

Fellowship Word of Life Church-Cambodia

Project: Word of Life Ministry-Cambodia

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1. Project Title, Contact Person and address:

Project Title: ***Word of Life Ministry-Cambodia focuses on Outreach Ministry & Evangelism***

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2. History of the Christian Church in Cambodia

The history of the Cambodian church is a story of periods of growth alternating with periods of persecution. Cambodians who have turned to Jesus Christ from Buddhism or animism have been accused of betraying their country and families.

The Portuguese introduced Christianity to Cambodia in the 16th century and it began to flourish under the influence of French Catholic missionaries in the 19th century. The first evangelical Christians came to Cambodia in 1923 through the Christian and Missionary Alliance. They had little fruit and much persecution. The full Bible was finally translated into the Cambodian language in 1954. During the 1960s there were only four Christian churches in the capitol city of Phnom Penh.

In 1965, American missionaries were asked to leave the country. The period 1965-70 is called the Period of Silence, a time when it is estimated that only 700 Protestant believers remained in the city. However, as the Communist Khmer Rouge strengthened its strangle hold on the country and moved closer and closer to capturing Phnom Penh, God poured out His Holy Spirit on the people of Cambodia. During the years 1973 through 1975 thousands upon thousands of Cambodians came to know the Lord Jesus as Savior. Only a few months later most of them died during Pol Pot's bloody regime.

In April of 1975 the Khmer Rouge, a guerrilla army, overran Phnom Penh and ordered the populace to evacuate the city. The bewildered population was forced into the streets. Families were given 10 minutes to prepare for what they were told would be a three-day journey. No one was exempt; even hospitals were emptied. Doctors performing surgery were ordered at gunpoint to abandon their patients. During the exodus, stragglers were executed on the spot. Some 20,000 people died in the evacuation. And that was just the beginning. Cambodian society was about to be re-invented. The Khmer Rouge declared it Year Zero. Markets were abolished; currency eliminated; Buddhist monks defrocked, ministers and priests killed, and city dwellers were herded on to co-operative farms.

Between 1975-79, 10 to 15 percent of the population was killed. All the Catholic priests and many Protestant leaders were murdered. The church has, with great difficulty, been reborn since. Today there is much interest even among non-Christians – who comprise about 90 percent of the population in the message of hope, peace and reconciliation found in the Gospel. Thousands of Christians died during the Khmer Rouge regime. In 1990, when the church emerged from its most recent wave of

persecution and was given government permission to function openly, there were ten evangelical churches in the country. Today there nearly 2,000 thousand, with a total membership of up to 100,000. Even though they are still less than 1%, one church leader speaks of Cambodia being at the 'dawn of revival'. Christians from every denomination and missions organization are in Cambodia today, as we see Cambodia as ripe for a spiritual harvest and a take-off point to evangelize other Southeast Asian nations.

Most Christians in Cambodia are young people, who have come to faith since 1992, when religious restrictions were relaxed. They are active in their newfound faith. It is the conviction of church leaders that the Christian message, within the Cambodian cultural context, is the answer to the nation's need for emotional and spiritual healing.

Although the church in Cambodia is growing, it lacks many of the resources that Christians in the West take for granted: trained pastors, Bibles, literature. Most church workers need a paid job outside the church in order to support their families. Many of the churches are small – 20-40 people – and meet in homes. Churches open and close almost daily. There is much syncretism in the church. Many of the churches are not filled with the Holy Spirit and do not experience the power of God.

3. Description of FWLC

Fellowship Word of Life Church was founded in 1997, the church has since grown to 45 in 15 of the 24 Provinces in Cambodia. Many of these Churches groups are simply formed in people home. This ministry continuously strives to deliver the message of God to more and more people, bringing the Love of God to all.

Pastor Sinai Phouek regularly visits the existing Churches in the Provinces and has a goal of extending the ministry to reach all of Cambodia's 24 Provinces with 100 Churches in total.

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| 1- Phnom Penh City | 6- Prey Veng Province | 11- Kan Dal Province |
| 2- Kompong Spue Province | 7- Kok Kong Province | 12- Kompong Cham Province |
| 3- Kompng Chhnang Province | 8- Pur Sat Province | 13- Bantey Meanchey Province |
| 4- Kompong Thom Province | 9- Seim Reap Province | 14- Battam Bong Province |
| 5- Takeo Province | 10- Svay Rieng Province | 15- Kom Pot Province |

4. Word Training School

Program Objectives and Ministry Evangelism Strategy

Bible Training School will be conducted 4 times a year. Leaders and Pastors of the outreach Churches gather for intensive training.

- 1- Training leaders and church planters
- 2- Develop the Pastors and leaders through training sections
- 3- Replaced the scripture to the hand of hunger
- 4- Hand reach to plant churches and cell groups in every community
- 5- Train future leaders for community service
- 6- Mobilize Manpower and Materials for outreach work in the slum area and among destitute children, street beggars, and the poor
- 7- Planting relevant churches to meet social needs
- 8- Developing specialized courses and education for skills available
- 9- Mobile Clinic and help the poor community

It is necessary for the local Cambodian Christians to have a way to adequately support themselves, Fellowship Word of Life Church have been involved in the following relief and development activities:

Rice Banks

Rice banks are ways for the church to buy harvested rice and then re-sell it at a time when the subsistence-level farmers lack. During harvest season (usually around December of each year) through generous donations from people like you, the village church is able to buy rice that the farmers are selling at a reasonable and fair price. It is bought locally and the local family farmers are blessed. About November of December of each year families who have stored rice from the previous harvest begin to run out. Many of them literally have nothing left to eat. They must borrow money or rice from "loan sharks" in the village at high prices, which they must pay back at harvest season, thus diminishing the amount of rice they have to eat even more. However, if the church has prepared a rice bank the villager (believer and unbeliever) can come and "borrow" rice to hold them over until harvest and the church doesn't charge them the interest like the loan shark does. It's a wonderful system the Cambodians love to use.

Water Wells

Cambodia is comprised of subsistence-level rice farmers. As the population has grown the amount of mouths to feed of the land grows, too, but the size of the land stays the same. These family rice farmers depend solely on the rain. If there is rain, there is rice; if there is no rain, there is no rice. No rice means no food. The end of December is usually the harvest time. While the Christian world is celebrating the birth of our Lord, many of these farmers have consumed all the rice they stored from last year and are now going without. It's common for poor villagers to come to our pastors and ask for a handful or cup of rice so they will have something to eat for their evening meal. We have a vision of digging water wells in the villages where we have churches that can be used for irrigation and drinking. It's difficult to find pure water through digging wells in Cambodia so we will want to provide a filtration system for each house, as well. In the past we have used a simple sand filter 5 gallon bucket with a spigot. Pour in the bad water, out comes the good water! It's wonderful. The costs for digging wells varies from place to place in Cambodia, depending upon how far you must dig and how far you must haul the well-digging equipment.

We believe in holistic ministry to spirit, soul and body being done through the church. Jesus told us to go and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God - this includes a salvation for spirit, soul and body. Fellowship Word of Life Church has planted dozens of churches throughout the Cambodian countryside through pastors who have come to the Lord through our ministry and have been disciplined and trained. Many of our churches are having significant influence on the villages. In fact, often the church is persecuted when it is first planted in a villagers house, but as the villagers see us minister to the children, the widows and the poor through education, rice banks, water wells, health clinics and more, they begin to turn their heart toward the church and stop the persecution, many of them coming to the Lord.

- *The pastor's salary*
- *Children's ministry*
- *Youth outreach*
- *Evangelistic activities*
- *Ministry to the widows and the poor*
- *Constructing a facility for them to meet in*
- *And more, according to the church's needs*

Budget Plan 2011-2012

	1st Quarter				2nd Quarter				3rd Quarter				4th Quarter				Annual
I. Operation cost	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total Q-1	Apr	May	Jun	Total Q-2	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total Q-3	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Q-4	
1. Staff support																	
1.1 Staff salaries																	
1.1.1 Pastor	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 900	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 900	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 900	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 900	\$ 3,600
1.1.2 Assistant Pastor	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 2,400
1.1.3 General Manager	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 450	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 450	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 450	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 450	\$ 1,800
1.1.4 Sunday School Teacher (4)	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 2,400
1.1.5 Music Minister (5)	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 3,000
Sub total				\$ 3,300				\$ 3,300				\$ 3,300				\$ 3,300	\$ 13,200
2. Administration cost																	
2.1 Office supplies	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 90	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 90	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 90	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 90	\$ 360
2.2 Repair/maintenance	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 600
2.3 Staff bonus/retreat	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
2.4 Miscellaneous	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 600
Sub Total				\$ 390				\$ 2,390				\$ 390				\$ 390	\$ 3,560
- Slum Area Outreach Ministry																	
1.1 Location & Mission																	
1.1.1 Kompong Cham Province	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 900
1.1.2 Kompot Province	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 300	\$ 900
1.1.3 Resettlement Area	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 600
Sub Total				\$ 450				\$ 450				\$ 750				\$ 750	\$ 2,400
1.2 Support Church Planters																	
1.2.1 Mission Pastor	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 2,400
1.2.2 Administrator	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 240	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 240	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 240	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 240	\$ 960
1.2.4 Church Planters (8)	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 2,400	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 2,400	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 2,400	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 2,400	\$ 9,600
1.2.5 Youth pastor (2)	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 480	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 480	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 480	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ 480	\$ 1,920
Sub Total				\$ 3,720				\$ 3,720				\$ 3,720				\$ 3,720	\$ 14,880
- Youth Trip (Church)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1200	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,200	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,200
- Children Trip (Church)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500
- Church Camp	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Sub Total				\$ 0				\$ 0				\$ 1,700				\$ 600	\$ 2,300
Grand Total				\$ 7,860				\$ 9,860				\$ 9,860				\$ 8,760	\$ 36,340

