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Hands Across the Pacific continues to reach out to the least of these. Here are some ways that we are providing assistance:

- Supporting those who reach out to the mentally ill—helping with relief supplies and sharing the gospel
- Building homes for the destitute and churches in impoverished rural areas
- YOU make a difference!
Thanks to your support, this has been accomplished year to date!

HOW ^{you} can HELP

Hands Across the Pacific (H.A.P.) is a registered 501c3 Christian mission organization committed to bringing the love of Christ to the least of these in Cambodia. We partner with local churches and leaders to provide practical and spiritual support to widows, orphans, and communities in need. H.A.P. is run by volunteers who do not take salaries; your donations go 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:

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A Pastoral Couple's Ministry to the Forgotten Women of Cambodia


In the rural Cambodian province of Kampong Chhang, there is a group of women who are often neglected, abused, and despised by society: they are the women who suffer from mental illness. They have no family or friends to care for them, no access to medical treatment or social services, and no hope for a better future. These women are often found wandering through the villages, begging for food or shelter, or sleeping on the streets. They are frequently raped, spat upon, chased away, or even killed by the villagers who see them as a curse or a burden. They are the forgotten women of Cambodia.

But there is a pastoral couple who has not forgotten them: Pastor Ghoun and his wife Sok Heng, who are supported by H.A.P. They have a heart for these women and have opened their home to them,

providing shelter, food, clothing, and hygiene for these women. Pastor Ghoun and Sok Heng have also started a church where they preach the gospel, pray for healing, and teach basic skills such as reading, writing, and sewing. They have also connected these women with other local Christian organizations that can offer more specialized care and support.

Through this ministry, many lives have been transformed by the power of God's love. Women who were once hopeless and suicidal have become joyful and hopeful. Those who were once rejected and isolated are now accepted and loved. And women who were once lost and broken are found and whole.

Pastor Ghoun and Sok Heng are grateful for the support they receive from H.A.P, which enables them to continue their ministry. As they face

challenges and dangers in their mission field, they need our prayers for protection, for more workers, and for resources to continue their sacrificial work. 





Thanks to your prayers and donations, God has done amazing things through our ministry in


Cambodia. As of June, we have raised half of our \$100,000 goal! These funds enabled us to build houses for the needy and churches in remote villages—and to share the gospel with many who have never heard it before.

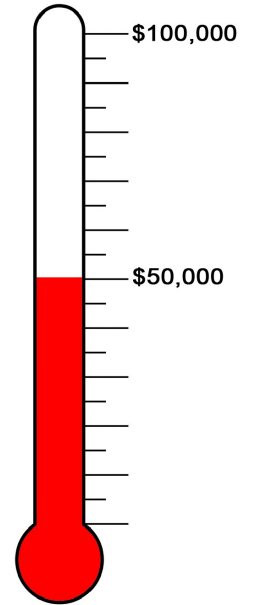
One family we helped was Sokha and her four children. They were living in a dilapidated shack

that was falling apart and letting in the rain. They had no electricity, no running water, and no hope. H.A.P. built them a new house with a concrete floor, a metal roof, and a solar panel. The family was overjoyed and grateful for this gift of love.

Another project H.A.P. helped complete was building a church in Prey Veng province in southern Cambodia, an impoverished area that has few Christians. The local believers had been meeting in a small house that could not fit everyone. With your support, a new church building that can accommodate up to 100 people now stands. The church is growing

and reaching out to neighbors with the good news of Jesus.

These are just some examples of how God is using Hands Across the Pacific to transform lives in Cambodia. We could not do this without your generous support. Thank you for partnering with us in this mission. Please continue to pray for us and for the people of Cambodia. 




You Make a Difference!

Cambodia is a nation that has suffered greatly from war, genocide, poverty, and corruption. Many live in extreme destitution. Only 3% of the country is Christian. While the church is growing, it faces many challenges, discrimination, and oppression. Christians need more resources and training so they can better reach out to the lost and disciple new believers.

That's why Hands Across the Pacific exists. We want to empower the Cambodian church to fulfill its God-given mission and vision. We do this by providing humanitarian aid to support the church planting work of pastors and

church leaders in the more remote villages. H.A.P. also supports ministries that serve the most vulnerable and marginalized people.

We invite you to join us in this mission. You can partner with us by praying, giving, or going. Pray for our staff, partners, and beneficiaries in Cambodia. Give financially to support our projects and programs. Go on a short-term or long-term mission trip to Cambodia and see firsthand what God is doing there. Whatever you do, you can make an impact for God's kingdom in Cambodia. 

Your prayers and your faithful, generous support are changing lives halfway around the world! Here's a short list of what your partnership has helped make possible this year:

- 109 new believers
- 51 baptisms
- 2 houses built for poor widows
- 2 new church buildings built
- 3 wells dug in 3 villages
- distributing food to 30 poor families
- monthly support for the woman with mental illness
- monthly support for orphans
- 8 Gospel outreaches in 6 different provinces

