

CAMBODIA **BUILD-A-SCHOOL (BAS) PROJECT**

Ta Peuv, Baray District

Following our recent visit to Baray this year, we have identified a remote village that is badly in need of a school. This is a relatively small village, co-identified by the Department of Education and the Cambodia Methodist Services (CMS), consisting of approximately 200 families with about 500 children.



There is currently only 1 school in the vicinity that serves a cluster of 5 villages and provides limited classroom facilities for grades 1-6. Young children from Ta Peuv have to walk about 2 km along difficult dirt tracks to attend this school. Parents have expressed great concern for the safety of their young children traveling so far by themselves to get to school and have made a plea for a school to be built within the village grounds. In anticipation, they have as a community, collected enough money and have bought a large (~80m x 120m) plot of land specifically for the village school.



Proposal

We are proposing to help build a 2 classroom brick school that will serve the needs of about 80 children. An estimated US\$9-10K will be required to build this school, complete with toilets and furniture, plus a proper well for the village. The Department of Education has promised to deploy teachers if the school is built.

Gospel Outreach

There are 2 Christian families at the moment in Ta Peuv village. Savan, a local pastor with CMS, had lived in the village before and is familiar with the village leadership. His co-worker Vesna, has been making fortnightly trips to the village. Once the weather improves, more trips and be made. It is hoped that the construction of the school will facilitate the access of local missionaries and pastors into the village so that a cell group and eventually a church may be established.

Past Efforts

Last year, through a similar effort, we built a school for another remote village, Chhom Trach, in Baray. This was a village of 87 families, and about 200 children. With the school, the village has been transformed. Despair has been replaced by hope. Forty children now are moving into kindergarten and about 70 children moving from grade 1 to 2. There are now approximately 30 Christian families, and a church in the village.



We need your help in realizing this dream for the village. Please give generously. Kindly make your donations in the form of a check payable to Mt Carmel BP Church Ltd (write on back: "for school building project")

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