

15 Years and Counting – Thanks Be to God

Cambodian Communities out of Crisis was born in 1994 during a visit to Cambodia by recent Bible college graduate Ross Rennie.

Ross, founder and director of CCC, recalls what happened.

“My host, Myers Cooper, took me on a route march in blistering heat to the place where his church met. When we reached the building I was dismayed to find that we had to climb several flights of stairs to the hall where the meeting was to take place. But I was so glad I persevered. I have never, before or since, experienced such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as happened on that day”



As a result of a dramatic encounter with God, and a meeting with three Cambodian church leaders that followed it, Ross returned to the United Kingdom with a vision to found an organisation that God could use to equip the Cambodian church. The rest is history (which you can read on our web site), but we give God all the glory for what happened on that day and over the ensuing 15 years.

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We Want To Go To School!



Education in Cambodia is in a mess. Students are dropping out of school because they cannot afford to pay the ‘informal fees’ levied by their teachers. Many teachers fail to turn up for lessons because they need other jobs to supplement their meagre salaries. Some students pass their school-leaving exams, not through their ability, but by cheating or bribing the examiners.

Cambodian Communities out of Crisis pays for children to attend high quality private schools with reliable teachers.

Our **Dump Kids Project** also makes it possible for 15 children of rubbish dump scavengers to go to school.

From this...



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... thanks to the help of our sponsors.

We could do so much more with your help. Send your gift to the address on the back page, visit our web site to give online or contact us to discuss sponsoring an individual child.

An Evil Man... Saved By Grace

During the period when the Khmer Rouge governed Cambodia, from 1975 to 1979, a man named Kaing Guek Ieu (also known as Duch), was the director of S-21, a notorious 'security office' located in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh. Duch, a former mathematics teacher, supervised the interrogation, torture and execution of an estimated 17,000 men, women and children at S-21.



When the Khmer Rouge regime fell to invading Vietnamese forces, Duch fled to the Thai border and changed his name to Hang Pin. In 1999 the journalist Nic Dunlop tracked down Hang Pin and identified him as Duch. Duch then turned himself in to the police, was arrested and was placed in pre-trial detention for the next ten years.

In 2009 a joint court established by the Cambodian government and the United Nations began its first trial of a former Khmer Rouge official – Duch, who was charged with crimes against humanity.

During the trial Duch read out an apology, in which he stated, "I admit my legal responsibility for everything that took place there, especially the torture and killing. I would like to apologise to all surviving victims and their families who were mercilessly killed at S-21. I say that I am sorry now, and I beg all of you to consider this wish. I wish that you would forgive me for the taking of lives, especially women and children, which I know is too serious to be excused. It is my hope, however, that you would at least leave the door open for forgiveness."



Guilty or not guilty? That is for the court to decide. But the remarkable thing is that in the court of heaven Duch – torturer and murderer – is not guilty. While living under his assumed name, Duch heard the gospel, repented of his sin, received Jesus as saviour and was baptised. "I told Nic Dunlop, 'Christ brought you to meet me,' Duch said at his trial. "I said, 'Before I used to serve human beings, but now I serve God.'"

Jesus Christ bore our sins in His body on the cross – even Duch's sins. God's grace is so great that even someone responsible for the deaths of 17,000 people can be forgiven. Astonishing, hard to comprehend, but true.

Let the River Flow



New River of Life Church is growing. Led by Pastor Annie, they meet in her home. She has insufficient income to pay the rent. They have run out of chairs to sit on. They only have musical instruments and Bibles because generous friends have donated them.

Pastor Annie is a widow with two teenage children. She works part-time but the economic downturn has reduced her hours. As well as leading a church in Phnom Penh she has planted churches in two villages.

If you would like to send a gift to New River of Life Church or Annie's family, you can do so through Cambodian Communities out of Crisis.

The Answer is Zero

Members of the public are rightly concerned that as much as possible of the money they give to charity reaches the people who really need it, rather than getting swallowed up in running costs. We looked at the latest (2008) accounts for Cambodian Communities out of Crisis to check up on how much money actually gets sent to Cambodia.

Question: What percentage of gifts received by CCC is used for staff salaries?

Answer: Zero. CCC has no staff. Unpaid volunteers run CCC.

Question: What percentage of gifts received by CCC is used for administration and fundraising?

Answer: Zero. The money that CCC received from the government under the Gift Aid scheme covered these expenses. However we did have to use 3% of donations for things like accountancy and data protection registration fees.

The next time you are out shopping and someone with a clipboard asks you to give to a major charity, why not ask how much of what you give will reach someone in need? Can they match our 97%?

Think Small – Give Big – Give to CCC