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Cambodia Action/CVM Conference

2014

Come and join us and some of the team from CVM UK (Christian Vision for Men) as we celebrate what God is doing in Cambodia!

When: 6th September

Where: Christchurch, Fulwood, Sheffield S10 3 RT

From: 9.30 - 4pm

Cost: £5.00
(Bring your own lunch drinks provided)

Nou Vandeth (Project Director) and Zoran Sulc (CA Advisor) will be with us talking about 'Borah Lor Pit' (Good Real Men) CVM Cambodia and the Cambodian Church.



This doesn't mean that this conference is only for men though. We want everyone to come along and hear about the developments that are taking place in Cambodia.

There will be opportunities to talk

with Deth and Zoran as well as hear live from one of our team members currently in Cambodia.

We will also see some of the work that Sarah Chhin is involved in with her new DVD on moving children from orphanages to being cared for in their communities.



Zoran, Deth and Carl Beech (CVM) in Cambodia

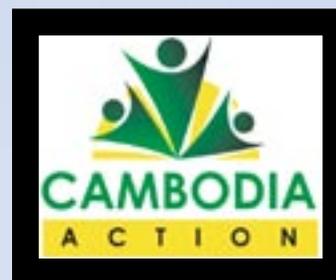
Any questions?

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Join us and share in the work God is doing in Cambodia!



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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.

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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,

I'm really excited to be able to announce that Cambodia Action is holding another Day Conference in September. All the details are on the back page of this magazine. I would encourage you all to come if you can! We will be hearing from Deth and Zoran about their work with men's ministries and the response their DVDs and radio programmes are receiving.

Also in this issue we hear from the team at Hope School in Phnom Penh about their move to new premises. This will give the school

more space to grow as they respond to the increasing demand for quality, international standard education in Cambodia. It also has an impact on several of our team members who work at the school.

Summer is often the time of year when people think of changing jobs. Have you been thinking and praying about what is next for you? We have included a selection of opportunities that we are currently looking for people to fill. Is God putting Cambodia on your heart for you to come and join the team? Some of the

roles may require a longer commitment but many are roles that could be done in a year. If you would like to explore the possibility of joining the team in Cambodia then please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.



Steve Millard
Deputy
Director

Geoff Collett attended a conference held outside of Kathmandu, for the Member Agencies, Boards and Executive Directors of mission agencies who work together in partnership (Joint Mission Agencies). Some of you will know United Mission to Nepal, which was the JMA that hosted the event.

It was a good opportunity to hear about the joys and struggles of working together in partnership given the variety of nationalities, Christian traditions and languages that

were represented.

It was good to see how favourably International Cooperation Cambodia (ICC), the partnership through which CA does most of its work, compared, despite our relatively few years of operation (14 years so far).

It was helpful to learn from

others about how to evolve the structure of the Board to help the JMA as things change in the country of operation and to be reminded of the witness it is when Christians work together in harmony.

JMA Conference Nepal



>>New Hope School Site!

After starting Hope School with 4 students in 2002, Hope School now has more than 400 students today. They vitally needed more space ...

cupboard and a lean-to shed into a library. Our library has moved five times in ten years, and our preschool has had four homes. We have grown from four students in 2002, to over four hundred in 2014. God has been

consistent, but we never know what will happen next!

Growth has not been straightforward – it requires the school to have tighter policies, more staff and clearer curriculum guides, which we continuously work on so all the children continue to receive a great education. It also allows us to have counsellors, student support team, a special education teacher, greater options at IGCSE and IB, and a better ESL program. We move with many of these things already in place.

Geoff Collett and Denzil Jarvis (CA Trustee) were able to join many of the school staff and parents for the official ground breaking ceremony.

The new site was originally

built as a Bible School



Artist's impressions of the new Hope school



by the Wesleyan Church, the partnership between Hope & Global Partners (The Mission arm of the Wesleyan Church here in Cambodia) has been exemplified by grace, faith and an ability to recognize and embrace God's wider

kingdom purposes.

Mark Rye asked Ueli Summers, who is heading up the planning and building work for Hope North, for prayer points.

Please join with us in prayer for the following:

1. Please pray that we would receive building permission in July (or earlier.)
2. Please pray for the 'building team' as they manage the large amount of work needing to be done on plans and quotations.
3. Please pray that we can hire another full time draughtsman as soon as possible who can work with Ueli on the plans.
4. Please pray that the construction goes really smoothly as the timeline is tight.

CA team member, Pola Chhin is working full time for Hope School as the site and construction manager.

Please continue to pray for Pola as he manages the building works and coordinates the many contractors

and all of the building supplies and equipment for the site.



Pola Chhin and Ueli Summers



Scott Lichfield (Hope Board Chair) prepares to cut the first turf

>>Simon's Adventures in Ratanakiri



Ratanakiri is in the North East of Cambodia, a province full of rainforest and jungle; it is home to many indigenous communities and is where ICCs iBCDE (integrated Bi-Lingual Community Development and Education) project is



run. This is a place that any expat venturing into Cambodia would want to visit. A chance to escape

the hustle and bustle of Phnom Penh and enter the tranquil town of Banlung and its surroundings.

The journey began at 05:00am when the mini-van arrived to pick me up. Kim San (ICC staff) was already on board and armed with a sandwich that she thrust into my hands for breakfast. In the van, built for 15 passengers, there was space in abundance as only 19 people were on board! Eventually, feeling slightly weary after a nine-hour journey, we arrived at

our lovely hotel on a lake not far from the town. Banlung is home to Yeak Loam, a stunning, almost

perfectly circular volcanic lake, with clear glistening waters. If you dive a few metres under the surface and look up you can see the sunlight refracting through the water. The story is that the lake was born of the tears of a weeping giant.

Kim San had picked up on my hints as to how thrilled I would be to swim in this great lake, so on arrival we quickly headed down, me for a swim and Kim San to prepare for the workshop. What better way to relax after a long journey than bathing in the tears of a giant!

The purpose of the visit was for Kim San to conduct a Gender and Environmental Policies workshop to both the Ratanakiri and Mondulakiri staff. The Khmer sense of fun shone through as they performed drama skits to each other relating to their working experiences. Lots of laughing and smiling!

The climax of our visit was a special visit to the indigenous people in the village of Roya, who were full of smiles as we arrived. On entering the village



meeting room some of the women were preparing lunch while a few men pouring liquid into a large vase. Kim San began with a Gender Roles workshop, which the villagers became engrossed in. There were some humorous but light hearted arguments between them about who normally dug the toilet or washed the kids.

It wasn't quite time for lunch after the training was finished so the Roya people began to play traditional music and dance! They were smiling and laughing, as we all got involved. Then the village chief called me over. He had a thick wooden straw in his mouth and he was taking a few tugs on the liquid that was in the vase. He

gave me a long plastic tube straw and said that he wanted to drink rice wine with me. I had a few tugs before passing the straw onto someone else. I was very pleased; I never thought I would sup rice wine with the village chief of an indigenous people!

After sharing food together we took a stroll through a field of



rubber trees making our way down to a river. We then plunged our feet into the river wading and scrambling over rocks quickly arriving at a small waterfall. A place of many pictures and smiles. When everyone was satisfactorily wet we headed back to plant the 40 trees that ICC was donating to the village. This was a fantastic way to end our day in Roya. On the drive back to Phnom Penh Kim San was praising God for the success of the trip!

Simon Tomlinson

Simon is teaching English and helping with the preparation of project documentation in the ICC office for nine months.

Cambodia Action works with a variety of projects both within ICC (International Cooperation Cambodia) and also with other organisations within Cambodia. We have opportunities in a variety of roles, both short and longer term, that need to be filled in order to continue to expand the work that God is doing in Cambodia. Current roles include:

Anti Human Trafficking Manager

To assist in the setting up of a new intervention to help combat human trafficking within Cambodia.

Technical Advisor - Prey Veng

To advise the team relating to agriculture and community development. Relevant experience is required.

Youth Work Advisor (Svay Rieng)

To provide help and support to the team of national workers in setting up youth groups, Parent Teacher Associations etc.

Donor Relations Manager - Phnom Penh

To provide help and training for the leadership team and project designers in donor networking and development and fundraising.

IT trainer and problem solver - Phnom Penh

To provide help and training for the ICC staff with their IT issues. Could include management of new systems, networks and basic repairs etc.

Teaching English - Phnom Penh

To provide English language lessons to ICC staff, and help project managers with their written reports, presentations and applications for funding.

Teacher Phnom - Penh

Hope School Phnom Penh URGENTLY needs a qualified High School Maths teacher to teach up to IGCSE and International Baccalaureate levels.

Teacher - Phnom Penh

Hope International School URGENTLY need a qualified Drama Teacher to join their staff.

Teacher - Siem Reap

Hope International School URGENTLY need a qualified middle school Maths and Science teacher to join the staff of this small but growing school.

Story Writing Advisor - Phnom Penh

A competent English writer and editor is needed to assist, advice and capacity-build the ICC project teams to collect data and write up reports and stories for donors and ICC partner agencies.

Children's Advocate Advisor - Phnom Penh

A qualified practitioner is needed to provide advice and guidance to the project team on child rights, advocacy etc.

CA Executive Director - UK

Someone with experience of SE Asia and particularly Cambodia is needed to lead the mission into the future. (Our current Director, Geoff Collett, is stepping down at the end of the year)

If you you would like to know more about any of these vacancies please get in touch with Geoff Collett: g.collett@cambodiaaction.org

Last month PPC Director, Pisey Ly and several staff members took 56 members of the YEs project (Young Entrepreneurs Project) on a camp together.

They travelled to Rabbit Island in Kep province to camp together, spend

Some of the time was spent teaching and explaining how planning could be enhanced using vocational training and savings schemes.



Sandcastle competition

Some of the young people explained how

Learning about how to plan is changing my whole way of thinking

they had grouped together to save

money to enable them to start their own businesses, now raising chickens, running a tailoring shop and training in moto repairs.

For many of the young people this was their first trip away without their families and they enjoyed



Group Training

some time learning from each other and being trained by the Field Facilitators and the PPC staff members.

Many of the young people have only very basic levels of education and have little understanding of the concepts of planning for the future.



Food is important to all teenagers



a relaxing time as well as being challenged for their futures.

Many of these young people are helping their families by earning much needed money, both to help the families survive and to bring them hope for their future.

The YEs project is urgently in need of more funds for the next year.

Reaching out to over 350 young people in the rural deprived parts of Cambodia means that the Field

costs. In total PPC YEs project needs \$14,000 or £8,500 a year to run and continue to expand.

Their funding from another donor is finishing soon and to keep the project running further funding is needed.

Do you know of anyone who would be interested in sponsoring these young people?

If so please contact :

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Facilitators have to travel some distance to reach the villages. Pisey visits each village and the facilitators at least once a month to encourage and give further training to them and the young people. All of this



Pray for these young people