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Great News from the Field

For any ministry to thrive within its own community and capabilities, it must ultimately be able to stand on its own. In places like this village, however, that is rarely possible at the beginning without outside support to help launch new opportunities. From there, wise planning, careful decisions, and thoughtful stewardship become essential so that growth can continue and the community itself becomes stronger and more sustainable.

Part of our ministry vision has always been that the work here would become increasingly self-sustaining over time. Too often around the world, ministry efforts struggle to survive without ongoing outside funding. Somewhere along the journey, projects can lose momentum because there is not enough room to adjust, regroup, or rethink a better path forward. We do not want that to happen here—or with any project we begin.

Our hope is that each new opportunity broadens the community's connection to the church, strengthens long-term growth, equips families with practical skills, and creates a brighter future for generations to come.

Earlier this year, we shared with you—our ministry partners—a vision for a new sewing program. The goal was to identify talented and motivated members of the community and provide excellent instruction that would teach more than basic sewing skills. Participants would learn to confidently operate sewing machines, understand garment design and cutting, create finished products, and develop practical experience that could lead to employment opportunities in the garment industry.

Our prayer is that these new skills will create income opportunities for families and, over time, encourage participants to reinvest back into their church and community.

As often happens in ministry, progress does not always follow our timeline.

This time, the delay came through the purchase of land, which has taken much longer than expected and brought additional expenses and paperwork along the way. While disappointing, it was not unexpected. Because of this, we intentionally delayed launching the sewing project to ensure that adequate funding was available and that the project could begin with focused attention and a solid foundation.

Now we are excited to share that the project has officially begun.

Pastor Ravy has purchased two sewing machines to launch the program—one Singer and one Juki. Both brands are widely used and trusted throughout Cambodia's garment industry. Repair support and maintenance services are readily available locally, and from our perspective, many experienced garment workers and seamstresses already possess valuable practical knowledge that will support the program moving forward.

Congratulations to Pastor Ravy—and also to his mother, who is a seamstress—for helping bring this vision into reality.

From previous conversations, I anticipate there will be thoughtful guidelines and evaluation processes to help identify students who are serious about pursuing a future in this industry, beginning with classes here at Hope School.

I am incredibly excited to see ministry expanding

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once again and establishing another strong, practical footprint within the community.

Thank you for walking alongside us and helping make opportunities like this possible.

Now a note from Pastor Ravy:

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray that each of you are doing well to prosper in God's work. Last month we wrote to share our vision for the growth of God's ministry and to humbly request your prayers, partnership and support for our building project.

We have a building budget plan in place.

Would you like to help us a bit and partner to purchase bricks for the ministry center? A brick cost 200 riel in khmer currency, which means that a single dollar will give us 20 bricks. As you can

see from this photo, bricks are used quite regularly here. Lots of them. They enclosed our land for security.

We believe this project is part of God's vision for expanding His ministry and reaching more people with the Gospel.

Thank you for your love, prayers, and continued support for God's ministry. May the Lord richly bless you for your generosity and partnership.

Blessings in Christ. Pastor Ravy Van

See below for partnership information.

Knee Thoughts

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

Praise for each of you who follow step by step with us, trusting Him to continue writing this story... This is not a solo project by any means. Each of you are here with us.

Prayers for a ministry center building to serve the community needs, strengthen and grow the ministry into eternity.

> *"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."* — Psalm 126:3

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https://hopelutheranevangelicalchurch.org/

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"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord…" — Colossians 3:23

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