

Harvest NOW Inc.

A pastor's wife in Cambodia.
Her heart is filled with joy by our coming.

Preaching the gospel to the nations

Cambodia has 12.2 million people. The extreme Marxist Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia in 1975. The following years saw one of the most brutal and savage slaughters of the 20th century. Under Pol Pot's leadership, one in eight of the population died through warfare, starvation or execution. The Khmer Rouge surrendered in 1998, but the country's stability remains fragile. The Khmer Rouge wanted to totally eliminate all religion - **killing 90% of Buddhist monks and most Christians**. Cambodia is a Buddhist Kingdom with a large population of Muslims. Christians make up to 1.2 percent of the people.

After plowing the ground in the city of Battambang for the last two years, **this was the year of our breakthrough**. Twenty-five churches were represented as their pastors and leaders came together for a citywide conference. It is amazing to see the hunger for God's word, their teachable spirit, and their commitment to Jesus Christ. Because Cambodia is one of the poorest nations, pastors face overwhelming needs of the people. After receiving teaching and encouragement, we were then all united in vision and intercession. Strong prayers were spoken out and the word of God was declared for the healing of their city and the entire nation.



About 63 percent of Cambodian children are under the age of 15. They are the most vulnerable in society. From being sold to trafficking or child labor, these children grow up in poverty and with no hope.

Our recent children outreach was a great success. The village church was packed with children of all ages eager to sing and learn about the Lord. They had tracked through high waters and thick mud on account of the flood, just to attend our meeting. Many of them live in idol-worshipping homes, surrounded by darkness and poverty. But as they came to church they received the light of Jesus in their hearts. We spent many hours with them singing, teaching, playing and praying over each one of them. And finally, to make show our love, we treated them to a very nutritious meal. This was very special for them because society treats them as insignificant. This children's ministry has been growing so much in the last two years that they now have a total of three centers where they are loved, taught and provided much needed care by local believers.



Cambodian Christians and children need your help. Our united prayer and partnership to those preaching the gospel will help millions of people turn to Jesus Christ.

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Ministering to the women of Vietnam

During our recent women's conference in **Vietnam**, the presence of God was strong. People's lives were being touched at a greater speed than we had seen before. The foundation of prayer had been laid and the people's hearts were so ready. There was an evident change in their lives from one day to the next. One of them had come directly from the Buddhist monastery and was in a cloud of confusion and oppression, unable to respond to us, but by the second day her eyes were much clearer and began to talk to us after receiving prayer.

Ruth and Esther are sisters who had come with heavy burdens on their hearts. One of them is an evangelist and had led 30 people to the Lord in a nearby village, but she still lacked the overcoming power of God in her life. As we prayed, both of them were deeply touched by God and filled with the Holy Spirit. Their hearts were set on fire for God and they could not stop thanking us for bringing the message of the Holy Spirit to them.



The country of Laos gained independence from France in 1953, which sparked **two decades of civil war** as well as heavy bombing by the USA during the Vietnam War. The communist leaders are still in control today, but are opening up the country to more western style economics. **The communist government wants to totally eliminate any Christian presence** in Laos and keep Buddhism as the only religion that the 6.5 million people can practice.

Our recent trip to Laos was ground breaking. As we landed in this beautiful land for the first time, our hearts were filled with the thrill of taking new ground for Jesus. In the city of Vientiane, the people are very easygoing and friendly. Thus, were able to meet many people and pray for them. On one evening, the Lord worked it out for us to meet with a government official and his family. We were able to share the gospel and our testimonies with them. On Sunday morning, as we were walking to the church, the Lord sent along a Christian man with a car who blessed us with a ride there since he was on his way there as well. The building and overflow room was completely full of people hungry for God.

It is dangerous and difficult for church leaders to leave the country to get training. Yet in some parts of Laos, entire villages have now turn to Christ. Pray that through **small house group fellowships**, the churches will grow and mentor other leaders as well. We are praying to expand our work in Laos. Please pray for all of the pastors, missionaries and those preaching the gospel to be bold in their witness for Christ in spite of persecution.