time of celebrating what God is doing around the world in cross cultural missions. Each day between 1-3000 people heard teaching from Andy Hawthorne, Jackie Pullinger and Elliot Tepper. They included examples of how God is working in all of their mission areas, from Manchester to Hong Kong. The Global Village was buzzing the whole weekend as many people came to explore further how God might want to use them in Mission.

If you didn't come this year then you missed a fantastic time. Why not get the dates for next year in your diary now: 28th - 30th June @Bulstrode, Gerrards Cross.