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## A 'Mirror' Image



The last fifteen years have been occupied by a good chunk of the time being half way around the world from my passport country. We initially came with a specific platform to work toward. Be it what it may at that point, it was just a proving ground to learn how to live in a culture and lifestyle so unlike our own. We learned to embrace this new daily routine, reaching out beyond our walls to clearly allow the power of the Holy Spirit to carry us along.

It is now the 21st century and year 2025. We all clearly know that statistic. Life challenges are still here, if not seeming more complex.

As I have gathered into some deep, serious study of the history and culture during this tenure, more so than ever before, it has become so very apparent the changes in the 'church' environment here as the years have gone by.

When we arrived the percentage of christians in this

country we were told was a mere 0.05%. I didn't do the survey, so for me it was a number out of a hat sort of thing. We believed that reasonable too.

Fast forward through so many events along the way to mention here now (see previous newsletters for some), and I am told that the numbers have increased nation wide to about 6% who are now believers and disciples.

As I look around the room today at Hope Church, where the second discipleship training program is underway, I am clearly realizing that I am living in an Acts movement of the Bible time here, and now, watching from the sidelines as tiny local churches are now sprouting, not only to grow their own church, but also to reach beyond their peace house. What is different now, in this 21st century, is the way that this is happening. Please understand that I am just a crumb of this ministry, oft times I have seen things from the sidelines and then been carried onward in the flow of the community around me. The community embraces my being here and uses me quite well. And yet, some days it seems they are teaching me more than I could learn otherwise. That is a privilege to me. They know it too. We do life together. And learn together.

No doubt the book of Acts holds significant relevance to the 21st century and the mission of the church here; to spread the gospel, to build community, leadership, and to deal with the diverse and hostile world.

It is still about reaching out, and crossing any and all boundaries. Modern technology in social media and the internet makes the mission to spread the gospel

even more accessible now. This country's major population number is still rural, oft times difficult to reach reasonably on foot. That has not stopped these folks to share the good news. There are phones and cheap (for me) sim card services. Sim cards are the link to podcasts, websites, and services unknown even 70 years ago. And to disciples of the true word.

This bold ministry discipleship program is a great fit for this country and its rural community. In this fellowship platform, multiple step by step mentorship is given from the moment a believer or a group of believers is identified, giving them a responsibility to carry onward the gospel message as they, themselves, learn to grow in the faith. The excitement of new believers is always exciting, so why not share that excitement onward to grow the church.

Yesterday, when there was a sharing of events country wide that others have seen of late, a brief translation from a dear friend next to me revealed the impact of the eyeglass clinics in the rural communities where we have traveled over the past year.

There have been a total of 14 clinics in a little over a year. All but two clinics have been very rural. I would assume that some of these communities have individuals who never leave their communities in their life times. And probably have never seen a barang either.

It was affirmed that from those very clinics people have come forward to hear the gospel message and join their local church. The local church reached out to the marginalized and the needy of the community. While we didn't have a Peter who healed the paralyzed man nor the poor cared for by Paul and Silas, the focus in the 21st century to meet the needs of the community at large is called to continue today. It is living out the line by line items needed for each community at large. It is the church today called to engage with both spiritual and social needs.

Additionally, in our Taros Village Hope Church community (as in others) there are other programs either in place or are slowly forming as this is written. I am mentoring two other rural community leaders who teach english, and helping to develop a solid church platform into the future to meet the needs of

the community. (soccer, food distribution, Sunday school, website development, safe water and sanitation, and bible study etc.) There is no end point.

**"No Place Left in Cambodia"** Acts 1:8

**The power of the Holy Spirit carries on the hearts and souls in these communities.**

I see great things forthcoming in this country like never before. The movement is gaining momentum. PS: Let's pass it on!



### **Knee Thoughts**

**Praise and prayers for sharing His love message to everyone sent our way.**

**There are articles and posts on both my facebook page and on the website below. His many blessings surround us each day.**

**Website for the church/school:**

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