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Cambodia for Christ

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"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, of famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For thy sake we are being killed all day long;
we are regarded as sheen to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

(Romans 8:35-37)

THE CHURCH IN CAMBODIA

For nearly two years there has been little news of Christians inside Cambodia. Few would have there. be little chance that they would be able to meet together for Christian fellowship, and pint meetings would be impossible. When they would seen to have and their faith could be in danger of failing yet we know that there are three things which can never-be -taken from them:

(i) Their memories

The things they have read and heard, the scriptures and passages which they once learned their experiences of God's protection and working in their lives—may they remember what He has taught them and done for them.

(ii) The Holy Spirit

The presence of the Holy Spirit with them. They never lost to God's Spirit nothing can separate them to keep their hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and will keep them from falling.

(iii) The prayers of the Saints

Prayer is a mighty, unrealised power, which transcends all earthly powers and links us in fellowship with God's people worldwide before the throne of God. The Christians inside Cambodia have our may we be faithful in

THE FIRST STEP-THAILAND

Christian missionaries are deeply involved in ministering to the refugees and have been since April 1975. The direct acts of caring in practical ways such as providing milk for children, clothing and medicine, helping with filling in forms for emigration and prison visiting has opened the doors to direct evangelism.

Christians have been able to hold services, teach, preach, and give out literature with the results that hundreds of Cambodians have found Christ as Lord and Saviour. Here are some of their testimonies, translated by Rev. John Ellison:

"Terror stricken! Befuddled! Ali Yousip could think of was escape. But what about his wife and infant child—should they go too? Unthinkable! There was the need to leave quickly, unseen and unheard and there were dangers along the trail. No, they should not go yet. He would scout out the trail first and then return for them. The way through was difficult—deep water to ford, cliffs to scale, dense jungle to hack through. But no shots were fired at him. No Communist soldiers gave chase. A wife and child might possibly have made it through.

These thoughts churned through my brain as I sat dejectedly day after day in a remote border village in Thailand. Why did I forsake my wife and baby through unreasoning fear and seek safety for myself? Could I possibly go back into Cambodia and bring them out? But I knew without asking that a return to that land would mean almost certain death. My life seemed worthless and I became more and more lethargic, losing all interest in work or studies.

One day some Christian literature in Cambodian caught my attention. Though a Moslem, I became deeply interested in the teachings of Christ catching a glimmer of hope in the midst of despair.

The authorities later sent me to the Surin refugee camp. Returning from bathing on my second day in camp, I saw a foreign couple surrounded by, a large crowd. Were they here to help us get to America? I wondered. No, they had books and were singing. I joined the group and was soon delighted to discover that the teaching was the same as in the little portions I had read previously.

Ten days later I received Christ and a tremendous change took place. I was lifted right out of my morbid state and became industrious and alert once again."

Pen Phean teacher of English, recounts the sufferings of his family when they nearly died of thirst on the long trek overland.

"We had two small 'canteens of water which we hoped would last till we reached the mountains. But with two small daughters incessantly asking for drinks, the supply was quickly exhausted. What a precious commodity water is! We knew we'd have to find some or we would perish.

I didn't know the Lord then so I called on my parents' goodness to help us. To our utter astonishment and joy we suddenly stumbled upon a tiny stream trickling from a crevice in a rock What a welcome sight!

We filled our canteens and soaked all available clothing in the water so we could suck out the moisture as we walked along. Now that I've found the Lord I know it was He who brought us safely through. `Thank you, Lord, for this miracle.'

On this day marking the fall of Phnom Penh, it is only fitting that we flesh-and-blood Cambodians should pray for our own people..

`O Lord may Your name be proclaimed all through Cambodia. Cause the hearts of the oppressors to become as cool as water, and put the restraint of Your Spirit upon them so that this insane killing of their own race will cease'

We need to remember the refugees and those who are selected to leave the close and somewhat protective fellowship of the Thai camps for life in a Third Country. Pray their faith will not fail.

* About 11,000 Cambodians are still in Thailand and about 10,000 Indo-China refugees a month are entering Thailand.

NEWS FROM FRANCE

"We feel certain there is a new awareness among the French of the reality and needs of the Cambodian refugees in France (writes Andrew Bishop). In the church, and for this we praise the Lord.

In the first fifty-two days of the seventy-day campaign, more than fifty services were held in ten cities with an average of twenty-five Cambodians at each meeting, plus French Christians who attended. Over 125 Cambodians have made decisions for Christ and many more have renewed their commitment.

The seed is being planted, and we must follow up with additional efforts in evangelism and discipling.

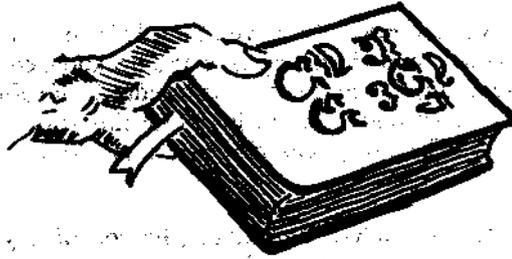
We were fortunate in being able to bring Rev. Cliff Westergren from Hong Kong

Kong for three weeks of services in- November. This former Cambodia missionary's fluency in the Cambodian language and his-knowledge of the culture

made the gospel clear and Meaningful to the' hundreds a refugees we visited across France. Please continue to pray with us for the work in France. God is answering prayers. Each day sees new victories. We cannot ask for anything more!"

Try Seng Ly a young Cambodian-Christian, (the son of Try Hoc, a retired pastor from Phnom Penh), is now studying in the Nogent Bible Institute. Please pray for him as he prepares for God's service. He is helping at weekends in the Cambodian fellowship in Paris.

Ung Davy has left Paris for a period of study in England at the Abbey Missionary School.



THE WRITTEN WORD

Apart from the Cambodian Bible there is more Cambodian literature becoming available. These include a new, expanded hymn book with original songs produced by Cambodians. Alice Compain has spearheaded the literature work in Thailand, and informs us that the following is now available.

Bible Courses: Living Waters; John's gospel; I Corinthians; The Shepherd and His Work (T. E. E. course); Four Navigator courses.

Books: Hymn books; 'Now I believe' (by Robert Cook); Pilgrims Progress.

Booklets and Scripture portions: 'Journey into Life', and 'The Way Ahead' (C. P. A. S.); 'Saviour of the World', 'Every day life', 'The Upward Path' and 'Witness to God'. (S. G. M.).

Plus booklets on living overseas, Bible reading plans in French and Khmer, its well as varied tracts. A pastoral letter is also sent out every two months and has been much appreciated as replies have shown.

* If you have contact with Cambodian (or Vietnamese) refugees and wish to give them some literature We have some items in stock here, or can tell you from whom you can receive it.

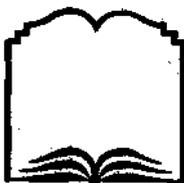
NEWSBRIEFS

Please pray for Joe Kong, *Satom*, the pastor of the Cambodian Christian fellowship in Salem, USA. Late last year his wife Molyse died following lung surgery. They were both led to Christ about a year ago. Ask God to draw near to him in this difficult time and give him grace and strength.

During the seventy day tour to the provinces of France last Autumn to contact Cambodians, the C. M. A. team ran out of *Khmer New Testaments* in the city of Mulhouse. While there however they met a Member of the Gideons with a supply of five hundred, He had stored them for a long time, not knowing what else to do with them. Praise God for His providence.

Lim Chheong is working hard in California producing new radio programmes for transmission from the Philippines. Each week he prepares ten programmes: Three on the life of Christ, three on studies in the Book of Acts, three on Guidelines for living, and one Sunday Worship. Remember our brother in this exacting ministry, that he may keep fresh, and his messages may touch *many* hearts..

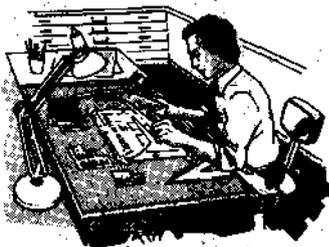
*We understand from. Radio Phnom Penh that a factory producing dry cells has been opened in the city. This could mean that there may be batteries available for those who own transistor radios—'mainly the Khmer Rouge cadres.



Christian literature is slowly getting back into Cambodia, sometimes piece by piece.

The Viet *Ham* Government plans to try as war criminals those "anti-Communist refugees who fled in the- American evacuation and who return to Viet Nam".

The Print shop of F. E. B. C. destroyed in a fire last July is 90% restored and the crew moved in during November.



REMEMBER CAMBODIA

April 17th is the second anniversary of the takeover of Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge.

On Saturday April 16th we are planning an afternoon of fellowship in order to pray, think, and talktogether about Cambodia and the Cambodian refugees. Taking part will be Andrew Way of the O. M. F., Andrew Bishop of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and the Luminares singing group who ministered in Cambodia. in 1973. There will also be the opportunity to meet some Cambodian Christians from France.

(If you live in Britain a leaflet is enclosed giving full details).



CAMBODIA FOR CHRIST
Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st May 1976

INCOME

Cash in hand 31.5.75
Balance at Bank 152 86

Donations

General Fund
Refugee Relief
Specific Gifts 1496 20
Prayer Tapes 1 30

£1650 36

Bursary Fund

INCOME

Transfer from main account 112 00
Donations 188 50
Interest to 31.12.75 1 53
312 03

EXPENDITURE

Gifts

Individual gifts to
Cambodian Christians 123 00
Refugee Relief 500 00
Cambodian Radio
Programmes (FEBC) 80 00
Cambodian Hymnal
and Tracts 50 00

Bursary Fund 122 00

Circulation of Information

Literature 61 97
Stationery 226 28
Postage 215 94
Audio & Visual Aids 37 50
Travelling expenses 5 00 546 69

Administration

Office Expenses 61 10
Telephone Installation
and charges 132 22
Bank charges 3 69 197 01

Cash in Hand 31.5.76 6 92
Balance at Bank 31.5.76 24 74

1650 36

EXPENDITURE

Woolwich Equitable
Building Society Share A/C 312 03
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I certify that I have examined the accounts of 'Cambodia for Christ' and that, in my opinion, the foregoing is a true statement of the financial transactions of the society. G. de Heer (Auditor), Stanstead Road, Elsenham.

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR CAMBODIA

Would you set aside time on Sunday April 17th to especially remember the Cambodian Church—scattered and torn, but still alive in Cambodia. Perhaps your church would include a session of prayer for this land. Doubtless thousands of refugees, many of whom are Christians will be remembering their homeland, families, and loved ones on this day. Would you unite with them in intercession for their people?

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