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With your partnership, we have been making a difference, demonstrating love in a practical way: building homes for the destitute, providing clean water and food for the needy, and, as always, sharing the gospel.

## HOW you can HELP

Hands Across the Pacific is a registered 501c3 Christian mission organization committed to bringing the love of Christ to the least of these in Cambodia. H.A.P. is run by volunteers who do not take salaries; your tax-deductible gift of any amount goes directly to helping Cambodian families and reaching them with the gospel. To donate, go to handsacrossthepacific.com and click the DONATE tab. Or you may write a check to Hands **Across the Pacific** and send it to: H.A.P. P.O. Box 2775 Syracuse, NY 13220

## Thanks to Your Help—We Did It!

hank you to everyone who generously donated during our matching grant campaign. Your gifts helped us qualify for the \$10,000 matching grant, allowing us to double our impact in building homes for homeless families as well as for families living in squalid conditions.

Nou Min, a 38-year-old widow, was one of the beneficiaries of the building campaign. She struggled for ten years, raising her two children alone in the remote countryside in a house that was battered by annual monsoons. Each time it rained. water poured in through gaping holes in her makeshift thatchedroof dwelling, soaking her meager possessions and causing them to mildew. With your donations, HAP built Nou Min a new house with a metal roof, a solar light, an outside toilet, and a well for





Nou Min and her old home (above, top); Nou Min's new home being built (above).

potable water. When she saw it, she broke down and cried, thanking Jesus for His mercy. She has opened her new home to host a house church in her village. +

## Surviving the Deluge

While hurricane Ian was pounding Florida in mid-October, a similar

storm system hit the rural communities of Kampong Chhnang province



along the Tonlé Sap River. It was particularly devastating because many of the poor living there can afford only simple one-story homes that were quickly washed

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## A New Birth



Put Rei Trey worked very hard, and over time managed to save a lot of his wages when he was struck with a serious sickness three years ago. He spent all his savings on doctors, yet he remained bedridden. One of his relatives, who had become a Christian, asked Pastor Sina (on far left) with new believer Put Rei Trey and his family in their home

Paster Sina to visit Put Rei Trey and pray for him. Sina and his team presented the gospel, then prayed for Put Rei Trey's healing. They returned daily for three days to pray for Put Rei Trey, and on the third day, Put Rei Trey was completely healed! He repented and gave his life to Jesus, and his whole family, seeing that he had been made well by the hand of the true God, all became believers.

Sina and his team of believers travel throughout rural Kampong Chhnang province, praying for the sick, performing deeds of mercy, and, using designated funds from HAP, helping with tangible needs of the least of these. Sina oversees 17 churches that he has planted in the area.

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away in the storm. Even the houses that are built on three-meter stilts (in anticipation of the annual rainy season) were severely deluged with water, weakening their structure and destroying the limited personal possessions and scant food stores of the families. Another problem was that the unexpected flooding forced cobras and other poisonous snakes out of their holes in the ground, causing them to seek shelter, often in the houses along the river. Several children were bitten, and some died.

In the midst of this heartache, thanks to the generosity of our donors, Hands Across the Pacific was able to quickly get crucial funding into the hands of our onthe-ground pastors and leaders.



These dedicated individuals relocated families, set up temporary tent housing, and provided food and clean water as everyone waited for the floodwaters to recede so they could assess the damage. It was an opportunity for the church to do what we do best: share the gospel while meeting the practical needs of the suffering with the love and compassion of Christ.





Flooding in Kampong Chhnang province (above)