



**Suosdai!  
(Hello)**

We were sent by the Japan Baptist Convention in March 2015 and did mission work in Cambodia for 8 years until March 2023. In April 2023, we received an invitation from CBU (Cambodia Baptist Union) to continue mission work in Cambodia through the Lord's leading and His Word.

However, there is no financial support from CBU, so we pray that we can connect with churches and individuals in Japan in prayer and continue our mission work with specific support.

**From 2024 to 2025**

Happy New Year! It is a pleasure to celebrate the New Year in Cambodia again this year. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and support. We hope to keep our eyes on the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, who always walks ahead of us, and to work hard in His mission.

During the New Year's holidays, it was colder than usual in many parts of Japan. December in Cambodia was also colder than usual. Below, we focus on the events of last November and December.



**Yokohama Onnuri Christ Church visited in November 2024  
Memorial photo after the children's market**



**Practicing the praise song "Taentae" at Sunday School**

**Praise song "Taentae" (always)**

This song is a children's praise song written and composed by Jesus Family Church, a church in Machida City, Tokyo, Japan. We heard it for the first time when we visited this church last summer. We were inspired to introduce it to the children of our church and praise with them, so we translated it into Khmer. After introducing this "Taentae" (always) in Sunday School, the children loved this song and started praising it every week at worship services.

**For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Psalm 116:8-9(NIV)**



After that, the youths chose “Taentae” as a practice song for their music class, which started in September. Meanwhile, the children's leader started practicing the dance moves for the song. In the midst of all this, a missionary friend of ours contacted us about a joint children's event. He asked us to do a performance by the children. We decided to perform “Taentae,” which we had just started practicing, as a special worship service, with the children's leader singing and dancing and the youth playing musical instruments. We thank God for His guidance.



**Children's leader praising the song “Taentae” with dancing movements**

## Joint Children's Event

On Sunday, October 20, a multi-church children's event was held in Phnom Penh. More than 100 children and youth from Phnom Penh and provincial churches participated, more than last year. We, the CBU office churches, had nearly 40 children join the event. The children leaders and youths were dressed in matching T-shirts, and joyfully and proudly led the worship service.



**Special praise “Taentae” by youth and children's leaders**

The children leaders and youth have been practicing hard for the joint children's event. It is nothing but the Lord's grace that the children and youth, who had never learned music in school, were able to do so well. “Taentae” has now become a favorite praise song of both the children and youth of our church. We thank God from the bottom of our hearts that He led us to meet such a wonderful praise song and guide us to serve at the children's event.



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## Yokohama Onnuri Christ Church Mission Outreach

In early November, a team of six from Yokohama Onnuri Christ Church, led by Pastor Shinichi Nishiyama, visited us and engaged in mission work for five days. During their visit to a village near Killing Field, they used the open space for evangelism by performing magic tricks and skits. This was the first time to hold an outdoor evangelistic outreach in this village. Many children and residents were able to hear the gospel of Jesus.



**At a village near the Killing Field Open-air evangelistic outreach**



**Pastor Shinichi Nishiyama (third from right) and his team. They offered a guitar and cajon**

At the Sunday service, a guitar and a cajon(box drum), which the youth had been praying for, were offered by the team. The guitar and the cajon will be used for the youth's activities from now on.

To the team of Yokohama Onnuri Church, thank you so much for bringing so many blessings from Yokohama this time. We will see you again in Cambodia!



## ABWU Regional Conference

On October 28, ABWU (Asian Baptist Women's Union) held an international conference in Phnom Penh, where more than 100 women members from CBU and other Baptist federations in Southeast Asia participated. There were many presentations of reporting, cultural performances, and messages from each country.

We sold macramé plant hangers at the ministry booth with Khema and Sreymom, two of the members of the ministry "Thread of Hope". We are grateful for the opportunity to spread the "Thread of Hope".



**ABWU Conference, at the ministry tables  
Khema (center) and Sreymom (left)**

## First Youth Worship Service

In November, a Youth Worship Service was held for the first time. This is a worship service in which the youth are in charge of all the roles. Through prayer with the members and God's help, we have been practicing praise and music instruments little by little. On the last Sunday of November, God used the gifts of the youth to lead the Sunday service.

The youth who hosted the program, led the praise, played instruments, and read the Bible were all united in their hearts, and it was a time of grace to serve the Lord together.



**Youth members practicing their instruments  
after the worship service**



**A scene from the worship praise.  
Girls are in charge of singing, boys are in charge  
of playing instruments.**

On December 29, We had Christmas service at the CBU Office Church. The children and youth had practiced the Nativity play until that day. The children wore costumes and danced, and the children's leaders and youth played musical instruments.

This year, in addition to the children's drama, the children's leaders and youth played the pianica, recorder, guitar, and cajon for the first time, making the Nativity play a concert-like performance. Many of the participants were parents of children who came to the church for the first time. The parents were surprised and moved to see their children acting so differently and joyfully.

All of us, children and adults, were inspired by the sight of these young people. All of this is nothing but God's work and grace.

**"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."**

**(1 Corinthians 3:6)**

Please pray for the further growth of the youth who will lead the church in the future.

## Year-end Christmas service



**A scene from the Christmas service  
Children praising, dressed in costumes**

There are many parents in Cambodia who feel hesitant about Christianity. However, just as something changed in their children when they met Jesus at our church, we believe that the parents' image of Christianity will change as well, hoping that some of them will connect with Jesus. We pray that this event will be an opportunity for the parents to connect with the church.



**Children who performed the Nativity Play**



**Parents of the children came to see the event**

Guests from Horios Baptist Church, which hosted a joint children's event in November, also joined us. Together with over 100 people in total, we were able to remember the birth of Jesus and worship together. It was a wonderful Christmas service with God's amazing grace and blessings. We thank the Lord for His guidance.

## School Life of Kross and Ace

Kross and Ace attend a mission school (Hope International School) in Phnom Penh. Kross is currently in his first year of high school and Ace is in his first year of junior high school. Ace also attends the Phnom Penh Japanese Language Supplementary School once a week.

Kross participates in a volunteer activity called "VIA" which is a required subject. This is an assignment class in which students are required to serve in various roles for a period of time. It is part of Christian discipleship training and is a valuable experience of giving of one's time to God. For example, they can serve on their school's student council, coach a club, or serve in their church. Through this assignment, Kross helps us make a video introducing our missionary work and helps us prepare for Sunday School.

Meanwhile, the supplementary school participated in the Bon Odori Festival in late October, where Ace's grade was in charge of the "chocolate banana" booth.



**At the chocolate banana stand at the festival Ace working with classmates to prepare**

Ace and his classmates worked hard to prepare and sell the chocolate bananas. Many people purchased the bananas and they were sold out.

Kurosu and Eisu successfully completed the first semester of the class process, and the Hope School entered a three-week vacation just in time for Christmas. Both of them had a very fruitful time, both in academics and sports activities. We thank everyone for their prayers.

<Prayer requests>

1. For the children and youth of the CBU office church to grow further by the grace of the Lord.
2. For the community near Killingfield and the church area will be transformed by the gospel.
3. For "Thread of Hope" new design "Angkor Wat" to be blessed and be spread to many people.
4. All financial needs, such as mission work, livelihood, and children's school fees, will be met.

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