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Banking In The Jungle

What do you do if you live in poverty without a steady job in the poorest province of one of the World's poorest countries? You are not flat broke, but you may have only as little as 100 riel (2 ½ cents) in your pocket, and someone starts quoting to you Proverbs 6:6 about savings and Proverbs 13:11 about investing. Doesn't sound like much of an opportunity, does it?

But, Pastors Abraham and Samuel have found a way to turn this situation into an evangelization opportunity. With Pastor Abraham's mentorship, Samuel is training on accounting and operating a micro-finance system.

The below photo is the micro-finance in action. It occurs weekly in a local village outside Siem Reap. This has turned into a stable multi functional and growing operation. It not only serves the needs of this community one on one, but it also provides the opportunity to bring the community together and give pride and a solid foundation for the community to grow locally. We are told that the community is now cleaner (trash pick up) and repairs throughout are being done as funds are available.



Highlights Praises and Prayers

Preparing for presentations to churches that partner with us required us to generate a list of what has been accomplished in the most recent deployment. Please read below.

- 1. New church tuk tuk bus
- 2. Refurbished 4-6 seater tuk tuk
- 3. New standardized church service laminated and in use ~ both English and Khmer
- 4. New audio system (had nothing before)
- 5. New projection screen
- 6. Initial phase of learning micro financing to bring into the community.
- 7. Doors and windows ~ previously used tar paper and metal to cover
- 8. New Tables and chairs for church services / beyond
- 9. Basic cooking station to prepare church meals.
- 10. 28 baptisms of young adults
- 11. Continuation of confirmation training.
- 12. Year long Sunday School lessons covering all seasons of the church year calendar adaptable to both the very young and also to newbies to the church who are older but with little Jesus instruction. Includes a spread sheet listing the bible reading, old testament

reading, epistle gospel, memory verse, and a psalm to use.

- 13. Extensive outreach into remote communities with eyeglass clinics. Serviced over 900 people in five days, using 7 barong, plus three translators, and local church leadership involvement to stand with us and assist and pray for their church members and the community.
- 14. Assisted with three medical clinics; groups came from Singapore, Philippines, and New Zealand.
- 15. Coffee house ministry take off with local Christians engaging the barong into their community.
- 16. Engage one on one basis with local community folks whom we have built a relationship over the years and continue to search us out and want to be involved in our time there.
- 17. Audio reading of an entire year of Beth Moore devotions so that those learning english (including Pastor Samuel) can 'hear' the words. This also included a summary of each lesson with the idioms and difficult words explained.
- 18. Hours of instruction to Pastor Samuel to teach him basic computer skills and to equip and encourage him going forward to use 21st technology in his ministry where he sees that benefit.
- 19. Gifts of communion ware, new altar vestments, and a quilted cross hanging to bring Christ into the church ~ given by US churches and carried in our bags to Snor. (This includes a new robe and stoles for Pastor Samuel to replace his old white lab coat.)
- 20. Creation of a church logo.

This church, in only six months, went from a basic backwoods church with very few tools and resources, to a reasonably modern facsimile of what Pastor Samuel and the Christian community would deem an adequate church from which to grow into the community.

During this tenure, we also were privileged to see how

Pastor Samuel's relationship with the Siem Reap Pastoral Association and the Siem Reap Christian Funeral Association has grown with him now being in a leadership capacity, and taking and sharing in both organizations information / bible classes for those men in pastoral positions.

Knee Thoughts

- 1- You fill in the blank here as you pray. Each one of us has the single opportunity to take our requests to our Father in all needs.
- 2- Our time here to be fruitful and yet be a time of rest and refreshment.
- 3. Prayers for George and Pastor Samuel for guidance and answers to daily struggles in ministry, health and life, and SoPhana for good health as she delivers in October.

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