



# CAMBODIA

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES



# **Building a Lasting Legacy in Cambodia**



***The BIBLICAL MANDATE: “This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father: that we care for widows and orphans in their distress...” (James 1:27).***

***The MISSION and VISION of Cambodia Christian Ministries: CCM seeks to imitate the mission of Jesus as He healed people physically and spiritually. This compassion is illustrated in Matthew chapter 9: “Jesus went from village to village, preaching and teaching the word of God, while also healing people of their various physical ailments” (Matthew 9:35-38).***



## Introduction to Cambodia Christian Ministries and Missionary Sokhom Hun:

**Q: “How did CCM begin?”**

A: Sokhom Hun, a miraculous and providential survivor of the 1975-1979 genocide known as Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge and the infamous “Killing Fields”, escaped to America with his family in 1980. Shortly thereafter, he was converted to Jesus, and the healing process began.



Sokhom’s healing was accelerated when he and Mike Meierhofer participated in a medical mission trip to Cambodia in 2009. Both men were deeply moved by the struggles of the masses. With encouragement from Mike and others, Sokhom returned to Cambodia as a witness to preach the gospel, plant churches, and minister to the poor. FROM THE KILLING FIELDS TO THE MISSION FIELD - SAME COUNTRY!



**Q: “How does CCM function and progress as a bonafide mission effort?”**

A: CCM is an established nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, overseen by an independent Board of Directors, with Mike Meierhofer currently serving as President. Mike is a proven hands-on overseer, having served with Sokhom in Cambodia over twenty times! He communicates daily with Sokhom regarding ministry opportunities and challenges. CCM also leverages an Advisory Board consisting of people with various expertise. Approximately 1000 people over the last decade have participated in supporting the ministry.



**Q: “Can you provide a brief history of CCM?”**

A: Sokhom has operated at warp speed since he began CCM operations in November, 2009. In 2015 CCM purchased (with cash generated from annual CCM golf tournaments in Dallas) eighty acres of fertile agricultural property two hours west of the capital of Phnom Penh. Great works have been accomplished for the kingdom, highlighted by development of the property, hundreds of conversions, and massive annual medical and evangelistic campaigns.



**Q: “What is the current financial stability of the ministry?”**

A: CCM is remarkably healthy by all financial standards. CCM has committed funds in the bank earmarked for future mission work and the ministry is debt-free! That means property, buildings, equipment – everything! CCM doesn’t owe a cent on anything. CCM has received the Gold Transparency Award for Integrity in Ministry from CANDID.



**Q: “Is CCM economically self-sustainable?”**

A: Absolutely! Besides the nearly 1000 past and present financial supporters, CCM is in the early stages of generating income from its productive farmland. Coconut trees, mango trees, and other fruit trees flourish. Numerous ponds produce fish, frogs, and shrimp for market. In 2022 Sokhom sold five tons of bullfrogs!!! Two water well drilling rigs provide safe water in remote villages and have potential to generate income for the ministry at CCM. Preacher students in the Cambodia Bible School (CBS) work on the property to help pay their way as well as learn skills to support themselves after graduation.





## **God Prepared Sokhom for Such a Time As This:**

**Q: “What makes Sokhom uniquely qualified to lead this ministry?”**

A: Born and raised in poor villages of Cambodia, he learned how to survive off the land. His years in the military (trained by US Commandos), and then his sufferings at the hands of Pol Pot, and then his escape to America, all elevate his status. His business savvy and many contacts forged in the US, along with his bilingual and bicultural skills, make him truly unique.

**Q: “What kind of influence does Sokhom possess in Cambodia?”**

A: Sixty-six-year-old Sokhom Hun is highly respected throughout Cambodia! When he returned, he didn't seek murderous revenge on those who butchered his family as expected, but instead, he FORGAVE THEM in the name of Jesus Christ! His servant model of leadership shocked the nation, and word spread far and wide of this odd man's message of HEALING GRACE. His education and experience in America are highly valued. He cultivates a symbiotic relationship with the authorities. His relentless practice of the Gospel Way impacts all in his path. Because of this CCM has earned the respect of both authorities and common people.





## The New CCM Center:

### Q: “Is Cambodia a Buddhist country?”

A: Like most of Southeast Asia, Cambodia is mostly Buddhist, but also sponsors a scattered Muslim population, and Christianity is growing as the Lord works through ministries like CCM. The government allows freedom of religion and the poor people in remote villages are open to hearing a gospel featuring the love of Jesus. CCM’s medical/evangelistic campaigns are conducted in public settings resulting in many being baptized into Christ.



### Q: “What are the people like who live near CCM Center?”

A: They are incredibly poor but surprisingly happy. Most are subsistence farmers and spend their days trying to provide enough food to feed their families. Most live in small villages that are essentially extended families. A dozen such villages exist within a few miles of CCM Center, and these neighbors love “Jesus Place” for blessing them in various ways: food, flood relief, a free medical clinic, and a worship center. Additionally, CCM has transported 40+ expecting mothers to the clinic in the CCM van for delivery since their only mode of transportation is motorbike to the city hospital.



## **Current Ministries of CCM:**

### **Q: “What are some other primary ministries of CCM?”**

A: CCM provides medical care, spiritual counseling, food and clothing to the poor, water wells for safe drinking, orphan and some widow care, biblical teaching in the preaching school, and spiritual leadership with Bible teaching to hundreds of multi-denominational church leaders around the country. This is an impressive feat.

### **Q: “What about the Cambodia Bible School (CBS)?”**

A: We’ve experienced better than expected success at CBS. CCM’s major medical mission trips have brought forth the fruit of young men coming to Christ, and then wanting to share the good news with others. In response, CCM built three dormitories for student housing. These committed students are up at daybreak, attend classes in the morning and evening (with professors “Zooming” from America), and then several afternoons during the week they work in the fields until dinner.



In 2022 eight CBS graduates were commissioned for ministry. CCM continues its relationship with alumni by providing them with three years of modest support to help them survive while preaching in their villages. They are also given a micro-loan up to \$2,000 to purchase cows, fish, etc. to help them become self-supporting in the future. The potential good these graduates can accomplish under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is staggering.





**Q: What are LeaderCare Seminars?**

A: CCM provides biblical teaching to nearly 500 house church leaders from all over the country! Large LeaderCare seminars are conducted at CCM Center and villages around the country. Leaders of various church affiliations love the way CCM teachers answer their questions with the Word of God.



**Q: “What about these major medical mission trips?”**

A: CCM has been a Non-Government Organization (NGO) for many years and it opens ministry doors for CCM to travel the country. Every January, CCM conducts an aggressive two-week effort featuring fifty+ people, which includes international medical professionals who provide medical, dental, vision, and preventative care for more than 10,000 of the poorest of the poor. Multiple preachers teach from morning till night to large audiences. Smaller campaigns take place throughout the year.





## **Expansion of Ministry:** **Building a Christian School/Orphanage**

**Q: “With all of this going on, why do you want to expand your ministry?”**

A: The Bible is clear about Christian responsibility to care for orphans. CCM sees a great need for educating and caring for orphans and the poorer children of Cambodia. The school will be occupied by three primary groups: orphans of school age, poorer children from neighboring villages, and other underprivileged children from around the country. We will increase the number of orphans as they become available. God has providentially positioned CCM to handle this great work. We already have a good number of qualified people waiting to embrace the opportunity.



**Q: “Briefly, what will this Christian school/orphanage look like?”**

A: CCM has dedicated space to accommodate a two-story school building measuring about 50,000 sq. ft. in total. On the wings, our architect will design separate living houses for boys and girls between the ages of five and eighteen, as well as accommodations for house parents and some educators. A dining facility, gymnasium, and classrooms will occupy the center. It will be engineered and built to comply to all government regulations and codes. A headmaster/principal and qualified teachers will be recruited, and some CBS alumni will return to serve the school/orphanage in various ways.

**Q: “How many children will the Christian school accommodate?”**

A: The Christian school will begin with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and add another grade each year. The capacity will be about two hundred and fifty students. Children will be fed, clothed, and educated. Some will graduate and then enter CBS and eventually go into ministry.



**Q: “Can you describe the operational protocols of the Christian school/orphanage?”**

A: “It is a significant undertaking but CCM is not intimidated. It will operate in a loving, disciplined, Christian environment, teaching not only basic academics, but also Christian morality, life skills, and community responsibilities. The children will learn a healthy work ethic by doing chores on the farm.

**Q: “OK, what’s a project of this magnitude going to cost?”**

A: Because of lower labor and material costs in the Third World, and because of Sokhom’s contacts and skills, CCM projects the total building cost to be approximately \$1,000,000. This includes the main school, several dorms, desks, chairs, cafeteria supplies, etc. We can build it in a year under the oversight of a construction committee already formed. The annual operational cost, including everything associated with raising and educating the children, is anticipated to be about \$100 per month per child. At peak operation, it will cost \$24,000 a month to operate the orphanage.



**Q: “Though a fraction of what it would cost in America, it’s still a lot of money. How do you plan to raise that kind of cash?”**

A: “We are asking faithful individuals and churches to partner with us to bless some precious little ones for the Lord. Remember, nearly 1,000 people have financially supported CCM over the years. As the number of students increases, donors will be sponsoring children on a monthly basis.

**Q: “This seems like a rather ambitious project. Do you really think you can accomplish your goals?”**

A: Absolutely! CCM readily admits this is a GOD-SIZED DREAM, but would you want to be involved in anything less? All the pieces of the puzzle are in place, with FAITH at the top of the heap. All that’s missing is a group of faithful people ready and willing to launch! Please join us.

