



**THE SITUATION**

**Greetings from Cambodia**

The defining point in the life and work of AOC occurs at the beginning and end of each year. Together the staff mediates, prays and celebrates the achievements of one year and the promise of the next. In a world of increasing financial insecurity, decreasing resources and great need it is easy to be overwhelmed and lose sight of the way ahead.

2009 signaled a significant growth point in AOC history, a lifting of the eyes to see a world beyond Lvea Em district.

Already governments in the region are implementing strategic development plans which are in the process of linking the Greater Mekong Sub-region together in a way not possible before. New roads linking Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand are almost complete. They intersect at Stung Treng, a province situated in North East Cambodia. Stung Treng has been identified as the hub of Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) and a potential area of expansion for Asian Outreach Cambodia.

Research trips to the area this year by AOC indicated an area with enormous needs and potential. The need to give people a hope and a future. A reality where men and women have gainful employment, meet the needs of their families and have a heart to care and serve others in the church and the community.

However, if we are to be effective in our work and ministry we must keep our focus on outcomes based on understanding future realities.

Future studies look at current trends and identify patterns from which different possibilities emerge. This area of work is growing in significance as governments and organizations seek to understand how robust their strategies are. Can we do no less?

How will the world change in the next 20 years? Population and economic growth, climate change, climate-related disasters, global epidemics, technological development, information technology and hierarchical political processes and structures, (N. Timmins, Footsteps 81, 2009).

If we are to be relevant tomorrow then we must study and consider the implications of the above today. To move forward we need skilled people to partner and run with us to reach this region and beyond.

As the year progressed I was sometimes overwhelmed by all that needed to be done, how can I manage this? Well by myself I cannot but as a team and with God's grace progress has been made.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement in 2009.

Peace and blessings to you and your family for 2010

Romanea and team of Asian Outreach Cambodia



**ASIAN OUTREACH CAMBODIA**

**Vision**

Sustainable Community Transformation

**Mission**

To serve, equip and support Cambodians to transform their community through an integrated and holistic approach resulting in sustainable community transformation

# IMPACT 2009

## Making A Difference in 2009

### In the Schools

110 teachers from 18 primary schools trained and teaching health education using Child to Child methodology

1392 (44%) students after health lessons showed positive changes in health habits/behaviors

368 Grade 9 students from 4 secondary schools were challenged through HIV/AIDS Awareness & Prevention lessons

360 students confidently presented health message at the combined schools health celebration in July.

Latrines for 4 more primary schools - improved health & hygiene for teachers and students. 18 primary schools in this district still have no functioning latrines.



### In the Community

1102 households reported hearing health message from primary school students.

83 youth (aged 18-22) in the community have been challenged through HIV/AIDS Karaoke

Youth Wise Choice program

8 men & 4 women from 5 villages trained as HIV community trainers. Reached 958 adults from 5 villages, which has led to a reduction in discrimination and an increase in community care for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families

34 Village Development Committee members trained in water & sanitation management. Each oversees the construction of BSF/latrines then educates & monitors 10-15 households within their community

307 households in 10 villages have improved hygiene practices, health outcomes as well as reducing debt burden due to preventable causes.



42 Adults and 8 children with HIV/AIDS have received home-based non discriminatory medical care & support. 41 were eligible & received ARV treatment, 38 are alive after 12 months treatment.



PLWHA, family/caregivers increased their understanding on how their thinking and feelings (mental health) impact their health outcomes and family life through participating in the HIV/AIDS Big Day Out.



Sothea (AOC) training VDC members



Above Educating Key Community Leaders Kasol (AOC) with HIV community trainers



BIG DAY OUT—where learning is fun

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### How one day's activity can impacted the local community

**December 17<sup>th</sup> 2009:** Christians from 6 local churches came together for the annual Christmas Outreach. Over the past three years AOC has worked alongside these church groups helping them to take responsibility for reaching and caring for their communities. During this year and especially this Christmas they have taken the initiative to be change agents in their communities

This year the combined local church committee organized and lead the entire event with some financial assistance from AOC. AOC has good relationships and favor with district Ministry of Health (MoH). This year the church committee themselves approached the MoH Health Centre for permission to hold the Christmas Outreach next to the Health Centre at Tuk Khleang. Approval was readily given.

**Audience:** people from all levels of the district were invited as well as those directly and indirectly involved or benefiting from AOC projects. On the day 470 attended, this included; 15 local government officials, 17 community leaders, 5 school principals, 11 teachers, 5 police, 5 elders from the pagoda, church and community members

**The message** shared by Pastor Sok Sokhom from Lvea Sor Baptist church was very clear on why Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus and why He came to earth to bring salvation to all mankind. All our honorary guests had front row seats, afterwards they shared in a very positive way about the message and the presentation.

As we do our part we can trust God to do his and touch their hearts in a real transforming way.

### Impact to the Poor

A small practice happened during the program, those present were asked to contribute to an offering which would go to help two very poor disadvantaged people. The people themselves are poor but gave what they could. 140,400 Reil (US\$34.24)

The Church gave 20kg rice to each person



All the audience, especially the elders from the pagoda and local authority of all level were very amazed by the love of Christians shown to the poor in the community.

**Chumchea** 52 years old is blind and paralyzed both legs lives by herself and survives by begging in and around where she lives



**Chang Vany** 38 years old has a chronic heart condition and cannot work. She lives with her elderly mother. They both gave thanks to the Lord. Chumchea who is blind cannot see through her eyes but in her heart now she sees the Lord through Christian believers.



24 new believers seeds gospel last year harvest this year.—seen chncage in hristinas in their area through the year

*“We were not trying to do business by create income from collecting the offering amongst the audients for our own group, but we want to create values of lives in our community” Said, Pastor Ruth Sithoeun, from Wesleyan church.*

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**Asian Outreach Cambodia (AOC)** is an associated member of Asian Outreach Alliance International. AOC registered as a Non Government Organization (NGO) with the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1993) and has an agreement with the Cambodian Ministry of Health (MoH) since 1996.

Currently AOC has 22 staff, 20 Khmer staff and 2 expatriate volunteers.

Since 1996 AOC has worked alongside the MoH in the southern half of Lovea Em district, assisting them to rebuild their infrastructure, improve the delivery of health services, and provide a service where those most in need could access emergency hospital treatment in Phnom Penh. In recent years AOC moved from relief to develop model. Today our activities include HIV/AIDS Homecare, School & Community Health Education, Community Water & Sanitation, School Latrines and Church Development activities.

## Opportunities for Service in 2010

### Expatriate Volunteers

Asian Outreach Cambodia (AOC) expatriate staff are volunteers who have committed themselves to work alongside AOC's National Director, staff and volunteers to achieve AOC's vision, mission and core values. On the field the volunteer is directly responsible to the AOC Director.

Expatriate volunteers (short and long term) need to come with existing, relevant skills and experience which will enable them to serve, support and equip national staff to develop the skills to become proficient and take responsibility for AOC's administration and program activities.

Expatriate staff (short and long term) must be familiar with and agree to complete the required documentation and background checks. To conduct themselves in accordance with AOC's expatriate staff policy, code of conduct, child protection policy and work within the terms and conditions of their Job Description, and other organizational policies and guidelines.

**Support Teams:** Each team is expected to cover the costs of the program/event that they will be participating in during their visit. This is over and above their personal and provincial expenses. All team members are to complete the required documentation and background checks and conduct themselves according to AOC code of conduct.



Staff Development-Mr Toyditz Philippines Latrines for Plou Trey

### Communications Manager (1-2 years)

If you are:

- a mission-minded person who can support AOC's vision, mission & core values
- understands that administration support is a vital part of missions work
- have excellent verbal & written communications skills in
- IT literate, have a relevant degree and/or experience in communications
- good interpersonal skills and enthusiasm for creative challenges.
- can collate reports, newsletters etc in a professional manner within the given timeframes. **Then this is for you**

### Short Term Opportunities

(2 weeks to 6 months negotiable)

For people with skills in the following areas

- graphic design, IT, marketing
- administration support to assist us prepare for NGO Best Practice Accreditation

However if you do not fit any of the above but are interested, then contact us

### Teams (1 to 2 weeks) to assist with

Construction school & community latrines  
 Youth Events eg International HIV Day  
 Support rural church—programs for women, children, & community care outreach events

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