

With your partnership, here are some recent ways we have been making a difference:

- Delivering food for body and soul—helping with relief supplies and sharing the gospel
- Burned down but lifted up—although it’s discouraging when a home burns down, it’s uplifting when help arrives
- Living Water—clean, potable water is provided for village families and Living Water is explained

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

Delivering food for body and soul

Pastor Sina Oun, a former Buddhist itinerant preacher, met Jesus in a profound way 15 years ago and dedicated his life to Jesus. Today he oversees 32 house churches and tirelessly travels to isolated villages of Kampong Chhnang to pray for the sick, distribute relief supplies, and, most importantly, to share the gospel. Every time Pastor Sina or his team delivers food to the needy, it’s another opportunity to share the love of Christ.

In Cambodia, when visiting a village, it is customary to honor the village chief with a small gift of rice or good coffee. Developing relationships with village chiefs helps the pastoral team. The village chief can direct the team to the poorest families. The team then visits these families and



Pastor Sina (second from right) delivering food

helps monetarily or with relief supplies, all in the name of Jesus. Developing relationships with the village leaders not only opens doors to visiting the village, but also gives the opportunity to share the gospel with the village leaders as well!

In five of the house churches, 30 new believers have come to faith in less than three months! Pastor Sina and his team will soon gather these new believers in one place and baptize them—praise Jesus!



Burned down but lifted up

One of our imminent projects is rebuilding a needy family’s home. The house burned down in the spring, and the family has since



been at the mercy of neighbors and strangers, living with whoever will take them in. A team of pastors delivered food and relief supplies and shared the gospel, encouraging this family.

The estimated cost of rebuilding the home is \$2,000. Hands Across the Pacific will help pay for the supplies; the labor is being donated free of charge by volunteers from local Christian churches.



Living Water

There's one thing you can count on when living in Upstate New York: precipitation.

However it arrives, it leaves our lakes full, rivers overflowing, and everything green and lush. Without a thought, we wash, flush toilets, do laundry, and fill endless glasses of clean, clear water right from the tap. That's just how it is. Right?

Sadly, for Cambodians and much of the world, the answer is "no." When I first traveled to South East Asia in 2014, it didn't take long to realize there just wasn't enough clean water to go around. Not enough to wash with and certainly not enough to drink. This crisis remains and is predominately seen in the rural communities where the poorest Cambodians reside. These communities include the hundreds of villages found in the province of Kampong Chhnang—the very place H.A.P.'s ministry efforts take place. Today there are still over 3 million Cambodians who lack access to safe water—and almost double that number who lack access to adequate sanitation.

One way H.A.P. is making a difference is by partnering with area pastors who unite to dig large spring-fed ponds. We help offset the cost of renting excavation equipment as well as provide the necessary water purifiers that each family needs to use the water safely for drinking. These pastors work *hard*—and their efforts have proven lifesaving and have opened doors to share the gospel. Many have become believers, and this has opened the door for the local government and Buddhist clergy to see God's love in action and to open their own hearts to Jesus Christ. Thank you for your help in the past with all we are doing; your generous gifts help us to do so much more.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SPONSORING A FAMILY BY PURCHASING A WATER PURIFIER FOR JUST \$50

Would you consider sponsoring a family by purchasing a water



purifier for just \$50? These ceramic water purifiers are made specifically to filter household drinking water for Cambodian families. Imagine the difference you could make to one, five, or even ten families when clean water is provided and Living Water is explained. Please consider partnering with a tax-deductible gift. You can give by:

Sending your check to:
Hands Across the Pacific
PO Box 2775

Syracuse, New York 13220
or

Going to our website
www.handsacrossthepacific.com
and clicking the DONATE tab.

When you donate, you'll be making a difference, and you'll never look at a glass of water the same—I know I can't.

"Living Water" is written by Christopher Otis, President of Hands Across the Pacific. Christopher not only travels to Cambodia on short-term trips, but he also spent 36 months living in Kampong Chhnang and taking part in the day-to-day life of Cambodian villagers.



Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

– James 1:27 (NKJV)

