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ASIAN OUTREACH CAMBODIA ANNUAL REPORT 2014.



DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



Dear Friends and Supporters,
On behalf of our team let me say, Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year to you, your family and
your colleagues.

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We are pleased to update you about AOC in 2014. Our vision is to bring hope and dignity by breaking the poverty cycle in rural communities in Cambodia. We serve this vision by focusing on helping to mobilize community resources through our projects, which serve to provide and promote health, income and education.

This report's theme is ownership and sustainability. In order to achieve this, we need to assist people with the right start and get them involved in the process from the very beginning of the plan and process. Secondly, we need to ensure they come up with their own ideas and are able to identify the good and bad points according to their own culture. Thirdly, by helping people to up skill, technically, conceptually and personally.

From the very beginning, one of AOC's core values has been to have national leaders and national programs. Over the past ten years, AOC has had a national leader, who has led the national team to carry out programs in order to bring about change for ownership and a sustainable purpose.

For AOC's future role, we will continue to facilitate and assist the local community and the local churches to grow and change in their technical capacity. Also to empower

leaders to lead and influence their whole society, with special focus on the next generation. 68% of Cambodia's population is under 40 years old, so the hope for Cambodia's future lies within its youth.

Through all we do at AOC we could not do it without your prayer and support. We thank you so much for this, it is invaluable to us. Let us give thanks to the Lord as He brings blessings to the ministries so that all of us can serve to build His Kingdom in Cambodia. We would like to also thank our friends, overseas teams, the staff, the board, the investors and our generous donors who have been praying and supporting AOC both financially and relationally in 2014. Thank you for your heart for our country and people.

In Him we serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thong Romanea'.

Thong Romanea
National Director
Asian Outreach Cambodia

PERSONNEL AND TEAMS

PERSONNEL AND TEAM UPDATE:

As 2014 draws to a close and we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus, another year is just around the corner and this is a time to reflect on the successes and challenges we've faced this year and how to positively and progressively move forward in to 2015.

This last quarter at AOC was a busy one, with many teams coming from New Zealand and Canada, as well as visitors and volunteers from Holland and the UK. The outcome of the teams was very good, with a lot of positive feedback, especially concerning raising funds and resources for numerous projects.

The AOC board meetings took place at the AOC office in Phnom Penh in March and down at Sihanoukville in October this year.

We've had six new staff members joining our team this year, joining ACTs/WatSan/Agriculture&Livelihoods projects and two leaving AOC after relocating.

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Ben and Hannah Wideman have also returned to the team, from Canada, having been SP interns last year; they are now full time AOC staff. Hannah will be heading up the non-formal education program teaching computer and English and Ben is looking to start an eco tourism business along side AOC. Jan and Aukje Berghuis were at AOC for six weeks, two in Stung Treng and a month in Phnom Penh, where they were looking at monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and providing two valuable training sessions for staff about SMART goal setting and M & E tools.

Highlights of 2014 from some of AOC's staff:

"Seeing the positive impact and happiness from the beneficiaries after receiving their BSFs and latrines. Another highlight has been seeing the WatSan and agriculture and livelihoods staff create good relationships with each other and families in the communities we work in." – **Bunsao, WatSan PM**

"My highlight this year at AOC was the staff retreat. It was a great time to relax, build relationships and review and reflect on work, as well as learning about other projects." – **Sophea, ACTs Team Leader**

"Seeing the ACTs pilot in Stung Treng up and running, we have been planning it for three years and to see it finally happening is brilliant." – **Kosal, ACTs PM**



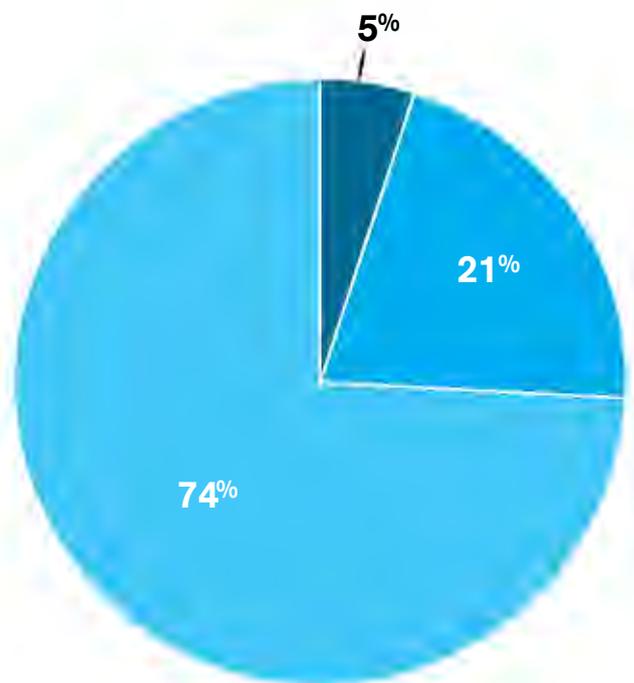
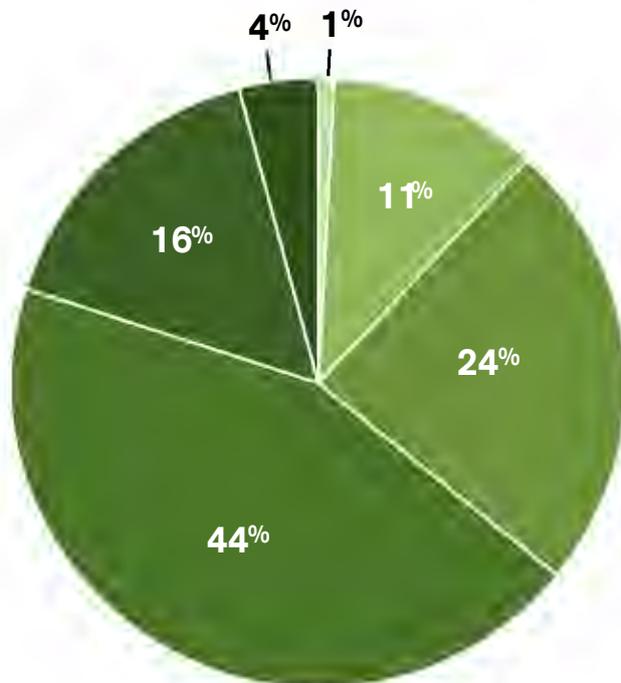
PRAYER POINTS

Some of the funding we were hoping for development of the agriculture project in Stung Treng has not eventuated, but we are submitting new proposals to other organizations. So please pray that these will come in so we can maintain and grow the ministry.

Funding for Water/Sanitation as well as Agriculture and Livelihoods and Community Hope Development program in Prey Veng and Lovea Em, Kandal province for 2015.

The safe arrival of Edith Watt and Jared and Emily Reid who will be joining AOC in the new year.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2014



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SOURCES OF AOC INCOME 2014

- Balance carried forward from 2013
- Organisations, Churches and Foundations
- AO Partner Ministries
- Individuals
- Other
- Income generated through projects

AOC EXPENSES 2014

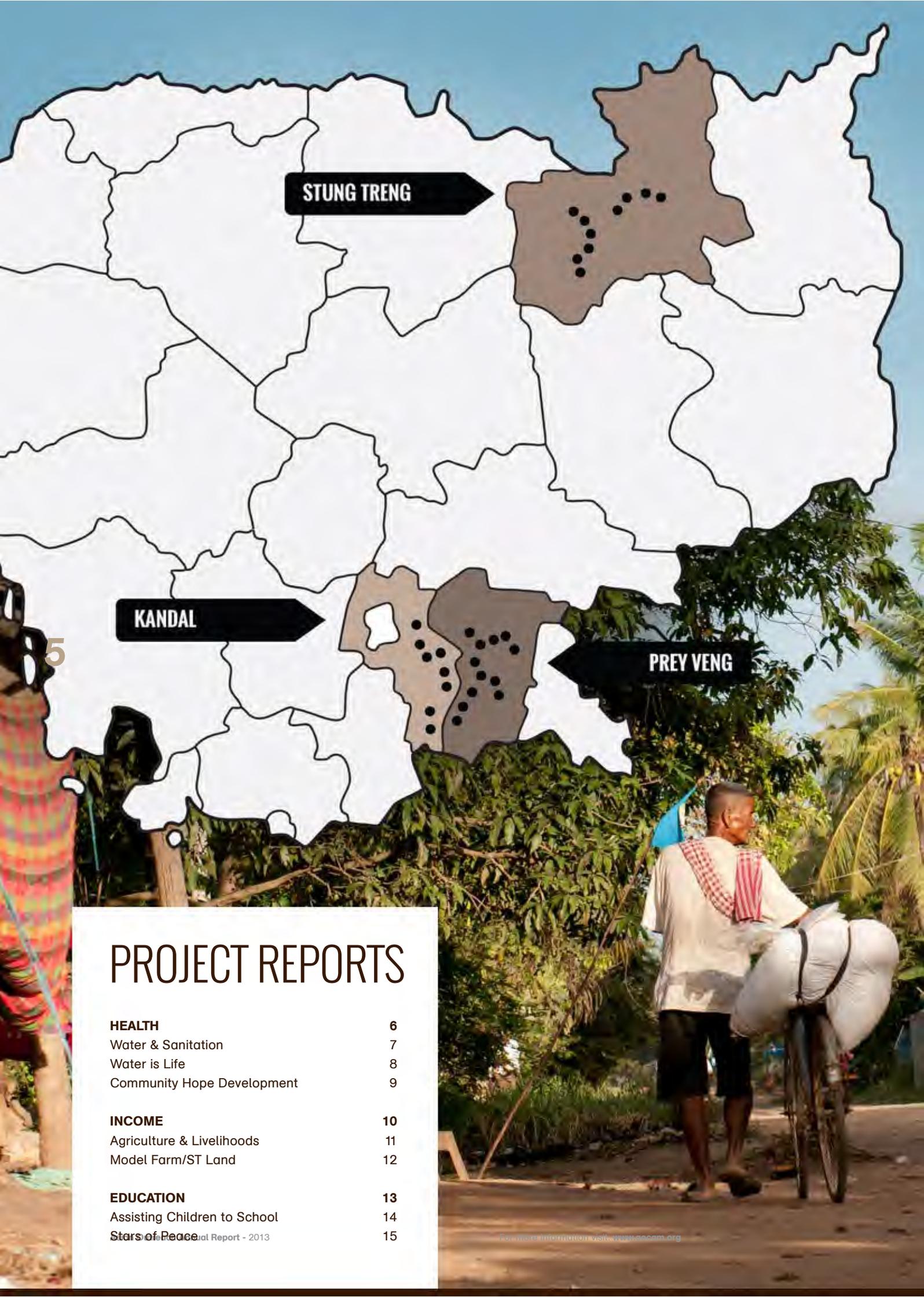
- Project Costs
- Ministry Staff/Support Costs
- Admin/Operational Costs

The charts above depict a breakdown of AOC's finances for 2014.

The income for 2014 was \$847,494 and the expenditure was \$604,118. The balance was primarily designated funds for projects that will be ongoing or completed in 2015.

Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and prayerful support needed to continue our mission. Your faithful financial contributions have played a key role in our success in providing hope to so many Cambodians in 2014. We at AOC are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like you who answer the call to give again and again and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

The AOC accounts are annually audited by an independent Certified Public Accountant. AOC is also certified by the Cambodia Committee for Cooperation (CCC) for Capacity Building and Good Governance Practice.



STUNG TRENG

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HEALTH

80% of Cambodians die due to preventable disease through unclean water and inadequate sanitation practices. 70% of the rural population still do not use a latrine or water filtration system, 50% do not have any access to clean water at all. Basic health knowledge is also a large contributor.

WATER & SANITATION

PREY VENG & STUNG TRENG

Through our Water and Sanitation and Water is Life projects AOC is committed to providing clean water and sanitation to thousands of people and villages across Cambodia.

The WatSan project provides Bio-Sand filters (BSFs) to families, for a one off payment of \$5. Water from any source can be used and once it's been put through the filter, it's clean water, ready to be used for drinking, washing, cooking etc.

This year 615 BSFs have been constructed for families across Prey Veng and Stung Treng provinces. WatSan also provides latrines for families, costing the families a one off payment of \$10. 648 latrines have been constructed this year in the same two districts.

People register their interest for the filters and latrines through the Village Development Committee (VDC) and then BSFs and latrines are assigned accordingly. A WatSan team member then helps assemble the filters, alongside the family and goes through care for the filter and how to use it. Once they are installed, the filters and latrines take very little upkeep and last for years, providing sustainable access to clean water resulting in better health as the spread of water borne diseases is considerably decreased.

As well as providing a practical solution to have access to better health and sanitation, the WatSan team hold health promotion training days, where they teach about health and hygiene. They've held fifteen of these training days in Prey Veng and Stung Treng in a number of villages throughout 2014, reaching out to over a thousand people (more than half of these women) directly, and as people take the knowledge to their households and back to their community, many thousands more indirectly. This helps create ownership of responsibility for families' personal health and hygiene, through educating about the importance of basic health and hygiene practices.

There are sometimes challenges in organizing the implementation of the latrines, because people are often out working on the farmland. Once the WatSan team successfully arranges a time though, the BSFs and latrines are extremely sustainable. They take little up keep and the WatSan team goes through with the families how to clean them etc., which ensures ownership and sustainability.

Here is the story of Ms Ngoun Vontha, one of this year's BSFs beneficiaries, she's 62 years old and her husband, Mr. Ngoun is 65 years old, they are famers. They have five children, three sons and two daughters and live in Prey Meas Village, Prey Veng Province.



Every day Vontha gets up at 5am to make breakfast for her husband and children and then she sets about cleaning the family home. Their water fountain at home is contaminated drinking water, which means the family is often ill from catching water borne diseases, costing the family money to buy medicine. It is a constant battle for the family, trying to stay healthy. The family is highly respected in the community and they always put a brave face on, even though the reality of their situation is very difficult.

One day Vontha heard from the village leader that AOC was coming to promote the water and sanitation project in her community, which made her and her husband very happy. Shortly after, AOC's staff came to construct and distribute water filters and latrines to the community. Vontha came quickly to register to receive a water filter and toilet. When she started using the water filter she said "I'm so happy, because of the water filter I have clean water for daily use and don't have to use dirty water anymore".

She believes 100% in the benefits of the water filters and now she doesn't have to spend time boiling water and saves lots of money because the family are ill a lot less often through having clean water. Now she has more money to invest in her farming work and to put towards her children's education. Vontha's dream is for her children to study to degree level and then for them to help develop the country of Cambodia as well as other developing countries. She is thankful for her new clean water supply, to AOC and praises Jesus every day!

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WATER IS LIFE

STUNG TRENG

Water is Life project is another way we are promoting, providing and encouraging better health through constructing wells that numerous families can use and gain access to clean water.

Through drilling and constructing hand pump wells; Water is Life has provided access to clean water for more than a thousand people, in 225 families in three villages throughout Stung Treng province. Fifteen wells were completed in December.

In order for the people in the community to take ownership of the wells, the team helped the communities to form groups, where three people were assigned as group leaders to be in charge of the wells. The group leaders were trained on health and hygiene and could then teach it to the rest of the families. Seventy-five well committees have now been set up and all are trained in good practice for the care and repair of the wells. A contribution towards the cost of the well of \$150 is made (spread between fifteen families); providing ownership and responsibility through the contribution.

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The Water for Life team also provides bible training for local churches and the communities get to hear the good news through the Wells project as well as having access to clean, easily accessible drinking water.

Here we hear from Mr. Chey Vy, 26, school principal of Ou Russey Kandal primary school in Siem Bok district, Stung Treng province. Before the new hand pump was installed, he was drinking from an open well. Because of the dirty water his family and also his students were often sick with diarrhea and the well would also often run empty, meaning he needed to spend money to buy water from the village shop, costing him \$20-\$30 per month. In his school there's no water for the students, which has been very tough for everyone. People in his village find it too difficult to bring water from a small stream as it takes over half an hour or more to walk to the water source and back.

One day some AOC staff came to his commune to conduct a survey for the wells project. AOC staff were introducing to the villagers that they were a Christian organization and they wanted to provide wells for the community. Hearing this, Vy was very interested and happy to work with AOC. He said, "Now my family and students will have wells, so we will have clean water for everyday use and drinking. Now, I won't need to spend money to buy water. I will be able to save money and spend more time with my family. It will also give my students good health". Now there is a new hand pump well

close to Vy's home that everyone can use, easily collecting the water they need. He added, "Thank you AOC for your help. I believe this community has been developed with the help of AOC and Neverthirst. You have both helped my community. Everyone now has a clean water source close to their home".



COMMUNITY HOPE DEVELOPMENT

KANDAL & PREY VENG

Traditionally, Cambodian people's spirituality is based on gaining merit through visiting the temple on assigned holidays, making donations for roads, bridges or schools, and appeasing and pleasing their ancestors/spirits in order to ensure a prosperous life and a good place in the next life.

Only 2% of the population is Christian. In some rural provinces it can be less than 0.5% and 72% of villages in rural Cambodia do not have churches. Many villages have not even heard the gospel. Spiritual poverty remains one of the greatest hindrances to transformational change.

Community Hope Development (CHD) is continuing to look after people's spiritual health and have had a successful year in 2014 and are positive as they move in to 2015, the second step of CHD's three-year plan.

There are still four main denominations being partnered and supported by local cell groups, which share the gospel in their villages. There are over thirty local younger and older Christian volunteer leaders, who need to be equipped and coached so that they can teach the good news to people in their areas. Despite good community activities CHD runs, such as the English and computer classes, women's ministry, cell groups and assisting the church income, we still faced challenges in carrying out these comprehensive works due to lack of resources, willing and passion to use these tools amongst communities. In this last quarter of the year, CHD has built more capacity, perception mobilization to the church/community so that they can see the potential and influence among their environments and enlarge the Christianity numbers significantly is the communities' vision and will be on going in 2015.

Through our partnership and unity goal to see more cell groups established, AOC and the churches have planned and will assist in the building of two small wooden churches, one at Chrouy Chre and one at Tuk Klang village. Sixteen Sunday school teachers have new program activities for their Sunday schools, after attending a Sunday School Program's training, where the CHD team provides new ideas and encouragement for the teachers. Fifteen young boys have formed a soccer team and have regular practice and have played with other schools too. This has proved to be great fun!

In November, thirty women were trained about health and hygiene and then shared their new knowledge to their families and neighbors. As we see the needs of women at the church, CHD's project will continue coaching self help group modules to them while they are open and willing to learn. We use Umoja's book-guided by ICC NGO.

Fifteen HIV/Aids effected families have received loans to continue running their businesses and to be able to assist their children to school by earning incomes and being able to pay off their debts and loans. Some villagers might discriminate against them by not buying their products, but we have been working alongside the churches who work together as a group, to show people compassion instead of judgment to those effected by the disease and to educate them about the reality of HIV, not the myths and the fear that often surround it.

In 2011 AOC began a project called Church Development and it's purpose was to help and strengthen the local pastors to be stronger in leadership skills. AOC helped Stihun and his father to become owners and have the rights to the land now. The land that was burnt was made in to a place where cell groups meet and in 2013 Computer and English classes were started. These classes are on-going today for young people that dropped out of school (often without a choice, due to having to find work to support the family income) and the vulnerable as well to study with Stihun and AOC staff, working together. The training centre is now running with ten computers and two classes of English language and there is a good relationship with the neighbors and authorities, with a greater understanding of the Christian faith. Stihun has just initiated a sports program for the youth's boys to play together and spend time to study the Word of God as well. Stihun's prayer is for more young people to come to Christ, through these classes and come along to Sunday worship.





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INCOME

34% of Cambodians live on less than \$1 per day. The average household makes \$70 per month. At least 12% of poor people are landless, with no way of making an income. Due to lack of income and food security, many children have to work the fields rather than go to school.

AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS

PREY VENG & STUNG TRENG

Through AOC's agriculture and livelihoods projects in Kandal, Prey Veng and Stung Treng provinces, our aim is to provide food security and an economic uplift to rural farmers.

During this period, 193 households, across all three provinces have been trained on agriculture techniques, such as rice planting; effects of using chemical fertilizer and pesticides; composting and natural pesticide producing; mushroom planting; crop planting; home gardening; animal raising (pigs and chickens); fish raising and agriculture marketing as well as health and hygiene practices, and diet and nutrition. Five farmer support groups were formed. People have learnt more knowledge on farming and how to reduce expenses and increase more yields by themselves.

116 household representatives across all three provinces received loans from AOC, for their farming. One great success this year is that every household that received loans are now implementing their new techniques in their farming to get more income.

Challenges we have faced this year include flooding, especially if farmers are planting crops on low land. Also, up north, many of the farmers live 2-4km from their land, which makes it tricky to get to the beneficiaries because of the bad road conditions. We overcome this challenge by going in good weather.



A story of determination, hard work and reward from one of our beneficiaries this year of the Agriculture and Livelihoods project. Douch Sopheap, 43 years old, lives in Prek Taroth, Prey Veng province. Sopheap is married; his wife, Kao Sokly is 33 years old and they have two children, Chetra and Phado. The family has no land for rice fields; only a 32 x 200 meter block of land, where Sopheap has farmed 90 mango trees for four years.

One day, Sopheap and his wife watched an agriculture program on TV, which was talking about a farmer raising chickens. After watching the program, they were inspired and decided to start raising chickens themselves. A few months later, the ten hens they bought produced around seventy chickens, fed on feed they bought from the market. Then, suddenly, almost all of their chickens died from diseases. They lost \$500 USD, so Sopheap headed to Thailand to find work.

Sopheap was in Thailand for two years, earning little money, living in bad conditions, which are notoriously bad for migrant workers, so he decided to return back to Cambodia, his homeland. In July 2013, he was selected to join AOC's agricultural training program. He learnt all about up-to-date agricultural techniques, including integrated farming, chicken raising, pig raising and gardening.

He started raising chickens again with another ten hens. He mixed the feed himself and also raised red worms, which provide good protein for chickens, enabling them to grow faster. Now Sopheap has eighty chickens and sells them to villagers most days, and fifteen hens that produce chicks for a new cycle each week.

His wife has also started a small business, buying vegetables, herbs and meat to sell to villagers by bicycle. She makes a profit of about \$4 USD a day.

Sopheap told us "I can earn up to \$100 USD per month from my chickens now and this first year I made \$1,300 USD from selling my mangoes." He continued, "My wife makes a profit of 16,000 Riel per day (\$4USD), which covers our daily food cost and we are now not worried about sickness in our family, because we have pure water from the BioSand Filter." He added, "I now understand clearly how to successfully raise chickens after joining AOC's training and I do not have to work far from my family. I can earn enough money to support my family and also to support my son, Chetra who is studying in grade three at school".

MODEL FARM/ST LAND

STUNG TRENG

In order to discover better and more cost effective farming methods and techniques the model farm and training centre in Stung Treng is an integral part of creating sustainable and profitable incomes for farmers in Stung Treng province.

Farmers will have opportunity to learn new methods and farming techniques to help them understand how to use their land in a more productive and sustainable way, both for livestock and cropping. Marketing techniques will also be addressed as many farmers lose out to the middlemen, who offer very little for the produce, then sell it on for a healthy profit. AOC will train the farmers to work together and form cooperatives, so as to be able to join their resources together, form viable markets and sell for a fair price. For this project, AOC has bought a piece of land to set up a hands-on training school where crops, gardens and livestock can be grown and new techniques taught on site.

We are slowly making progress on this, all legal documents and plans have now been submitted and approved, tenders are in to several bidding contractors, and we are hoping by the end of the year to have selected a contractor and finalized contracts ready to start building sometime in the New Year. One of our concerns is the need for an on site project manager to replace Ian McIntyre after his passing in August.

In early November Grahame Dyer was invited by Samaritans Purse to visit two organizations in Laos, both running successful agricultural co-operative programs. The trip was very insightful, being able to see first hand how these co-ops were run and being able to ask questions on challenges and successes they faced to get to this point. A lot of information gleaned from this trip will be incredibly useful in the future as we start the process ourselves of starting up a farmers cooperative.

There has been a lot of activity over the last three months on the model farm. The cashew nut trees have all been pruned and grass cut ready for February/March time when the nuts will be picked. The storage shed for supplies is finished and the fishpond will be filled before Christmas with 10,000 baby catfish. Straw has been collected to start growing mushrooms which will keep the staff busy, and the chickens are now on their 3rd cycle continuing to perform well. We are hoping to introduce meat chickens into the agriculture program next month, to see how well they do in the village, starting with 10 families in Srey Ruessei.

On the 19th of December we had our Christmas party/ Outreach for all the staff, casual workers and family

members, about 75 people in all. Many of our casual workers are not believers yet, but open as they attend all the devotions and bible studies. This was a great opportunity to share the gospel and message of the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior, not only to our staff, but their families as well. We also put a pig on the spit so there was a lot of good food and fellowship.



EDUCATION

57% of children have not completed primary education, and less than 20% finish secondary school. Due to poverty 20% of children ages 5-9 are involved in child labor, this number rises to 47% for children aged 10-14. 60% of schoolteachers received, at most, secondary education.

ASSISTING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL (ACTS)

KANDAL, PREY VENG & STUNG TRENG

We are very excited to have started the ACTS program in Thala village up in Stung Treng this quarter, with a new staff member, Vilay, coming on to the team to run this. Vilay has already had a week's debriefing in Phnom Penh with the ACTS team and has now started getting the communities and logistics ready to formally begin in the New Year. Kosal has also been up to Stung Treng to help with the set up of ACTS there.

ACTS has also started a pilot program alongside Stars of Peace project, in Prek Ho village. In September sixteen children from eleven families received a new school uniform, a pair of shoes, books and a new bicycle. ACTS also helps support the extra tuition fees of 15,000 Riel for each child, per month. There are also bi-weekly and monthly home visits to the children and their families to provide extra support and encouragement toward their study. Srey Nouch, one of the students said, "I am very happy that I have the bicycle to go to school". Srey Neang also said, "Thank you for all the school supplies and uniform. This support will help my mother not to worry much about our studies".

ACTS operations in Prey Veng and Kandal provinces are still ongoing and in October 223 children received new school uniforms and study supplies. AOC's board and visitors from Canada and New Zealand took part in handing them out.

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Knowing the importance, influence and impact the care at home affects a child, ACTS offered a training session for caregivers, to where 109 care givers turned out to learn about the five sectors of child development (Physical, Thinking/Intellectual, Emotional, Social/Behavior, and Spiritual). It was a great turnout and a very worthwhile opportunity to encourage and support families.

Continuing activities as part of ACTS include extra tuition classes. This year there have been 183 children who've had the opportunity to study in extra tuition of Mathematics, Khmer literature and life skills. AOC staff carry out home and school visits once a month to ensure that all children are being encouraged to study hard and are in good care. There is a good relationship with teachers and staff, working together to ensure the goal of providing education for all children, who are happy and healthy, equipped and able to learn, are being met. Happy Children's Club is on every Thursday and 90 children attend, learning the good news, through fun games and bible stories.

Challenges we have faced this year include being down on one teacher for extra tuition classes. We now have a community teacher in place for some of the classes. During the dry season, temperatures get very high and we see attendance issues with afternoon classes, as the road is very dusty and the children have to leave at the hottest time of the day to get to school.

This is Yeh Tong's story, who is a student from ACTS project. Every morning Yeh Tong's parents leave to go to work, his father is a construction worker and his mother goes to the field to pick vegetables. They make barely enough money to live off. Because of their poverty, Yeh Tong didn't start school until he was 7 years old; he often misses school to help work with his Mum at the field, picking vegetables. One day, Tong heard that AOC helps vulnerable and poor children to go to school. He ran home and told his Mum and asked her to register him for the ACTS program.

Two years later, Tong continues to study hard and with encouragement and support from his mother and ACTS project. Tong is thriving and his life has been transformed. He loves going to school and has many new friends. His father has also transformed his behavior, by stopping drinking and domestic violence. His father even encouraged Tong to join Happy Children Club. Because of the love of God, Tong's parents accepted Jesus as their Lord survivor. They come to church every Sunday.

STARS OF PEACE (SOP)

KANDAL

Cambodia's population is predominantly young people. Out of the 13,395,682 people living in Cambodia, 33.7% of the population is under 14 years of age. Almost 50% of the population is under the age of 18. "Cambodia is among the 36 countries with the highest burden of child under-nutrition and one of the 33 'alarming' countries for levels of hunger and under-nutrition". Poor health awareness and care leads to early death or severe health issues, which hinder growth and development.

This year has seen the start of Stars of Peace (SoP) project in Prek Ho village. At the beginning of May the doors opened for the pre school, providing early years education for up to thirty children, Monday-Thursday. Afternoon classes started in September.

Ongoing activities include monthly health and hygiene sessions (fifty children from 3 - 15years take part) and child nutrition (feeding program will resume once the MoU is signed with the Government).

There were ten mothers plus 11 babies and young children we visited in 2014 as part of our pre and post-natal support.

This year we have had seven community awareness and training sessions, where 18-22 mothers and grandmothers joined and they were great in bringing the community together and learning from each other.

There were three main events held this year: Mother's Day, the International Children's Day and Family Fun Day. 200 children and adults participated in these three events.

SoP has been integrated with other projects at the end of this year. These include the ACTS and also, through Ms. Edith Watt, the five months Water project and rice distribution, conducted by Hungry for Life organization with approximately 100 families for water project and 50 families for rice distribution. This integration pilot added value to SoP's goal and is highly support by the community and the village authority.

Part of the overall goal, SoP's aim is to see the community's ownership and taking part in what we are doing. SoP involves parent/s, caregivers, children and villagers with the project's activities at all levels. One example is in the community preschool, where two people were hired from the community to work with the team. The long term goal is to release all the responsibility to the community to take care of their own children and community.

Part of the SoP team, this is Chandy and Savon's story. Mr. Sroun Chandy is married to Mrs. Cheourng Savon. They live in Prek Ho village and have a 10 month old son, Virak Bot.

Chandy has had many jobs, as a construction worker, photographer and sometimes a motor dup driver. After they had their first baby, Savon decided to leave her job as a garment factory worker as she wanted to take care of her baby full time. Chandy had to work extra hours and during the weekends, but it was still not easy surviving on one income.

The SoP team knew them and their family well, as in 2013, their family had opened their home for the team to work in for almost eight months. When the project started in 2014, SoP needed to hire a teaching assistant from the community to join the team. They both were interested and asked if they could fulfill the role. The team saw both their hearts believing in building a strong community in their village and wanting to provide for their family, so they were asked to join the SoP team.

Their involvement and willingness to learn has been a witness to their own community and the value to family. They continue to gain trust from the community; through the way they show love and care to the children in the preschool.

Savon's dream is to see all children in the preschool grow healthy and happy. During the team's meeting, Chandy shared that "my heart goes toward the children as the more I get to know and be close with them". The team was amazed to see their love and progress they made during these past eight months. We will continue to support them and build them up in their roles as children caregivers in their own community.

Chandy and Savon thank the project for giving them the opportunities to join the team and trust them that they could do it. They are happy that they are a part of something meaningful for their own community and the children. By having them as part of our team is also creating ownership as they are from the village and sustainability by teaching people from the community how to help their community.



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