



# DJD CAMBODIA MINISTRIES, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT: PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR MINISTRIES AND PROJECTS IN CAMBODIA TO IMPROVE THE SPIRITUAL, EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC, AND PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA

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SUMMER 2012 NEWSLETTER

## PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR SUMMER 2012

- **Summer Mission Teams** – DJD is blessed to have two mission teams coming to Cambodia to work with us in July, 2012. The first team is being led by Pastor John Forsythe of First Baptist Hydro, Oklahoma. That team has seven members. They will be leading a two day pastor conference for 50 to 60 pastors; a two day youth event for 80 to 100 youth; and a one day women's conference for 30 to 40 women. The conferences will be held at the training center in Battambang. They will also repeat the pastor conference in Siem Reap for 30 to 35 pastors the next week. The second team is being led by Natalie Yarnell of University Baptist, Fort Worth, Texas, and Mike McQuitty, Student Ministry Director for the Maryland/Delaware Baptist Convention. That team has ten members. The UBC part of the team will be constructing children's tables for churches to use for their children's Bible study. The five college students on the team will be leading a week long English camp in which they will be teaching English, presenting the gospel through Bible stories and leading fun activities for the children. It will be a busy month of July, but one that we believe will be a real blessing to all who participate.



Funding for the conferences, construction project and English camps has been provided by several of our partner churches. Mission teams that come to Cambodia to minister with DJD are asked to pay for their airfare and DJD provides the funds for their in country expenses. When DJD was planning for mission teams for 2012 we planned for two teams of five persons each. We have been blessed by having 17 on the teams instead of the 10 we had planned for. The in country cost per team member is \$500. DJD has a need of an additional \$3,500 over what we had already planned for to cover all of the teams' in country expenses.

- DJD purchased a small parcel of land, dug a pond, planted banana trees and pepper plants on it. We plan to develop the land into a farm with potato plants, sugar cane, a chicken and egg operation, ducks and pigs. Our projections show that within four to six months, the farm will generate a positive cash flow that can help fund other projects as well as providing employment for several farm workers. The cost for this farm development is \$7,137 (Fences and guard house \$2,226; Chicken operation startup \$2,841; Ducks and pigs \$970; Fish start up \$1,100; Potato plants and sugar cane will be transplanted from a DJD operation manager's garden).



- For the last two years, DJD has provided uniforms and supplies to school children in one village. Two years ago we assisted 50 children and last year we assisted 60 children. DJD would like to expand our assistance to school children in other villages. In March, we asked the pastors how many school aged children in their churches did not attend school because they did not have a uniform or supplies. Seventeen churches responded. The number of uniforms and supplies they requested was 534. There is a huge need. We want to assist the children in the poorest villages.

The cost for uniform and supplies is \$15.00 per student. We hope to have funds to provide 300 uniforms and supplies in 2012. In the past we have purchased uniforms in the local market, but this year they will be made by the DJD sewing operation. DJD will provide the fabric and pay the lady who sews the uniform \$2 per uniform. This project will now benefit our sewing operation as well as the school children.

To learn about other DJD projects go to our website: [www.djdcambodiaministries.org](http://www.djdcambodiaministries.org).

## GOD AT WORK

In the book, *Killing Fields Living Fields*, by Don Cormack, the history of the Christian Church in Cambodia is told. During the early 1970's the church was growing. But that growth was stopped in 1975 with the loss of religious freedom under the Khmer Rouge and the killing of the majority of the Christian leaders and many church members. From 1979 until 1989, Cambodia was ruled by the Vietnamese, who had driven the Khmer Rouge from power. During this period there continued to be no religious freedom. In 1989, according to Cormack's book (page 384), there was a report sent to a conference in the Philippines that stated that there were 389 Christians in Cambodia. From that small remnant in 23 years, God has built His Kingdom in Cambodia to 471,162 Christians (3.13% of the population). The source for the current Christian population is Operation World's website.



God is at work and we can see it in multiple ministries. DJD is providing training to pastors and church leaders from 31 churches in Battambang Province. Over the last three years, those churches and pastors have started 19 new churches and Bible studies – 6 in 2010; 3 in 2011; 10 to date in 2012. Many of the churches send multiple people to the trainings. The churches and pastors see the need to train the next generation of church leaders. This next generation of leadership is the ones leading these new churches and Bible studies.

Many of the churches that DJD works with host Cambodian Children's Camps. These camps meet weekly during the school year for Bible study, songs, scripture memory and fun games and activities. During the Khmer New Year in April, the camps hold a three day camp in which the gospel is presented. This last April, there were 89 camps in Battambang Province and the province to the north of Battambang with nearly 5,000 children in attendance. To hold these camps there were 499 trained camp counselors. We have seen these counselors in action and they are well trained. This is another generation of leadership that God is training to lead His Church in Cambodia. Of the children attending the camps, over half of them made decisions to follow Jesus Christ as their Savior. This is another generation of leaders that God is beginning to train even at a young age. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6).

As we work with a small group of churches and their leaders, we see God at work preparing the next generations of leadership for His Church and Kingdom in Cambodia. What a blessing it is not only to see it, but to be a small part of it.

## BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

At the May pastor and church leader training, DJD distributed 131 Bibles to 23 churches and Bible studies. The churches have requested over 50 more Bibles and over 200 song books. Our last purchase of Bibles cost \$3 per Bible. The cost and availability of Bibles is not known at this time. For planning purposes we are budgeting \$5 per Bible and hoping we can purchase them for less. The song books cost \$5 each.

DJD has other projects that are a priority at this time, but we hope to be able to purchase more Bibles and song books before the end of 2012.



## PRAISES

- For the blessings of seeing and joining God at work in growing His Church, His Kingdom and its leadership in Cambodia.
- For the prayer and financial support that has allowed DJD to be involved in the projects that God has opened the doors to us.
- For the DJD operations managers' commitment to DJD projects and their hard work in managing these projects.
- For those who made a commitment of time and money to be a part of a mission team in July of 2012.

## REQUESTS

- Pray for the mission team led conferences for pastors, youth and women that those who attend will receive direction from God and be obedient to that direction.
- Pray for the mission team conference leaders that God will use them to speak to each one who attends.
- Pray for the plans and the construction team that the tables they build for the churches to use in children's Bible study will be a blessing to the churches.
- Pray for the English camps not to teach English only, but also to show the love of God by sharing the Gospel with those who attend.
- Pray for the projects that need immediate support: mission trips, school children uniforms and supplies and DJD farm expansion.
- Pray that our spiritual eyes will always be open to see God at work and to know where DJD should join Him.

## FROM THE FIELD

An English class that Brenda and Bryans teach has four ladies who work at the Battambang Ophthalmology Clinic. The only single lady in the class was married on May 27. She is the only child of a doctor and his wife. The wedding was held at the bride's home. We were invited to the Sunday dinner reception. There was a live band providing entertainment while we enjoyed an 8 course meal of many dishes that we had no idea what they were. Brenda was very cautious with what she ate. I was a little more daring and survived with no problems at all. We did meet two Americans at the wedding who work at the hospital where the bride's father is a doctor. One is the director of the NGO that owns and is expanding the hospital. He is from Colorado, but his family has moved to Fort Worth. He, his wife and 7 year old son will be traveling to Fort Worth in July for a family reunion. The other American is in the picture with the bride. He is from Massachusetts and is the computer "guy" for the hospital.

In April, we said good bye to Alex Themelis who completed his two year volunteer assignment working with three orphanages in Cambodia. Alex is a college friend of our son, Andy. Alex introduced us to two orphanages here in the Battambang area and helped us make our last Bible purchase. We always enjoyed visiting with him to talk about the Cambodian culture's way of life.

In May, we said goodbye to Kim from Washington state. She was here for two months volunteering at the Battambang Ophthalmology Clinic. She has completed her undergraduate work and will be starting Optometry Graduate School in the fall. She lived in our apartment building and rode with us to English worship services on Sunday afternoons. We will miss her smiling face and her "Energizer bunny" level of activity.







## DONATIONS

Donations to DJD Cambodia Ministries, Inc. can be made:

- by mailing your donation to:  
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**P. O. Box 100362**  
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- by making a Pay Pal donation:

Go to [www.djdcambodiaministries.org](http://www.djdcambodiaministries.org) and click "How you can help"

- by using Ambit Energy as your electric provider:

Ambit, an electricity provider in Texas, has a plan which makes donations to DJD. For customers who sign up using the website, [djd.joinambit.com](http://djd.joinambit.com), to have Ambit be their electricity provider, DJD will receive a monthly donation from Ambit based on the customer's electricity usage. Ambit's electricity rates are competitive and there is no cost to switch. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ambit Consultant Nancy Cotten at 817.360.5978 or Rex Cunningham at 817.480.1606. Thank you for considering this way of supporting DJD.

Donations may be made either undesignated or designated. The projects currently in need of support are:

- Summer 2012 Mission Trips.
- DJD Farm Expansion.
- School children uniforms and supplies.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to support these projects.

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