



Suosdai! (Hello)

Praise be to the name of the Lord. We were sent out by the Japan Baptist Convention in 2015 and served as missionaries in Cambodia for eight years until March 2023. In April 2023, we were invited by the Cambodian Baptist Union (CBU), and we were led to continue our missionary work in Cambodia.

In January 2024, the supporting group "Living Field" was established. Also, in August 2025, we have joined the Korean missionary organization "WUPM." Guided by the Lord's Word and direction, we continue our work in the mission field.



What is new?

Thank you always for your prayers and support. Since returning to Phnom Penh in early August, three months have passed so fast. Large typhoons struck neighboring countries in September and October, causing significant damage. While Cambodia did not suffer as much damage as its neighbors, areas across the country experienced flooding and wind damages. During this period of time, we went through continuous rain from morning, and periods of overcast skies lasting more than a week. Consequently, many people experienced health issues. This report shares the events of God's grace that occurred over the two months of September and October.



Scene in Phnom Penh City
A construction rush of tall buildings and apartment complexes continues.



At the home of Rev. Muppon's (left) uncle
After the meal, we joined in prayer for the uncle.

Visit to Pastor Mupong In Prey Veng Province

Early September, We visited a rural area of Cambodia for the first time in a long while. It was Prey Veng Province, rich in nature, about a two-hour drive east from Phnom Penh. There, We met a female pastor, the name is Mupong, who has been sharing the gospel in this area for many years, and also met her uncle. Rev. Muphon had been sharing the gospel with him for years, but until now, he had been unable to open his heart.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

However, during a meal with her uncle and Pastor Chun(CBU), the Lord touched his heart. Amazingly, her uncle was led to pray a prayer of confession of faith alongside Pastor Chun. We wholeheartedly praise the Lord for this wonderful work!

Pastor Mutpong's wish is to dedicate her house as a home church, a place where she can worship together with the local community. We heard that repairs and expansion are now needed for this purpose. We prayed together that the Lord would further expand the missionary work in this area and that the vision given to Pastor Mupong would bear fruit.



Pastor Chun (left) prayed, and her uncle (center) was led to make a confession of faith.



Melodica class after the worship. They can now play one phrase of the hymn.

In the ministry for supporting women "Thread of Hope," they joined in wrapping work, and encouraged the members, Khema and Sreymom, through the purchases of the products. In the community near the church, they shared God's love and shared the blessings through a evangelism skit . The heart-shaped candy packs the team prepared for the residents that day seemed to represent God's love. Upon hearing about a man suffering from illness, the team laid hands on him and prayed for healing. His family surely found comfort. Compared to last year's first visit, interactions and relationships with the residents seemed to have deepened more.

In addition, at the children's event and Sunday worship program at the Church, the team members showed their wholehearted service to the Lord. We give thanks for the Lord's guidance.



With Rev. Mupong (center) in front of her house. May new things continue to unfold by the Lord

“Be a blessing” — Yokohama Onnuri Church —

From Saturday, September 13th, a team of seven members from Yokohama Onnuri Christ Church visited for four days and participated in our missionary work together. The theme given to the team this time was “Be a blessing.”

“Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you...you will be a blessing” Genesis 12:1–2
As the words of God says, the team members poured out the Lord’s blessings in various places.



In the community. They listened to a man who has suffered from illness for years and joined in prayer

On the last day of the tour, we visited Rev.Mupong's home in Prey Veng Province and were able to hold a children's outreach program. Actually, rain had been falling continuously right up until the start, and we were worried the event might be canceled. However, as soon as we arrived on site, the heavy rain suddenly stopped, and the weather cleared up to a blue sky in no time. Under this pleasant sunshine, our team members were able to boldly share the gospel with the children. We give heartfelt thanks for God's powerful work and guidance.

In this way, the Lord delivered many blessings to Cambodia through the team from Yokohama Onnuri Church. And the work to prepare Rev.Mupong's house as a house church has already begun, made possible by precious offerings to the Lord. We will continue to pray that the Lord will bring forth new things in this place.

Feeling God Closer — Outreach Event For Children —

On October 12th, a children and youth outreach event was held at a church in Phnom Penh. Now in its third year, this program consistently provides a opportunity for children from rural areas and Phnom Penh churches to meet and get to know each other. This time, a total of 25 members from CBU joined, and together with churches gathered from Phnom Penh and the provinces, over 150 children came together. The event was held at Horaio's Baptist Church, where a missionary from India serves. Children from each church prepared praise songs, plays, dances, and more for this day, having surely practiced diligently.



The performance day

All were joyful as they offered their praise.

A youth member who had initially thought it would be difficult to join due to his work suddenly became able to join. With him, skilled at the melodica, joining in, the unity of the performance grew stronger. The children also never gave up, practicing repeatedly until they could gradually sing the difficult parts. The youths and children found their rhythm together, and by the time the performance arrived, their hearts and music were united as one.

On the day of the event, the CBU team offered their special praise with great joy, giving heartfelt thanks to the Lord. This experience will surely remain in the hearts of the members as a blessed event. We believe it became a time when they felt God's presence even closer.



**Rehearsal practice the day before the event
Prayer before practice.**

Our CBU team prepared and offered two special worship songs with musical instruments. Both songs were given to us by the Lord last month through the mission team from Japan. For this day, CBU's youth and children's leaders practiced every week. Singing along to live music was a difficult challenge for the children, as most had very little experience with it. Some children even stopped attending practice.

Praying for the Lord's encouragement, we continued practicing, focusing not on what we couldn't do, but rejoicing together over what we could do and what we had learned to do, encouraging one another. Amidst this, something wonderful happened.



**At Horaio's Baptist Church (Phnom Penh)
Over 150 children and youth participated**



**With a work in progress in hand.
On this day, Khema's relative, Sokeng
(far right), also came as a guest.**

“Thread of Hope” Recent Update

Starting in September, our products are now on sale at the Christian bookstore “Oasis Yokohama” in Yokohama City. We pray this will expand to other branches in the future. Currently, Khema and Srey Mom are trying their hand at creating new items like mobile phone straps and coasters, in addition to the new macramé bags. Developing new products involves many challenges only found through actual attempts. We spend our days making prototypes, refining them, and then working on the next prototype. Through each step of this process, we believe the Lord guides us toward the best outcome, encouraging one another as we continue our weekly efforts. We would be grateful for your continued prayers.

Kross and Ace's School Life

Kross and Ace are studying at Hope International School, a mission school in Phnom Penh. Starting in August, Kross advanced to the second year of high school, and Ace advanced to the second year of middle school.

In September, the school held a camp, and Kross's grade visited Siem Reap, famous for Angkor Wat. In addition to touring the Angkor monuments, they participated in volunteer work at a facility for children without family. It was reportedly an exceptionally fruitful experience. Kross will deepen his studies while looking ahead to university. We would be grateful for your prayers.



**With Angkor Wat glowing in the morning light,
The whole class took a memorial photo.**



**In an external basketball match
Ace (left) prepares to transition to the next move**

On the other hand, Ace is putting his energy into basketball through his school club activities. At Hope School, the club sports (soccer, volleyball, basketball) change every three months. Since last year, Ace has been participating in basketball in addition to soccer. Recently, as he's grown taller, he says he feels he's improving in dribbling, defense, and shooting.

For both boys who love sports, having opportunities not only in soccer but also in basketball is a great blessing. We thank the Lord for His blessings in both their academic studies and sports activities.

To continue His mission work —Regarding financial needs—

We sincerely thank you for your prayers and support, and above all, for the Lord's blessing and guidance that have enabled us to continue the mission work in Cambodia until now. This time, we would like to share with you the financial needs required to continue His mission work here.

Currently, we require around ¥500,000 monthly (covering tuition, living expenses, rent, and ministry costs). Thankfully, as of the end of October, the needs for the next four months have already been met. However, we have not been provided for beyond that period. We would be grateful if you would pray that our monthly needs be met by the Lord, and that we ourselves be able to walk trusting in the Lord who always opens the heavenly windows and to always have hope in Him.



**We are really grateful that we could continue our
life and mission work here in Cambodia**

<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 developing new products for the Ministry "Thread of Hope" be guided by the Lord.
4. May all the financial needs be met, with new churches be raised up to join the mission in Cambodia.

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