

## Report of Missions Trip to Kampot

16 to 21 June 2009

(reported by Mrs Alice Tan)

### En route to Kampot

After several pleasant scenic and sometimes bumpy rides en route to Kampot, we finally arrived at our destination. Thank God for journey mercies and a blessed time of fellowship among the 10-member team. We had many opportunities to learn about the Khmer culture and people.

### The work at True Gospel B-P Church

We praise God for the provision of an old, rather run-down, bungalow that serves the needs of the 3 families of Preachers John Saray, Sopheak and Liv Rotha; and the work among their people. After a brief tour of the house, members of Truth Missions Society (TMS) in the group set down with the preachers to discuss and understand their ministry and the challenges they face in this new location. Thank God for a fruitful session which enables us to pray and support our brethren better in developing their new ministry.



### Morning devotions

A new morning began with devotions led by Brother John Saray. He shared from Micah 6:8 on Christian virtues. God requires that we be a good witness and testimony for Him. In a world where there is no 100% justice, His people are *“to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly”* with Him. In order to *“love mercy,”* we must first show mercy. Knowledge must never make one proud as God requires His children to live humbly before Him.

### Village children

In the afternoon, we visited Klal Rumeas Village, a rural village about half an hour's ride from the church. In the village, 12 lovely children with soulful eyes sat quietly on a wooden platform under a stilt house, close to each other, anticipating the weekly Saturday programme. Sister Thavy led the children in songs, including some English songs. Some sang heartily while others followed as best as they could. They were eager to learn and listened attentively as Sister Thavy taught God's Word. Sister Josephine even taught them a few English words on parts of the body!



## Lord's Day

The children's Sunday School started very early at 7.30am. Some children who live nearby walked to church while Brother Sopheak went around the village twice to gather the children to church on his Tuk Tuk. 43 children, sitting on benches, sang



and worshipped God. Sister Josephine spoke on the Parable of the Sower and shared the gospel using the Wordless Book and several teaching aids from the compound. To reinforce learning, we helped the children make a wordless book, praying that they too can share the gospel using it.

Soon it was time to send the children home as the adults prepared for their Worship Service at 9.30am. Preacher Rotha led in pre-service singing and chaired the Worship Service. Preacher John Saray interpreted while Preacher John Loo spoke on "So shall we ever be with the Lord" based on 1 Thess 4:14-17. We were reminded of the sure and blessed hope of the Lord's return as His promise never fails. The Singapore team presented a song item "Maybe Today."

After the Service, a group of 15 Cambodians and our team mingled over some simple refreshments. Though we could not communicate much with the Cambodians, we could sense their joy and delight in having us around.

It had been a brisk, busy morning and it was indeed heartening to see everyone doing their part, serving God.

## Prayer requests

The Cambodian leaders covet our prayers for the hard ground on which they are labouring. While some adults are willing to send their children to church, they themselves do not come, often giving many excuses. The handful of adults who attend church are also not very committed nor serious about their walk with the Lord.

## Other prayer requests

1. Church registration.
2. Vacation Bible School in August ó pray for wisdom and helpers.
3. Direction of the church in the year ahead.
4. Salvation of Noun (pronounced òNoonò), our driver for the trip, who is open and also went to church with us during the trip.

## Conclusion

We thank God for the opportunity to be in this missions team. Thank God for protecting us and keeping most of us healthy throughout. We have not only encouraged our brethren there but have ourselves been greatly encouraged by their labour of love for the Lord. Will you also come and experience the joy of playing a part, albeit a small part, in God's work in a foreign missions field?

*"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"*

*~ Romans 10:15 ~*

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