

Winter 2020 NEWSLETTER

Providing support for ministries and Projects to improve the Spiritual, Educational, Economic, and Physical condition of the People of Cambodia.

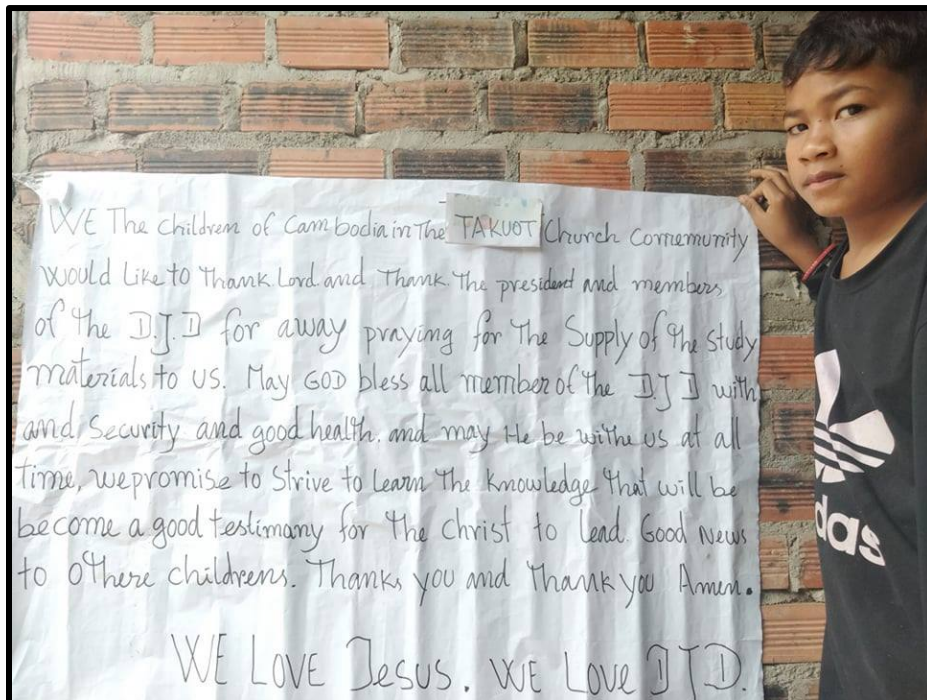


WHAT DID NOT HAPPEN IN 2020

Banquet: The DJD Cambodia Ministries Annual Fundraising Banquet would have been held on December 3, if it were not for the COVID restrictions we are currently living under. Besides raising funds, this is the DJD Board's opportunity to update our faithful supporters of what has happened with the DJD projects and ministries in 2020 and our plans for 2021. Since we cannot meet and eat this year, please let this newsletter serve as the 2020 report and 2021 plans. Thank you for your continuing support with your prayers and your financial gifts.

Mission Trip: Two mission teams had made plans for May 2020 trips to Cambodia. The team going in early May, rescheduled for October. The October travel date did not work. The team is now holding ticket vouchers hoping to be able to go in late spring or early summer 2021. The team going in late May was not able to reschedule and ticket refunds were requested. Four months and five days later, the refunds were received.

Youth Camp: For the past several years DJD has funded a Cambodian led youth camp with 100 plus youth in attendance. The camp is held in late August. In August 2020 because of government restrictions prohibited groups of more than 10 to meet together, a youth camp was not able to be held.



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WHAT DID HAPPEN IN 2020

School Uniform and Supply Project: DJD Cambodia Ministries is blessed to have a group of Cambodians to work with us. They keep our projects and ministries going when we are not in Cambodia. The school uniform and supply project provided uniforms and supplies to 3,000 Cambodian children in 108 locations. Our Cambodian project coordinator, Raksa, and a group of ladies made, ironed, and packaged all 3,000 uniforms at a cost of \$5 per uniform. The materials for the uniforms and the new flip flops were purchased at the local market to support the local economy. The supplies, at a cost of \$7 per child, were also purchased at the local market. Bibles that were given with the uniforms and supplies were from the Gideons. The distribution team would take the uniforms, supplies and Bibles to the village, meet with the children, present the Gospel and then call each child's name to come receive their uniforms, supplies and Bible. Due to recent floods, the distribution team could not reach all the villages and gave the uniforms, supplies and Bibles to the village pastor to distribute to the children. The school uniform and supply project is DJD's priority project because it meets all of DJD purposes: Spiritual: Children receive a Bible and hear the Gospel; Educational: Provides a uniform and supplies so the children can attend school; Economic: The uniform material and supplies are purchased at the local market; Physically: The money, paid to the ladies for making the uniforms, provides money to buy food for their families.

Pastor Training: The monthly pastor training study this year is John Stott's "Basic Christianity". Pastor training events were held in January and February with 121 pastors and church leaders present. In March government restrictions on meeting sizes went into effect. Those restrictions were lifted in October and a pastor training meeting with 116 pastors and church leaders present. There was also a pastor training meeting held on November 27. Besides the training, these meetings providing a great time of fellowship and encouragement for the pastors. Small group pastor trainings are also held using Theological Education by Extension material. These are for pastors in remote areas that cannot come to the monthly trainings.

Rice and food distribution: Cambodia experienced extreme flooding this fall. Battambang and surrounding provinces were particularly hard hit. Families were isolated for several days because of the flooded or washed-out roads. Houses were washed away. This year's rice crop was destroyed. All of the ministry organizations, including DJD, are raising funds to provide rice and other foods to the families affected by the floods. DJD was blessed to have over \$10,000 on hand that we could immediately send to our Cambodian ministry partners that purchased the rice and other foods in bulk, repacked them into smaller quantities and distributed them to the families in need. Since the rice crop was destroyed, this will be an ongoing need in 2021.



PLANS FOR 2021

School uniforms and supplies: In 2020, despite the challenges of COVID and flooding, we were still able to provide uniforms and supplies for 3,000 children. In 2021 DJD's goal will again be to provide uniforms and supplies to 3,000 children. At a cost of \$12 per child, this \$36,000 project will be our largest in 2021.

Pastor Training: In 2021, DJD hopes to provide training materials and funding for 10 monthly training events (Trainings are not held in April, the Cambodian New Year, or December because of Christmas celebrations in the churches). A monthly pastor training is attended by about 100 pastors and church leaders. The cost for the training is \$1,000 per session. In addition to the monthly pastor training, a senior pastor teaches Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in remote villages. DJD provides \$200 per month support for supplies and travel expenses for the pastor who teaches the groups of 6 to 8 pastors.

Rice and food distribution: Due to the flood's destruction of homes, crops, and roads, DJD will be providing rice and other foods throughout 2021. At this point, it is hard to know the amount of funds that will be needed. As needs are identified, DJD will do its best to provide these funds.

Mission Trips: There are 6 mission team members that were not able to go in 2020, that are holding airline travel vouchers and are prepared to go in 2021 as soon as it is safe to travel and government entry restriction are removed. Our hope is that others will want to join us once we have our dates set.

Youth Camp: In August 2020, when the camp would have been held, there were government restrictions on group meetings with more than 10 people. Youth camp usually has 100 to 125 youth attend the 3 day, 2 night camp. Our hope is to hold a camp in 2021. Cost of the camp is \$3,500. This is a great investment in the spiritual growth of Cambodia's leaders of tomorrow.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT DJD MINISTRIES AND PROJECTS?

PRAY: For the Cambodian children to experience the love of God through receiving uniforms and supplies; for the pastors to become equipped to proclaim the Gospel boldly through pastor training; for mission teams traveling to Cambodia to encourage the believers; for Youth Camp to help the youth attending to grow spiritually.

GIVE: Monthly, quarterly or one time designated for a specific ministry or undesignated in support of all DJD ministries or projects.

GO: Be a member of the 2021 mission team. If you are interested in receiving information as mission trip plans are made, please email Bryans Fitzhugh – bfitzhugh@djdcambodiaministries.org.

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