



BI-ANNUAL REPORT

ASIAN OUTREACH CAMBODIA

JULY TO DECEMBER 2017





LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A CHAPTER OF CHANGE

27 years ago God spoke to leaders in Hong Kong, Malaysia and New Zealand that they were to pioneer in the war torn country of Cambodia. So they partnered together to start Asian Outreach Cambodia (AOC). We began with the Boat of Hope along the Mekong River where no one else was going. Then as the country stabilized, we changed to establish health and maternity clinics. Then we began community and church development in 2 provinces.

Now after 20 years in those areas we have seen significant change. For example, from no known churches to now 15% Christian and now over 80 % of the population have access to clean water.

We know that just as important as is to have a plan to begin in an area, it is also vital to have a responsible exit strategy. Otherwise, even with the best of intentions, you can stay too long and create unhealthy dependency. So over the last 18 months in provinces just outside Phnom Penh, we have begun to transition by carefully handing over the running of projects to local churches, community groups and other agencies. There will always be needs there, but we eventually have to empower and equip the locals to meet those challenges.

The call to pioneer is still on AOC and so for the next season, we are going to primarily focus on the largely unreached and impoverished areas in the northeast of Cambodia particularly Stung Treng province. This also has a wider impact, as it forms a regional transport hub for Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. Our work will still be meeting immediate needs but also aiming for sustainable and integrated transformation in this crucial location spiritually, economically, physically and educationally. The model farm and recently completed Hope Centre will be a key asset to us in this.

We are so grateful for all your faithful partnership with us over the years and look forward to journeying with you again in this next exciting season of pioneering.

As you know, NHAP Piseth has been the Acting National Director for AOC this year while we have been working through the transition of most of our ministry activities to Stung Treng. He has played a key part in making this shift possible and we are very grateful to him.

After much prayer, Piseth has now decided that God is calling him to stay in Phnom Penh and work alongside his brother in their local church and youth ministries. We totally respect his decision and although he is stepping down from this leadership role, we will continue to keep a close relationship with him.

The AOC Board has therefore unanimously appointed Jared Reid as Executive Director and Emily Reid as Operations Director, based in Stung Treng. NITA Bunthoeun will be our Administration Manager in Phnom Penh.

The main focus and desire of Jared and Emily are to intentionally and strategically develop, train and empower Khmer leadership over the next season. Our key value of national leadership is still strong and therefore they will prioritize their investment into this process. We are very thankful for their heart and dedication to this.

We have an amazing team at AOC the Board, the project staff, the senior leaders, our community and church leaders and our partners. We are very excited about the next season as we serve together under God's leading in this great nation.

BRUCE TAYLOR,

ASIAN OUTREACH CAMBODIA BOARD

JARED REID

ASIAN OUTREACH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A.C.T.S

ASSISTING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

ACHIEVEMENTS

110 children completed the school year. We are seeing real improvements in some students learning. Happy Club is running in all four of our ACTS villages, using people from the local churches to help run the classes.

STRUGGLES

- For 2017 this project was never fully funded and the donor who has committed funds has yet to give to the project.
- Staff personal family struggles put some things on hold for a couple of months (parent workshop/school toilet block).

NEW INITIATIVES:

- Handing out 20 bicycles to children who walked further than 3km one way in Tropeang Veng village.
- Our first parenting workshop was held, combining two villages in August it received great response and feedback.
- Get Active for ACTS to raise funds to finish 2017 and start 2018 off strong.
- Our first workshop for teachers was held this month, training local ACTS teachers on Blooms Taxonomy, working with the government to do so.

MOVING FORWARD NEXT STEP:

- Start the new school year again with 110 children.
- Add more children as funding transitions from PP to ST or as we raise more funds. We've already got an additional 25 children ready.
- Viley is getting more involved with the local NGO education group and in doing so is connecting with the Ministry of Education, to work together helping the children.
- Looking ahead to 2018 seeing how ACTS and THC can work together to continue to train and upskill local teachers/educators.
- GetActiveforACTS campaign goal = \$25,000

BENEFICIARIES

110 Children

LOCATION

Chavang, Sam'ang, Thopeang
Veng and Along Svay



THE HOPE CENTRE:

A MULTI PURPOSE TRAINING CENTRE FOR VARIOUS VOCATIONAL COURSES

ACHIEVEMENTS

Weekly Community English nights free and open to the community
Hosted our first retreat with Neverthirst of over 30 people
Hosted local expat community potluck of 19 people
Ran workshop for local educators on Bloom's Taxonomy
Five teams have stayed at The Centre
Three English and two Computer graduations.
Hosted local homeschoolers art class and end of year exam.
Community Christmas celebration
Pastors training workshop: Personal and spiritual development
Kids camp (LFLF) with over 200 kids
Every room in the centre is finished
God is using it as a tool

LOOKING TO THE NEXT 12 MONTH WE AIM TO:

- Continue English and Computer classes, though add workshop with specific focuses.
- Start music and art classes
- Offer workshops in QuickBooks Accounting and Budgeting, Business, Education Sector, Management/Leadership skills.
- Run children's camp
- Host a local NGO Education group quarterly meeting, as well as other local government meetings
- Continue Community English nights
- Open our Resource Community Centre (Libraries, games, computers)
- Continue to grow the name and be known as a safe and fun place in the community to gather.
- Continue to host donors, teams, guest and interns.
- Offer a retreat package to outsiders.
- Work alongside AOC staff to focus on their professional development needs and help gain the skills they need.
- Provide training to equip local church leaders.
- Partner with other in country organisations and work together using their skills and our resources to help locals.

(FITOUT)

- Overhead shade for outside courtyard
- Moto parking (specifically needed in wet season)
- Washing Machine
- More tables and chairs for larger groups



BENEFICIARIES

- English Students
44 students (six classes)
- Computer Students
20 students (two classes)

STRUGGLES

- Location from CBD
- Becoming known in the community
- Our greatest need is funding for staff. To train and reach the people we need trainers

STRUGGLES (FITOUT)

- Lack of skilled labour both locally and volunteer guests
- Communication problems
- Jared and Peter have physically had to do a lot of hands on work



IMPACT STORY: HENG LY

A NEW STUDENT GAINED THROUGH THE RELATIONSHIP HIS FATHER, A PIG FARMER, HAS WITH AOC



One of the great joys we've found having The Hope Centre is how it's been a tool to tie our projects together along with connecting us more with the local community. Let me share a story with you to paint a clearer picture. Every week on a Thursday evening we have Community English night; this is when all our English classes combine and we encourage the students to invite their friends for a fun evening where all our native English speaking staff come and we together play games, practice English and build relationships. We've found this to be a real highlight each week for our students and lots of laughter and creativity takes place.

In early October our Model Farm project had a local farmer come to sell us one of his sow. While visiting he inquired about The Hope Centre and what we offered there, having also seen the advertisement on the front gate. Our administrator shared about our English classes and we invited him and his family to come. So later that week on the Thursday Community English night in walked what appeared to be a shy young boy. That evening we happened to have some big island guys from New Zealand visiting once we got them to move away the young boy, Thong Hen Ley started to talk, joining in the games, activities and turned out he had great English. He's continued to return week after week, bringing his friend. He enrolled in the weekly English classes and arrives 20 minutes early each evening excited to learn. There's been times we've been in town and seen him at a distance he's smiled and waved out to us.

At the end of the year AOC hosted a community Christmas event where we invited the local church partners and beneficiaries to come and celebrate Christmas but also pray for the new year together. We invited all our students to come to this event. We were really encouraged to see Hen Ley come, again early, and he was able to hear the gospel message, see the Christmas drama, be surrounded by local Christians joining in worship together, followed by a meal altogether. It's been so encouraging to see how God is using The Hope Centre as a tool to share the gospel, build relationships both with beneficiaries from the wider community and with those in our holistic network.

We're excited to see the opportunities that God will give us this new year and be able to be part of planting the seeds to build the Kingdom.



AGRICULTURE

EQUIPPING & EMPOWERING RURAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH TRAINING AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

LOCATION

Stung Treng

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Started one savings group with more to follow
- All agriculture staff attended the ECHO conference in Thailand.

STRUGGLES

- One long-term staff member Mr Sarin had to stop working for AOC due to health issues.

NEW INITIATIVES:

- Clean cookstoves. As a part of the Ag program with SP, we have purchased clean cookstoves from the auction and have on-sold these to the community. They are aimed at reducing indoor air pollution and reducing cooking material costs.

MOVING FORWARD NEXT STEP:

- This project ends June 31st, 2018. From there we hope to begin a new 12-month project with Samaritans Purse.
- We plan to develop seed saving/banking at AOC in 2018.

BENEFICIARIES

- 21 individuals trained of which:
- 19 received loans
- 1 savings group formed with 14 members.



WATSAN

BUILDING LATRINES AND FILTERS, PROVIDING
HEALTH AND HYGIENE TRAINING

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Partnering with ACTS school to help fund two toilets at Thopeang Veng School
- Extended the Neverthirst program from 300 BSF and latrines, adding a further 120 for 2017
- Finished up with Samaritans Purse in June 2017

STRUGGLES

- Have had challenges with staff, and with Samaritans Purse finishing up it has meant the team has gotten smaller, which is difficult for the team morale.

MOVING FORWARD NEXT STEP:

- We have a proposed 400 BSF/latrine plan for 2018 with Never Thirst

BENEFICIARIES

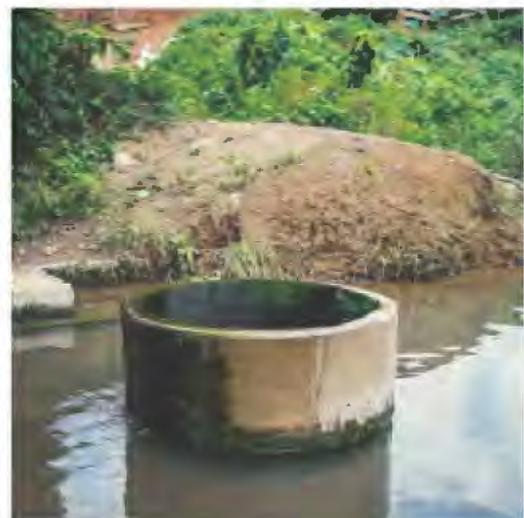
800 Families, 4000 individuals

LOCATION

Stung Treng

NEW INITIATIVES:

The added 120 projects.



WELLS

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO BUILD AND OPERATE WELLS

ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2017 the team has completed 59 of 62 projects (+ 2 Rotary NZ)

STRUGGLES

- The field staff Sokley has resigned this month due to health problems, so we have had to revise our plan with Neverthirst for 2018

MOVING FORWARD NEXT STEP:

- For 2018 the Wells project aims to complete 50 wells in both Stung Treng and Preah Vihear province. We will look in utilize more volunteers from churches to assist with the project as we only have Samai to run the project.

BENEFICIARIES

1265 Families, 6325
Individuals

LOCATION

Stung Treng Province

