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Sowing the seeds of a new tomorrow for Cambodia

Election Update

Many of you have been praying for the electoral process in Cambodia over the last few months.

The election has now been conducted, counted and announced. As expected, the previous controlling party, the Cambodian People's Party, (CPP), led by Hun Sen, has won again.

There is some dispute about how fair the election was with accusations from the main opposition party, the National Rescue Party (NRP), led by Sam Rainsy, who the Government had allowed to return to Cambodia from his exile over accusations of 'tampering with border posts' and 'slandering Government officials'.

The vote was much closer than previous elections, with the CPP reported to have won by 68 seats to the 55 won by the NRP. However the NRP claims it would have won a narrow victory if the election had not been marred by many instances of electoral malpractice.

The National Election Committee began its review of the process as this newsletter went to press, with the NRP threatening massive street protests as they claim the Committee is not impartial.

The Government has deployed more soldiers in town and there are reports of tanks gathering near Phnom Penh. A general air of tension is felt and no one feels quite sure of the future. So please pray for a peaceful and just resolution.

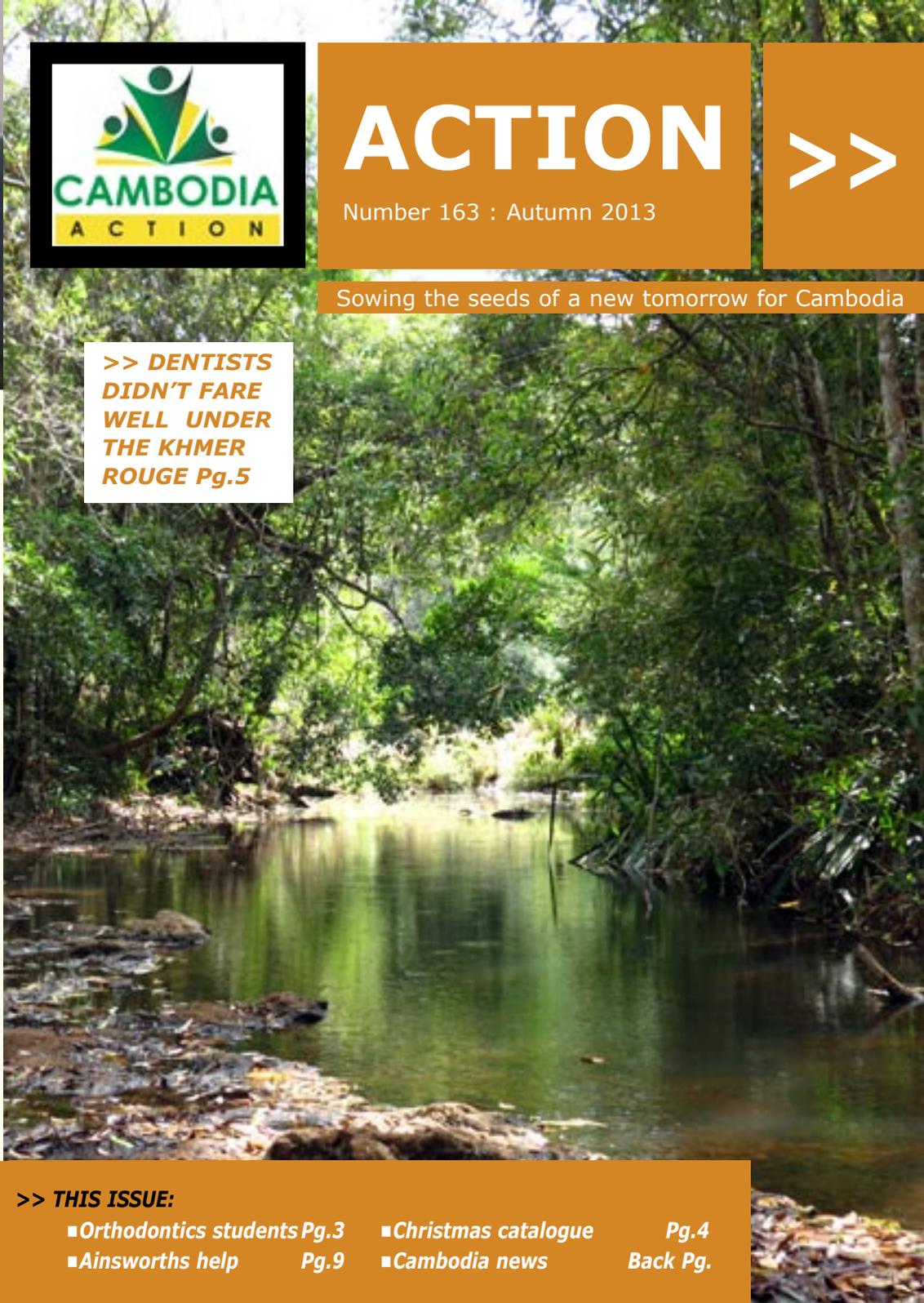
Bird Flu Epidemic

Cambodia has seen the 10th victim of Bird Flu die this year the World Health Organisation confirmed. The victim was a nine year old boy, who died in the children's hospital in Siem Reap. He had come from Battambang in the west of Cambodia. It is reported that "The boy carried dead and sick ducks and chickens from a cage for food preparation by his sister before he became sick".

Cambodia's population

A survey released this month showed the population of the Kingdom of Cambodia has increased to 14.68 million, a 9 percent rise from 13.4 million in 2008. 78.9 percent of people live in the countryside.

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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, 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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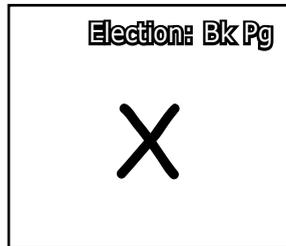
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>> EDITORIAL - Little Children

Dear Friends,

Recently I was preaching on the passage in Matthew 19 where Jesus says; "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." I talked about our attitudes towards each other and towards children and how they might differ from those of Jesus.

Thinking about this verse in the context of Cambodia Action it is easy to see where there are changes taking place. The work done by M'lup Russey with orphans, ensuring that the orphanages are of a suitable standard, and helping those leaving care to find safe accommodation and employment.

The River of Life school, with its newly expanded classrooms is able to educate 260 children, improving their future lives.

The YEs project (Youth Enterprise Scheme) running in Siem Reap province also works with young people, encouraging them to become productive members of their communities rather than migrating to the cities. These projects are all demonstrating what Jesus was talking about in Matthew. That he cares for all members and sections of society and that we need to do the same.

How does that affect you? Why not come to the Cambodia Action

conference in October and find out more information about these and other projects, please pray for the work and the people that are working in Cambodia, and help us support the work by using our Christmas Gift catalogue (enclosed in the magazine) to help buy essentials for these projects.

We want to see lives transformed both spiritually and materially by the love of Jesus. Thank you for praying and giving to support this work.



Steve Millard
Deputy Director

>> Day Conference

October 5th at Gorsley Chapel, Gorsley, Ross-on-Wye

Come and join us as we celebrate what God is doing in Cambodia!
Cost: £5 on the door
Keynote Speaker: Rev Hartmut Kopsch

We will also have Mark and Jenny Rye on home leave from Cambodia and Mark and Jen Ainsworth will also be with us to share about CVM Cambodia and their future plans.

More details from s.millard@cambodiaaction.org or on the Pray news sheet.

>>Orthodontic MSc students graduate



Gavin Caves, Ivor Greer (CA), Richard Pilley, Shirley Scolar and Trevor Hodge, who together with Jon Hammond (not pictured) formed the UK based team.

had been looted and abandoned. In the late 80's the School was reopened but resources were very limited and help in the form of materials, equipment and support with teaching was required. The

In early July four students graduated from the recently established Masters programme in Orthodontics, at the University of Health Sciences, Phnom Penh becoming the first trained orthodontists in Cambodia and the future teachers of this dental speciality in their country.

At first sight, supporting the training of specialist dentists might seem a rather

strange project for Cambodia Action to have supported in the light of the huge needs of the Cambodian people.

Dentists had not fared well during the Khmer Rouge times and it is reported that only 12 remained in the whole of Cambodia in early 1980 and the National Dental School

Orthodontic programme had several objectives. Initially to train a number of the future teachers working in the Dental School and to raise the standard of training there. Subsequently it was hoped that some of the trained staff would be involved in the care of the dental treatment of children born with clefts of the lip and or palate.

'Dentists had not fared well during the Khmer Rouge regime'

Following discussions between a volunteer Paul Smith,

Cambodia Action, Susanne Madsen (now ICC Director) and the Dental Dean it was agreed to run a Diploma programme of 3 years duration.

This would contain clinical training and theoretical teaching provided by a visiting team of UK Christian orthodontists supported by a Malaysian Orthodontist and her husband, also a dentist, who were based in Phnom Penh and working for Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

The programme started in September 2004 with the first team's visit and ran until its completion in 2007. During this time each of our four students treated approximately 45 patients to a standard comparable to that in the developed World.

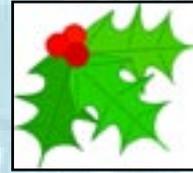
Thanks are due to the members of the visiting teams, Gavin Caves, Jon Hammond, Trevor Hodge, Richard Pilley, and Shirley Scolar. To Chern Chern and Yew On, our Malaysian colleagues, who anchored



Paul Smith assessing children in 2003

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Happy Christmas!



Christmas Gifts 2013.
Bringing God's love this Christmas

All the gifts featured here will help transform the lives of some of the poorest and most marginalised people in Cambodia.

Simply choose your gift and complete the order form returning it with your cheque. If you are able to, please sign the Gift Aid form as well!

In return we will send you a Christmas card with details of the gift you have bought and space for you to personalise the card and send to friends or family.



Rice for families

Reuniting children with their families is a big part of M'lup Russey's (formerly Project SKY) work. To help with the transition a gift of rice is always taken with the child when they are re-introduced to the family.

10 kg bag of rice £5

Code: 5001

Agricultural tools for villagers

Project SAMKY is helping 8 villages to work together as communities to enhance their crop yields and improve animal husbandry knowledge.



Agricultural Tools £30

Code 5002



Desks for River of Life School

The River of Life School has expanded with two new classrooms. They now need desks for the students.

Desk £20

Code 5003

Welcome pack for Careleavers

When a young person leaves an orphanage, most have nowhere to go. A welcome pack provides them with enough basics to care for themselves as they are housed by M'lup Russey.



Welcome Pack for Orphans £15

Code 5004



Chickens and Feed

Help young people in Siem Reap province to grow their own businesses. Producing chicks and eggs for market provides an income for young people and enables them to contribute to their families and be useful members of their communities.

Buy Chickens and Feed £25

Code 5005

Vocational training for Careleavers

Careleavers over the age of 16 need to support themselves. Most young people leave the orphanages without the skills needed to be successfully independent in society. Vocational training will give them these skills.



Vocational Training £65

Code 5006



Sponsor a child to go to school

Bright Futures is a project that helps children to access education for the first time. Your gift covers school uniform, a meal each day and school clothes.

1 Month £20 Code 5007

1 Year £220 Code 5008

Christmas Gifts Order Form

Please complete and return to the Cambodia Action office, address below.

Title: Forenames:
 Surname:
 Address:
 Postcode:
 Tel: Email:

Gift Code	Description	Price	Quantity	Total

I would like Cambodia Action to treat this donation as Gift Aid: *giftaid it*
 This Gift Yes No

All donations from the date of this declaration until notified otherwise.
 Yes No

(I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.)

Signature: Date:
 Please return this form and payment to the address below. Cheques payable to Cambodia Action.



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the programme and to the project managers, Susanne Madsen and Ivor Greer, in Cambodia and the U.K. respectively. Unfortunately Paul Smith was killed in a motor cycle accident before the programme commenced and he was greatly missed but not forgotten.

At the start of the course due to Cambodia Action's generous support we were also able to completely update the radiology department of the Dental School, re-equipping it with state of the art machines and introducing automatic processing of x-ray films; this both reduced the dosage of radiation given and improved the quality of the images. This development coincided with another ICC project in the Dental School to introduce central sterilisation which reduced the potential for cross infection.

The programme was warmly received by the Dental School and the Dean who requested on the Diploma's completion that we should upgrade the Course to a Master's Degree. This subsequently followed with Chern Chern



Orthodontic clinic in the national dental school

taking responsibility for the clinical training of the new intake whilst the U.K. team's emphasis shifted towards the research element of the course and mentoring the development of the first four students as teachers. We found these tasks far more challenging but as always the Lord provided in the form of Yew On and Cath McNeal. Their intervention resulted in the 4 students not only passing but each being awarded the equivalent of a distinction.

In August 2012 the Dental Cleft Clinic opened in the National Paediatric Hospital Phnom Penh staffed by a

number of our trained and training students. This is currently managed by One-2-One and FCICambodia, (Friends of Clefts in Cambodia) a Scottish based charity set up specifically to support it. How often have the projects planted by Cambodia Action grown and seeded others? Each of us in would like to thank all those at Cambodia Action for supporting this project as it has evolved. The work goes on!

'So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow'
 Cor 3:7 .

Jon Hammond



and hospital where Jenny Rye works). David is an Electro Bio-Medical Engineer by training, usually fixing and

maintaining hospital equipment for the NHS. At MMC he found the spare operating

theatre full of equipment that has been donated from around the world. All the equipment either needed fixing or maintenance before each piece could be used in the hospital. Dr Andreas, one of the expatriate Doctors at the clinic, was trying to work out how to fix some of the machines,

thinking that 'if he can fix humans then he should be able to fix machines!'

David spent his time fixing the equipment and testing it to ensure that it worked to the correct standards. His work was much appreciated, in fact so much so that David has an open invitation to return and continue with his work. One opportunity that would probably be a better option would be for David to return and train some Cambodian technicians to fix and maintain the equipment.

'if I can fix humans I should be able to fix machines!'

David would value your prayers as he considers further visits to Cambodia to continue this work.

Sue spent her time in two different roles. The first was with 'The Wonderful Healing Home', a ministry of

New Life Fellowship of Churches in Cambodia, the church that Mark and Jen attended. The Healing Home receives patients for diagnosis of medical problems, referrals and basic health needs all given with prayer. The home looks after many with long term health needs.

While Sue was there she taught some of the staff from the home on how to do therapeutic hand massage she also ran some training on how to deal with bereavement. Sue also went out to the Killing Fields village Choeung Ek to visit a patient with staff from the Healing Home and Margaret Sulc.

Sue also did some

research work for Cambodia Action and ICC, investigating a new project area, looking at starting a palliative care service, which is Sue's area of expertise and her work for the past 25 years. Palliative care looks after those nearing the end of their lives, mostly those with terminal cancers.

Cambodia Action is looking to address some of the needs in this area in Phnom Penh as little is done to help those who are dying, except to send them home to be looked after by relatives.



Sue met with various individuals and organisations who are working in these areas. Her reporting means that Cambodia Action now knows a lot more about the potential for such a project. Please pray with us as we consider forming a project in this area, that God would provide the personnel with the skills and experience needed, and the funds required to help those most in need.

Can you help?

Both Sue and David found it very easy to work in roles in Cambodia, using the gifts and skills that God has given them. As they both reflected, it was very much like it says in the book of Esther - 'we were called for such a time as this.' If you feel that God is prompting you to work in Cambodia, either for a few weeks or for several years, please get in touch with us. We can help you to discern if God has a role for you, one that he has been preparing for you, having given you the gifts and skills to enable you to work for Him.