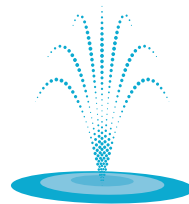




**UNCHANGING VALUE**  
*IN CHANGING TIMES*

2020 Annual Report



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FOUNTAIN OF HOPE

*“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.”*

..... Matthew 13:44 NLT .....

**How do we fully describe the immense value of a person? How can we even begin to comprehend what God has given so that a lost son or daughter can return to Him?**

As leaders of Fountain of Hope, we are truly proud and excited about the wonderful works God accomplished in 2020. We rejoice because the good news is being proclaimed in hard-to-reach places in the promised land of Cambodia. The calling of God upon our lives and the mighty work God chose to perform through each of our staff, volunteers, and local leaders are encouragingly

uplifting. We saw forgotten people in communities receive salvation and their lives become living testimonies of Jesus in their villages. Our leadership team learned to grow more and more dependent on God. We are truly encouraged that we are witnessing the seeds of the good news planted in good soil via our various programs.

As Jesus instructed us in the Great Commission to go and make disciples, we continue to try our best and are still learning to provide appropriate tools that best fit this 21st century way of life. In 2020, we were challenged by a new virus that affected our way of life and the way

we do our ministry. Yet, across all cultures and times, the biblical truth is still the core of our growth. God’s grace, compassion, and protection have always been our greatest support as we seek to come alongside various communities. We are thankful for the example of Christ and His love that enables us to faithfully serve and to go no matter the situation we may face.

We are grateful for our volunteers, local leaders, and cell church leaders that continue to be active in their communities even in times of social distancing. We praise God that the staff continues to commit to the mission and vision to equip the body of Christ, so that they may become

agents of transformation within their community. We are truly happy to see the community continue to prosper and still find hope amidst difficult situations, as they learn to apply what they have received through our programs.

As leaders of Fountain of Hope, we are truly grateful for the earnest prayers and faithful support from our friends, partners, and churches across the globe. Thank you for continuing to be with us and walking with us through all the seasons. We give God the glory for all that He has done!

We truly rejoice that together we will continue to build God’s Kingdom here in Cambodia.

Together for God’s Kingdom,

Nareth Peang, Ratha Yun, and TidSureyah Tach



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# LEADERSHIP



**Nareth Peang**  
Executive Director

Nareth started following Christ at age 17. He completed his studies at Phnom Penh Bible School, earned a bachelor's degree from Build Bright University, and a master's in business administration from National University of Management. Before coming to Fountain of Hope in 2014, Nareth served for over 15 years with World Relief Cambodia as a Bible trainer, provincial program leader, chief information officer and member of the senior management team. Nareth and his wife, Nary, have two children, Caleb and Jedidiah.



**TidSureyah Tach**  
Executive Committee (as of February 4, 2021)

Sureyah (Soriya) came from a poor background but was raised through God's grace and mercy. Though he was an orphan at a young age, God provided him with families along the way. Throughout his life, he received miracle upon miracle including that he could attend Trinity Western University and graduate with a Bachelor Degree of Science in Nursing and Minor in Christianity and Culture. Before coming to Fountain of Hope, he served with a children's home, local church, and translation volunteers. Sureyah and his wife, Phors, together are taking care of a children's home.



**Ratha Yun**  
Executive Committee (as of February 4, 2021)

Ratha came from a Buddhist background but came to know Jesus Christ when he was 21. He decided to follow God and went on to complete a degree in pastoral and Christian ministry from the Wesleyan Bible Institute in Phnom Penh. He served in the Phnom Penh Bible School for 4 years; worked in World Hope International in human resources and program support for 2 years; and went on to serve as an assistant pastor of a local church in Phnom Penh. He went on to complete a bachelor's degree in Christian ministry from Phnom Penh Bible School. He then served in World Relief as a program facilitator until he joined Fountain of Hope in 2014. In 2019, Ratha graduated with a bachelor's degree in general management from the National University of Management. Currently, Ratha is serving as an assistant pastor at Evangelical Mission Church in Phnom Penh and completing his master's degree in general management. He and his wife, Vouchnea, have two daughters, Malikakaren and Kevinia.



**Joke van Opstal**  
Country Advisor

A registered nurse originally from the Netherlands, Joke (pronounced "YO-kuh") began her missionary career working in a refugee camp in the early '90s as part of Youth with a Mission (YWAM). She moved to Cambodia in 1993, joined World Relief in 1994 and established Hope for Cambodia's Children. Before launching Fountain of Hope, she served in various leadership roles for World Relief Cambodia. Joke has completed studies at the Discipleship Training School, School of Biblical Studies and School of Frontier Missions. She is also a single mother of six adopted children.



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*Our mission is to equip and empower people to be agents of holistic transformation in their communities through the love of Christ.*

# 2020 OVERVIEW

While some of our programs were limited due to COVID-19 safety regulations, our work through communities and cell churches still made a significant impact.



**LIFE OF HOPE**  
SPIRITUAL IMPACT  
THROUGH CELL  
CHURCHES

**1,651**  
*cell church members  
in 167 cell churches*



**OUR STRONG  
VILLAGE**  
COMMUNITY ACCESS  
TO SUSTAINABLE  
RESOURCES

**934**  
*participants in  
85 community  
programs*



**LIFE WITH VALUE**  
SUPPORT GROUPS  
AND CURRICULUM TO  
ADDRESS COMMUNITY  
NEEDS

**1,492**  
*participants in  
116 adult programs*

**360**  
*participants in  
9 public forums*



**JOY OF OUR  
CHILDREN**  
SPIRITUAL AND HEALTH  
EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

**6,578**  
*children in  
87 children's programs*

**1,478**  
*teens in 109 youth  
programs*



Fountain of Hope operates in conjunction with community leaders in five provinces: Pursat, Kandal, Tboung Khmum, Takeo, and Battambang.

**59**

*Fountain of Hope staff*



## COVID-19 and Dengue Fever Education

With the events of 2020, Fountain of Hope's (FOH) teams in cooperation with local authorities and district health departments, provided information and education about COVID-19 and dengue fever. FOH's teams reached 137 villages in 43 communes in the 5 provinces of Cambodia where we operate, through loudspeakers on tuk-tuks (two-wheeled carriages pulled by motorbikes), handing out educational posters and pamphlets, posting pamphlets in public spaces, and distributing educational materials through our local volunteers and cell church leaders. We provided Abate Larvicide from the Health Department to our local communities to combat dengue fever as well.



## Fountain of Hope

During the 1970s, Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge communist regime tortured and executed an estimated 2 million men, women and children, inciting years of civil war and United Nations occupation. Now, a small middle class is emerging, though heartbreaking poverty is still the norm. Half of the population is under the age of 25 and it is this generation that will greatly influence Cambodia's future.

God has made amazing progress in Cambodia during the past 25 years and Fountain of Hope (FOH) believes it can play a crucial role in winning this impoverished, war-torn country to Christ.

FOH works through local cell churches mobilizing community members to respond to social, physical, and spiritual needs with biblical principles. By sharing what they have learned with families, friends and neighbors, individuals demonstrate Christ's love, become natural leaders, and create a greater impact than FOH staff could produce alone. FOH's extensive volunteer network allows them to implement programs, identify needs, and distribute resources.



## Flooding Relief

Extreme flooding struck Cambodia in the fall of 2020. Parts of the remote provinces of Pursat and Battambang got hit hard and were difficult to access. FOH staff took food and other necessities through tiny roads and even by boat to the people and villages who needed them the most. To relieve the need, 120 families from 16 villages received food packages. FOH teams continued to support these people by providing training through the Seed Bank project. This provided a sustainable support effort for those impacted by the flood.





# JOY OF OUR CHILDREN

Spiritual and Health Education for Youth



**Transformational Goal:**  
*Children find their identity in Christ, have hope for the future and impact their communities by practicing healthy lifestyles and living Christ-centered lives.*



## Children ages 5-12

Bi-weekly neighborhood meetings for children ages 5 to 12 offer lessons about safety, health, hygiene and the love of God through songs, Bible verses, skits and puppet shows.

## Teenagers ages 12-18

Teen programs focus on health care, HIV and the prevention of STDs, care for people living with HIV, improving self-worth, wise decision-making and planning for the future.

## Buddy System

Teenagers and children from the Joy of Our Children (JOC) program are encouraged to participate with the Buddy System. This program is an opportunity for teenagers to serve the vulnerable children in their communities. Participants are paired with a younger child, a "buddy," and attend trainings on how to support and encourage their buddy. Their duties consist of mentoring, helping their buddy with homework, housework, and chores, along with emotional, spiritual and relational support.

6,578  
CHILDREN IN  
87 GROUPS

1,478  
TEENS IN  
109 GROUPS

224  
"BUDDIES"



MEET  
*Pisey*\*

My name is Pisey and I am 10 years old. I joined the Joy of Our Children program in 2018 when my friends told me about it. I am so happy that my friends invited me to these events because I learned new things. I know how to care for my own body better; I shampoo my hair and now I always sleep in a mosquito net. I am happy FOH is in my village because I do not know of any other organizations except this one.

I'm thankful that through JOC, I learned new things and also received rewards like a book, pen, pencil, eraser, soap, detergent and shampoo. I am so glad that I can learn about diseases and better understand COVID-19, dengue fever and bodily hygiene. We learned how to work together to fight COVID-19 and dengue fever which relieves my fear. I now know how to wash my hands well with soap, I try to wear a mask and keep a safe distance as much as I am able.

I practice what I learn at JOC at home; I shampoo my hair, wash my hands and sleep in a mosquito net. I learned that my hair helps me look nice but also protects my head from the sun. I learned that if I do not care for my hair well then it would get smelly, have dandruff and lice. So, it helps to know about these things, so I can take better care of myself.

Other lessons were more difficult for me to follow. I know that having long nails could give bacteria a place to live. But, I like long nails. They look pretty. Through the JOC lessons, I learned to take care of my nails by washing with soap frequently, so that the bacteria will not stay under them.

I am thankful to FOH for all the lessons. I am happier and healthier because I participated in the JOC program. I enjoy the games, short plays and puppets very much. I hope that this program will continue in my village and community. I want to see my other friends receive good lessons about health so that they can live well every day. I am thankful for the JOC program, and I hope it will continue to educate other children. Thank you!

*\*Name has been changed.*

“ I AM HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER BECAUSE I PARTICIPATED IN THE JOC PROGRAM.”



MEET  
*Chenda*\*

My name is Chenda. I am 17 years old and am in 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Both of my parents are farmers and I have one sibling.

I am thankful to the Lord for His continual love for me and my family. I'm grateful that the Lord is transforming my life so that I learn to love others. I used to think lowly of other people and curse them without end. As a result, I often found myself in frustrating situations. I wasn't happy after these interactions.

I began to change when I believed in the Lord Jesus and started studying the Bible with a FOH teacher. One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 15:1, 16-18 that encourages me to be obedient to the Lord, control my temper and live in harmony with others. I asked the Lord to help me and transform my life through His words and His power.

I'm thankful to the Lord because through Him I have a greater purpose in life. I am also grateful that my parents have come to know the Lord. Right now, they are in Thailand working. I was worried and afraid for them especially because of the pandemic, yet I will trust God's promise that He will care for us. I am also encouraged by Matthew 8:23-27 where God calmed the storm. It is hard right now, but I will choose to believe in God's protection and His almighty power as He is the ruler over everything. It is wonderful to have the Lord on our side because we can live in peace even when things around us are uncertain. I am happy that we have been protected under God's loving arms these past months. However, I do not forget to pray every day. I pray that God will continue to protect us. Thank you, Lord, for your love and care. Amen.

*\*Name has been changed.*

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# OUR STRONG VILLAGE

COMMUNITY ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES



**Transformational Goal:**  
*The local church responds to the entire continuum of needs of vulnerable people across communities, so that community members can have access to sustainable resources.*

## Seed Bank

With an established local committee, the Seed Bank project enables communities to have a way to be good stewards of their land. Members from both cell churches and the community are trained with technical skills on how to plant, use proper fertilization, and care for their plants. After technical training, the members, especially those in need, receive seeds for planting.

## Goat Banks

Goat banks are organized by an established local committee to address the needs of impoverished families or widows within a community. Widows learn how to raise and care for a goat, eventually receiving offspring from the goat. They are able to support themselves and raise their status in the community by raising the goats and the offspring the goats produce.

## Savings Banks

Members learn how to plan their finances and save money as a group. Through a group savings, the members support one another while being accountable for loans and savings. So far, the project has supported families with loans to build a livelihood through purchasing chickens, sewing machines, seeds and other opportunities.

## Moringa

Moringa is an edible plant that is used medicinally and as a dietary supplement for those who are malnourished or have common illnesses. Through OSV programs, cell churches and community members learn the benefits of moringa and how to plant moringa in their homes.

9  
VILLAGES WITH  
SEED BANKS

8  
FAMILIES HAVE  
RECEIVED A GOAT

109  
MEMBERS IN  
8 ASSOCIATIONS

80  
MORINGA  
GROUPS

85  
GARDEN  
GROUPS



MEET  
*Sol*

My name is Sol and I am 45 years old. I live with my husband and son, who is four years old. I do not own any large farming land, just the space around my house. I am part of a cell church. Before I participated in FOH's programs, I was quite desperate. I felt uneducated and my husband had to travel to faraway places for work for many months at a time. While staying home with my son, we searched for edible plants to sell and to provide for our daily needs. There were times when we had nothing to eat.

After I came to know the Lord Jesus through FOH, I joined the cell church and participated in the Our Strong Village (OSV) program. After I finished the OSV training, I discovered the resources I had around my house. I planted vegetables and my small land became a garden. In fact, all around my house became a garden. The FOH staff continued to teach and help me with my garden. Now, I have a family garden where the produce is adequate for me to sell and support my daily needs. The blessings overflowed and I shared what I had with my neighbors and cell church members, too. I saw the benefits of these vegetables firsthand. These vegetables are healthier for my family; they are all-natural with no extra chemicals added to them, making them safe for people's consumption. I am grateful that through the OSV program I received technical training and the seeds I needed. I get to serve the community by selling organic vegetables to them. I am happy that my family's livelihood is improving.

Finally, I would like to give thanks to the Lord Jesus and Fountain of Hope for the encouragement and new wonderful ideas so that I can learn to develop myself and my family. I can see that my cell church and community are improving as well. I am grateful that I have the privilege to know the true God and be saved from sins through faith in the Lord.

**Vegetable Garden Project**

Cell churches and community groups receive trainings from experts on how to efficiently select seed types, grow their produce, and care for the village garden. Some seeds are given to the group and shared among the community, especially to those who are in need. The gardens provide a healthier food source and a new source of income. This develops unity through the communal gardens. Those who are successful become a pool of knowledge and transfer what they know to others in their villages.



MEET  
*Kimhorng*

My name is Kimhorng and I am 44 years old. I am a member of the Our Strong Village program. I joined the program when a FOH teacher told me I could learn about vegetable gardening. I wanted to learn more about how to grow vegetables effectively. Plus, I could participate in chicken raising training.

Through the OSV program, I learned about planting, how to make soap, and how to raise chickens. After the training, I planted pumpkins, gourds, cucumbers and cabbage around my house. I now raise chickens and make soap. I learned about growing other vegetables too but they are more difficult to maintain and too costly.

I love the program – it has helped meet my family's needs. I am more capable; I can do a lot and use the resources that I have. The FOH staff encourage me throughout the process.

In the future, I would like to learn more about raising chickens. I like OSV and I hope it will continue to be a part of this community. Please pray for my family to stay healthy. Pray also that the Lord will bless the work that I do raising chickens.

**Chicken Bank**

Cell churches and community groups learn how to efficiently raise and care for chickens. Poor families receive some of the chickens that are bred to begin raising their own. In this way, families are able to support themselves and have a way to build their income. Those who benefit from the program are encouraged to share their knowledge with others.

105  
FAMILIES  
INVOLVED IN THE  
CHICKEN BANK







61  
FAMILIES  
MAKING SOAP



MEET  
*Ni*

My name is Ni and I am 49 years old. I am married and have three children; two sons and one daughter. I wash motorbikes and earn between 40,000 riels to 60,000 riels (10 – 15 USD) daily. When I heard about the Our Strong Village program, I got interested especially in the soap-making training. Soap is essential in my line of work. The FOH staff first taught me how to grow lemons. Right now, my lemon trees are growing quite well.

Later, the FOH staff brought us all together to learn about soap-making techniques. With eagerness, I participated. After the training, I began making my own soap! At first, I was worried that the soap would be unusable. Along the way, I sought the FOH teacher for support. My soap turned out really well – I am so happy. Before, I bought soap from the market, but now I can make it myself! Daily I need around 5 to 8 liters for work. I save money since I make it myself! My family uses the soap for their other cleaning needs as well.

I am so glad that the FOH teacher continues to encourage and help me. Through the OSV program, I now raise chickens. So right now, I have three successful jobs: chicken and fish raising, and motorbike washing. These various jobs have supported my family and allowed my children to be in school, especially when two of them are in high school (requiring a substantial amount of expenses). I have much hope for my family – and that my children will be able to go to university!

I want to thank FOH and the FOH partners for the support for these programs. I know that OSV has helped not just my family, but many others in my community. What I learned has helped my wellbeing and other needs within my community. There is a growing awareness and families are starting to grow their own vegetables as well. This will help keep families healthy. It is surprising to see a Christian organization doing such great work. I am intrigued and want to learn more about this faith since there are a few in my group who put their faith in Jesus already. Thank you.

“IT IS SURPRISING TO SEE A CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION DOING SUCH GREAT WORK. I AM INTRIGUED AND WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS FAITH...”



MEET  
*Somrach*

My name is Somrach and I am 63 years old. I am a cell church member. I became a widow over 29 years ago. I have four children; two sons and two daughters. All of my children are married already.

The cow bank project has been a wonderful program for me. It is a great project for the poor and needy widows like myself. I am grateful that I received the loan of a cow to care for and keep its offspring. I used to have buffaloes. With the OSV training, I learned how to care for cows as well. Thank you, Fountain of Hope and its partners, for providing this program to poor widows. I am truly glad that I could be a part of this program – it has changed my life for the better. Caring for the cow has lifted my current conditions, especially now when I am at my old age.

As for my faith, I had not heard much about Jesus. Thus, it was difficult to understand why I needed Him. However, one day when a cell church leader came to share with me, and she came to invite me to participate in the Cow Bank Project training. There, I received more than just the knowledge, I received the good news! As I learned about Jesus, I noticed His character and how He cared and loved the people around Him. Plus, it was easy to see His love because of the believers at the training. They were friendly. After that training, I was intrigued so I continued to learn God's word at the cell church. I began to understand more and more about God. It was great too that the cell church is near my village. At the time, I was intrigued with the Lord rather than the cow bank, since I did not receive the cow yet. I am often reminded of these words, "If you need something, please pray and ask the Lord; He will provide". So, I began to learn how to pray for the needs that I have. Then, sometime later I heard that I was on the list to be a receiver of a cow. A month or so later, I received a cow. I was so happy and even more so because the cow was three months pregnant! Thank God for the joy in my life.

I am grateful to the Lord that He answered my prayers. I will continue to care for the cows as well as I can, so that they will produce healthy calves, and alleviate my needs too. The cow bank is wonderful. I pray that it will continue to flourish to support many other needy widows in other communities like it has for me.

**Cow Banks**

Cow banks are organized by an established local committee to address the needs of impoverished widows within a community. Widows learn how to raise and care for a cow, eventually receiving offspring from the cow. These women are able to support themselves and raise their status in the community by raising the cows and the offspring the cows produce.

14  
PEOPLE HAVE  
RECEIVED A COW



# LIFE WITH VALUE

**SUPPORT GROUPS AND CURRICULUM TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS**



## Human Trafficking and Migration Education

Children, teens and adults learn about trafficking prevention and safe, legal migration in their age-specific groups through the local church or community interventions.

## HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence Support Groups

People living with HIV/AIDS face discrimination, rejection, financial vulnerability and physical suffering. Those who become victims of domestic violence are prone to isolation and fear. FOH focuses on mobilizing and equipping local church volunteers to respond to these problems with the compassion of Christ. Local cell churches provide access to prevention and family value education, care for people living with HIV, support for orphans and economic assistance for affected families.

## Community Leader Facilitated Meetings

Because Cambodia is considered a source, transit, and destination country for human trafficking, it is crucial to incorporate messages on prevention and child protection. Curriculum for leaders and influencers in the community provides awareness of how traffickers operate; instruction on the value of all people and tips for safe migration. The lessons also address domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse and gambling.

## Health Education

Local village and cell church gatherings receive preventative health lessons detailing how to deal with Dengue fever, diarrhea, malaria and other preventable life-threatening diseases.

## Parenting

Lessons provide information about a child's growth and development and how to care for children. Additionally, the lessons address anger management and each person's responsibility within a family.

### Transformational Goal

*Establish healthy communities through a curriculum designed to raise awareness about relevant issues and promote positive behavior change in adults and teens. Community support groups emphasize prevention as they address trafficking, migration, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, parenting and health education.*

**1,492**  
MEMBERS IN  
116 GROUPS

**125**  
TRAFFICKING OR  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
VICTIMS IN SUPPORT  
GROUPS

**84**  
COMMUNITY  
BASE LEADER



MEET  
*Voeunn*

My name is Voeunn and I am 54 years old and a farmer. My husband's name is Heng. We have eight children (five daughters and three sons).

Before I participated in the FOH training programs, like the Leaders of Safe Community, I didn't know what FOH was. Based on the name, I thought it was just some organization that provided clean water. Yet, I was curious and thought maybe they would teach me how to use and produce clean water.

Once I entered the training program, I began to understand the many projects FOH provides to support and strengthen communities; health, general hygiene, and other initiatives to inspire the community to cooperate, work together, and help one another. Through the FOH training, I learned about relevant topics impacting my community; community mapping, the dangers of drug abuse, impacts of domestic violence, HIV, trafficking, and various other health-related topics.

I am happy to work with FOH to share useful information with my village. I want my community to know how to prevent drug abuse problems, trafficking, and domestic violence.

I want to say thanks to the teachers in FOH that are willing to come to my community to teach, educate, and provide useful information so that I have sufficient information to share with my community.

“ I LEARNED ABOUT COMMUNITY MAPPING, THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE, IMPACTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HIV, TRAFFICKING, AND VARIOUS HEALTH RELATED TOPICS.”



MEET  
*Joot Red*

My name is Joot Red and I am 68 years old. I am part of the Community Leaders Base (CLB) in the Life with Value program. I started participating in this program in 2016. I love being involved in this group because this program supports my community. It is helping my community improve in the health sector.

While in this program, I received great, valuable lessons. I was trained in the practice of "starting a fire," where we as a community learn to initiate practical activities to support the community. We received information regarding matters of migration, women and children's trafficking, drug and substance abuse, domestic violence, dengue fever, and measures of protection for COVID-19 and dengue fever. Through this vital information, I began to pay more attention to the needs of my family and community.

During the pandemic, I have worked hard to protect my community alongside FOH by sharing information and safety measures. As a vice-village chief, I am worried and tried all that I could to support my community so that we can learn how to fight against this new disease. I am grateful for the work and the cooperation from FOH. I am happy that the villagers heed the information and try to protect themselves as well.

I am grateful and feel proud to have programs from FOH. I see that it is very beneficial to my community. It has given me great aspirations I had not thought of before. I began to understand and reflect more about the problems at hand in my community. I am glad too that my community is healthier and learning new things through this program.

I ask that this program will continue to support us so that we can learn new things. The local authority alone is inadequate to support the community. FOH gives a better voice and support for the needs within this community.

Finally, I hope that FOH's program will continue to run in this village and continue to support us here. And, as a request, I hope that in the future when we do a campaign like for dengue fever, there will be other practical materials to support the communities as well. Thank you.

“FOH GIVES A BETTER VOICE AND SUPPORT FOR THE NEEDS WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY.”



# LIFE OF HOPE

**SPIRITUAL IMPACT  
THROUGH CELL CHURCHES**



## Mobilizing Volunteers

Through lessons and trainings, cell church members serve as volunteers in the community. They also take responsibility for church growth by sharing the gospel and dividing into new cell churches. They become agents of holistic transformation by sharing with their community the health lessons, social issue principles, and livelihood skills they have learned, practiced, and experienced for themselves.

## Leadership Training

Formal training is available to increase cell church members' potential and capacity to become mature leaders. Members are equipped with biblical, agricultural, livelihood, health and social rights training.

## Cell Churches

Cell churches are a form of house church where Christians meet together to praise, worship, learn, and grow together. A cell church consists of 6 to 12 members who meet in one of their homes. First, a FOH staff member leads and facilitates the cell church. Then, when they are strong enough, a trained and appointed local cell church leader leads the group. As the cell church grows, the members and their leader are encouraged to establish a new cell church. Cell churches demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ as they serve their communities.

## Transformational Goal

*Grow and expand the Kingdom of God through the multiplication of cell churches. New Christians encounter the reality of the Father's deep love for them, finding their identity in Him. Their own lives change with this knowledge and they are energized to reach their communities with the gospel and compassionate care. They join with cell churches with a commitment to become agents of transformation in the community. Cell churches intentionally reach out to every person and family in their communities, regardless of religion, age, gender, health, or economic condition.*

**1,651**  
PEOPLE IN 167 CELL CHURCHES

## MEET *Phearak*

My name is Phearak and I am 27 years old. I am not married.

Before I came to know the Lord Jesus, I lived for temporary things. I didn't think about what matters in life and enjoyed the pleasures of this world. I cared little about what was going on around me. Growing up, there were little events that I enjoyed. But, one day, there were this commotion and a loudspeaker that was playing in my village. I was curious so I went to find out. There was some program hosted by the blue shirt people (JOC staff). They had these puppets and fun activities for children. It was entertaining and different from what I was used to seeing. It caught my attention, and I observed from a distance. It was all fun until they told us about a man named Jesus. They told us about His love and how He gave His life for each one of us. I was not sure what that meant, and I did not know what to think of it.

I approached the staff and was introduced to another staff from the Life of Hope program. It was a great connection. Soon, I began to better understand Jesus and decided to accept Him as my Lord and Savior. I believed in the Lord, but as I walked with Him there were stumbling blocks that I encountered. I had doubts at certain times of my life. Though I knew God's love, I was still childish in my thinking, and processing what faith could do for me. As a result, I returned to my old ways of life. I was disobedient and faced many problems.

I faced many difficulties in my life. My mom was often quite sick. I did not know what to do because we were not a well-to-do family. Her illness took a toll on her until she passed away leaving me with nothing. My father left with another woman. I was deep in sorrow and regrets. Though I knew the Lord, I was still clinging to what I used to know. I sought fortune-tellers when I was faced with difficult situations and remorse. I met with fortune-tellers often until I could do what they do. I can make ceremonies and chant blessings and various other forms of witchcraft. I know all the big witchcraft. So, to be honest, I had feet in two different



boats, one in my previous belief and one in Jesus.

I experienced utter heartbreak when I found a sense of earthly love. I was betrayed, and I did not know how to cure it. It seemed like there was nothing in the world that could solve it. I tried all that I knew which I thought may help. I tried "showers of blessing", chanting, and you name it. Nothing helped. I was out of my mind. Then, I realized something. I had forgotten about Jesus. I forgot the truth about God. I went back to my journey with Him remembering what I had learned while I was in Phnom Penh. I remembered that God is love and salvation is sure. He alone can save me. As I reflected on the goodness of God, God showered me with His grace and love. I was once again whole. The deep hurt inside my heart began to subside. The grace of the Lord was indeed sure. I am thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness, even when I was unfaithful. My life turned over completely. I love the good news, and I love sharing his love with others. I began to see changes in my own life. I have the courage to tell others about Christ.

I feel that I cannot live without the Lord. Nothing seems to fill that emptiness in my heart except the Lord. I will try hard to live my life for God. I prayed earnestly for my family and others as I believe that He is the only true God. I want to give thanks to the Lord that He has indeed answered my prayers. Now I am truly happy that my nieces and nephews became believers in the Lord. We often lie to God, but God is faithful. He never lies to us. I pray that we will continue to have firm faith in the Lord. Thank you, God.



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## MEET *Kann*

My name is Kann and I am 46 years old. My wife is named Mao and we have two children. Both of us are poor farmers. We sell sugarcane (liquid) throughout the villages. Sometimes, we build pieces of drains and toilets, so that we could sell them. We also grow vegetables as a way to support our daily needs and for some income. Even with all these odd jobs, my family was still struggling. We still did not have enough. Yet strange things began to happen; my family was restless. We were troubled by constant quarrels and fights. Because of the fights and misery, I grew tired and did not care so much [for the family]. I did not think about my family anymore. I started to become a wicked person who drank and caused even more trouble toward my wife. My wife was tired and could not bear my selfish behaviors anymore. She went away and left me for over a month, because of my crazy drinking habit.

We began to study God's forgiveness and His love for us. I discovered God's plan for marriage. As we walked through God's message, I realized my divorce would leave my children like orphans and without warmth. I received much encouragement that day. Afterward, he prayed for me. Then, my heart was filled with God's forgiveness and love. I learned to forgive my wife. My heart became open once again. Suddenly, the teacher proclaimed, "Kann, you and your wife will be reconciled and be with peace".

From that day on my heart grew restless, I wanted to meet with my wife so that I could ask for her forgiveness, and for her to return and reunite with me once again. When I met with my wife, I confessed and promised to be good to her. My relatives and friends were witnesses of my desires and promises. I told my wife that I didn't want to see her tears and suffering any longer. I just wanted her to be my wife once again.

I am so thankful to the Lord for giving me "shalom" within my family. My wife and I started praying before we would get ready for bed. Though we did not understand fully, this practice has helped us. On September 1, 2020, Teacher Sing and Sok visited my home and shared God's good news with my wife. My wife had a change of heart. She repented and became a believer as well! I am so grateful to the Lord. I am speechless. May this joy become my hope always. I pray that my whole family, friends, and relatives will find God's salvation like my family has.

I would like to ask the teachers from FOH to continue praying for my family so that we will continue to abide in the Lord. My family and I will draw close to the Lord, and we will be God's servants to bring salvation to many others. Amen.



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One day in July of 2020, I heard the good news of Christ, the Savior, through Brother Sok, who lived close by. I repented and decided to believe in the Lord after hearing about the hope and good news of transformation. Afterward, I started to learn God's word with a FOH staff member. My drinking habit subsided bit by bit. I began to feel better. Yet, my marriage was hanging by a thread. My wife had already filed a complaint to get a divorce at the local authority. She was fed up.

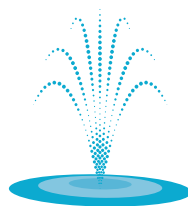
On August 14th of 2020, I met again with Teacher Sing, and I asked him to pray for me, that the divorce process would go smoothly. I was going to go to the commune the next day. But, the teacher said, "No! The Lord does not want you to live separately from your wife!" Yet, I was stubborn and determined to get a divorce. Then, the teacher told me to stop for a second and listen to the words of the Lord.

## 2020 FINANCES

Income	Budget	Actual
Church	\$285,723	\$270,180
Foundation	\$70,000	\$77,225
Other	\$91,041	\$36,373
<b>Total incomes</b>	<b>\$446,764</b>	<b>\$383,778</b>
Expense	Budget	Actual
Salaries & Benefits - Indirect	\$64,185	\$61,065
Salaries & Benefits - Direct	\$238,640	\$227,295
Organizational Development Expense	\$17,223	\$ -
International Travel	\$3,500	\$ -
Monitoring & Evaluation Expense	\$3,700	\$2,060
Training	\$60,328	\$33,156
Transportation	\$30,240	\$19,688
Office Expense	\$25,148	\$24,986
Cow, Goat & Seed Bank	\$ -	\$7,416
Teaching Supplies	\$3,800	\$7,790
Capital	\$ -	\$4,253
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$446,764</b>	<b>\$387,709</b>
<b>Net Incomes</b>		<b>-\$3,931</b>



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