

# Introduction Cambodia

**Introduction:** The work in Cambodia began in 1995 when the first Global Partners missionary arrived on the field with the goal of church planting and leadership development. After the first Cambodian leaders came to know Jesus as their Savior and had received the calling to be pastors, the missionaries began to train them to take the Gospel to their own people. After many years, this process continues as pastors are continuing to share about Jesus in their villages and towns, helping to disciple new believers and train them to also share their testimonies of God's saving grace.

**Goals:** The work in Cambodia is in transition at the present time, but the main goals still remain: (1) To evangelize and disciple the people in the communities where we presently have churches, (2) to give theological education and training to those people who want to learn how to take the Gospel to new areas and villages, (3) to help the Cambodian people understand that Jesus came to this world and died for all people, not just people from Europe and the United States.

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There is an overall goal over the next 5-10 years to plant 50 new churches or Christ-centered communities, focusing on starting new house churches in villages where there has yet to be any Christian witness or services held.

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Alphabet is called  
Abugida



Key Exports  
Rice  
Rubber  
Textiles  
Fish



Has an extensive system of Barays (reservoirs) and canals which makes it possible to have three rice harvests per year.

Largest fresh water turtle—Cantor's giant softshell  
Up to 2 meters long and more than 50 kilograms



National Flower  
Ranidul



Louprey—largest bo-  
vine—national animal



Holiday  
Bonn Om Teuk  
Water festival fea-  
tures boat races

Musical instruments  
Tro, Khim



# Cambodia

Language  
Khmer  
English  
French

Only 45% of children finish  
elementary school

Religion  
Buddhism  
Islam  
Christianity



Temple City  
Angkor Wat



Tonle Sap River  
flows backwards  
during rainy season  
causing lake to rise  
7-10 meters

Market



Floating Village  
Kampong Phluk



Currency  
417 Riel = \$1 US



Fruit has its  
own royal court  
King—Durian  
Queen—Mangosteen  
Prince—Sapodilla  
Princess—Milk fruit



Popular food  
Tarantula kabobs

National food - paste  
used in food prepara-  
tion—Fermented fish  
paste



# Children's Story

## Cheata

Cheata wanted to learn English, and she heard that the Wesleyan Church in Phnom Penh was offering English classes. She started to go, and then she was invited to study the Bible in English on Saturday nights. She continued to do this for about four months when she stopped asking questions about nouns and verbs and began asking questions about Jesus and the grace that He gives to all people.

She accepted Christ and was baptized in 2011. She now is working to share the Gospel with her friends and family, even though her Buddhist mother and father told her that she cannot read the Bible in their presence or in their home. She had led one of her close friends to Christ and now continues to share her life and God's light with the people around her. She has dreams of being a missionary to other provinces of Cambodia.



# Memory Activity

Acts 5:29

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men!”

Unwrap the parcel - write each word of the verse on separate sheets of paper. Then randomly wrap them around a small box layer after layer. Play a game similar to musical chairs but instead of the children moving, pass the parcel around. When the music stops the person takes off one layer of wrapping and leaves the circle. Keep going until all of the layers are removed. Then have the children try to put the words in order to learn the verse

# Bible Lesson

Acts 5:17-42

Write these scrambled names (of the people found in this story) on the board or on pieces of paper for each child. As they listen to the story below, see if they can find and unscramble the names of the various players in the story.

Andrhesin = \_\_\_\_\_ (Sanhedrin)

Glena = \_\_\_\_\_ (angel)

Ssaoeltp = \_\_\_\_\_ (apostles)

Hhgi stirep = \_\_\_\_\_ (high priest)

Reept = \_\_\_\_\_ (Peter)

Llgieama = \_\_\_\_\_ (Gamaliel)

The apostles were performing many miracles and telling people about Jesus. This made the high priest and his friends very angry and jealous. They had the apostles arrested and put in jail. But that night, an angel came to them and opened the jail door. The angel said, "Go to the temple courts and keep telling the people about Jesus and His message of salvation." So the apostles did as they were told.

In the morning, the high priest called together all of the leaders of the group called the Sanhedrin. He wanted the apostles to appear before them. But, the captain of the jail did not find anybody in the jail! The doors were still locked, and the guards were still there...but nobody was inside!

Somebody looked toward the temple – there they saw the apostles, standing in the temple courts, telling people about Jesus - just as the angel had told them to do.

The captain had his guards bring the apostles to the Sanhedrin. The high priest said, "We told you not to teach about Jesus. Why are you disobeying our command?" Peter answered him, "We must obey God rather than men!"

Many of the Sanhedrin became so angry they wanted to kill the apostles. But a wise man named Gamaliel warned them. He said that in the past there had been leaders who had followings of people, but they eventually dispersed and nothing happened. He told the Sanhedrin that if this Jesus is just a man then this following will ultimately fail. But, if Jesus is from God, they would never be able to stop these men, because God is much more powerful than any human leader.

Gamaliel's speech persuaded the Sanhedrin to not kill the apostles. But, they did have them beaten and the apostles were told, again, to not talk about Jesus to the people of the city. But, the apostles did not listen to the Sanhedrin, because they had to obey God and tell others about Jesus and His message of salvation. The Bible says that every day, in the temple and in the houses, the apostles never stopped talking about Jesus.

## Takraw

**Takraw** is a favourite game played by children in Southeast Asia. They use a small hollow reed ball to play this game but any soft ball will be fine to use.

**No. of players:** 6 to 10 players

**Equipment:** a small, soft ball

**Aim:** To keep the ball in the air.

1. To play the game, the players form a circle.
2. One player tosses the ball to another player in the circle. The idea is to keep the ball in the air by hitting it to another player using any part of the body except their palms or fingers. Players can use their head, shoulders, their knees feet and the backs of their hands
3. If a player uses his palms or fingers or misses the ball three times he is out.
4. The winner is the player left after everyone else has been disqualified.

*Alternative:* This game can also be played as a non-competitive game by simply leaving out rules 3 and 4.

Game Time

# Time for Prayer

1. Pray for the hearts of the people of Cambodia to be softened to the Gospel of Christ, understanding that Jesus is not just a God for people in the United States, but that He came and died that all people would not be doomed to sin, death and hell.
2. Pray that God would stir up and encourage the hearts of our pastors and church leaders to continue to share the Gospel in their own contexts, even when they are discouraged, made fun of, or told that they are outsiders in their own culture
3. Pray for God's blessing to fall upon the families of our pastors, that all their needs would be met, and that they would be find a way to balance their ministry and their other jobs that they need to feed their families
4. Pray for the missionaries to Cambodia, the Slacks and the Gallants, that their work of encouraging and directing the ministry in Cambodia would be fruitful as they seek to provide resources for the pastors, pray with them, and work toward the vision of new churches in new villages

# Activity

## Activity

The Cambodian alphabet has 32 consonants, 32 secondary consonants, and 14 vowels

We have used some of these to create the following code translator

A = ា	G = ង	L = ញ	Q = អា	V = វ
B = ប	H = ឈ	M = ម	R = រ	W = ឡ
C = ត	I = ី	N = ន	S = គ	X = ឡា
D = ដ	J = ឆ	O = ោ	T = ត	Y = យ
E = ដេ	K = ក	P = ប	U = ុ	Z = ស
F = ផ				

Use the above code to learn more about what the bible says about serving God and not man.

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ី	រ		ង	ោ	ដ	រ		ម	ត	21	22				

See resource page for answer to code.

These scriptures can lead to a discussion about what it means to follow God and not the world.



[illegible]

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Here are the solutions for the two code boxes