



Welcome to Indochina Missions

Special Summary Newsletter



Your Missionary: Glenn Colley



The account of our Mission work begins with our Lord Jesus who called men from their occupation, trained them, and sent them throughout the villages of Galilee with the Gospel of Salvation. By the order of Christ others such as the Apostle Paul and Barnabus were called out of their local Church of Antioch to reach distant regions for Christ. I was raised in the Lutheran Church in the suburbs of Chicago. I received Jesus as my personal Savior at the age of ten years old. Upon graduation from High School I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps working on the flight line in aviation electronics on the United States Marine Corp's CH-46 tandem rotor helicopters. I served on three helicopter carriers, the USS Iwo Jima, the USS Inchon, and the USS Guadalcanal on a 6-month tour to the Mediterranean countries of Spain, France, Italy and Sicily as well as tours to Puerto Rico, Africa and Brazil.

At the end of my four year enlistment I enrolled in t Private Christian College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in Chemistry and a minor in Bible with a heavy emphasis on Missions. I moved back to the St. Charles area and rejoined Bethel Baptist Church of St. Charles, Illinois where I served as Jr. High Director, Treasurer and in the Adult Choir under several Pastors. During this time I worked as an analytical chemist at Liquid Air Corporation.

In 1987 I used my three week vacation and my frequent flyer miles to survey a Mission work in Cambodia. I began to pray. In 1991, with the fall of the Iron Curtain this former Soviet satellite country opened up and I visited in November upon the return of the King of Cambodia to receive letters of permission to begin Mission work in the country. My home church approved the work, assisted in helping raise support over the coming year and by November of 1992 I was all set and I resigned my position at Liquid Air and began my work as a Missionary commissioned for work in Cambodia.



The Field:

Cambodia was, and is, a poverty stricken country and one of the few countries of the world which had yet to be properly reached with the Gospel of Christ. I learned the Cambodian language of Khmer within the first year.

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Through an interpreter we were able to have souls saved and Sunday services from just a few months after my arrival until my return to report back to my Church in November of 1993. We were all overjoyed in the work and there was a second laying on of hands and sending to continue the work. The staff of Elders serving as Pastor, Deacons, and Preachers approved of my marriage to Saveun who was a faithful member of our Church in Cambodia.

Over the ensuing years we were able to buy a property in an area which was just on the outskirts of Phnom Penh and an area which was completely unevangelized. By God's grace we built a single story brick stucco Church building, a small two room home for Saveun and I and an Evangelistic Room for daily training and for Evangelizing new souls who come to Sunday Service. Our method of Evangelism is to have our members personally evangelize others as well as go out in teams to new areas around the Church and invite souls to our Sunday service. Those who attend for the first time on Sunday are invited to our Evangelistic room where they are brought to a full understanding of Jesus as Christ. Typically one session is enough and they are baptized right after the Sunday Service in our outside baptismal which is kept full using rainwater.



Village Work:

As the base Church stabilized we began to concentrate on the more remote areas of Cambodia. I passed over the nearest province of Prey Veng to the Southeastern province of Svay Rieng. We began Bible Schools and trained quite a few men in that province who reached deep into the most remote areas. All of my travel over the 22 years of our work here right up to the present day has been on motorcycle since that is the only mode of transport which would reach these areas with dirt/mud paths and washed out roads. Hundreds of souls were reached for the Savior and I baptized them in local freshwater ponds and rivers. Brother Reap who was a "Timothy" of sorts has remained faithful to this day and continues to Pastor a Church in the "Elephant Story" village of Svay Rieng province. We work with him continually in prayer and developing materials which he uses in his church.

The Kandal province is about a 40 minute drive from our Main Church here in the DaNgow Village. Saveun and I and two of our workers established a Church there by travelling every Sunday by two motorcycles holding Sunday services with those who had received Christ and who had been baptized in the Bassac and Mekong rivers. That Church also continues to this day with an elderly Pastor. We still go out there every Sunday to help with the music, evangelism and baptism.

The Distance:



Cambodia lies exactly halfway around the world from Chicago, Illinois. We are twelve time zones from Illinois so it is expensive to make the trip and the jet-lag from the 3 + 16 hour flights is always a challenge. In the 20+ years I have been on the field I have been blessed to return to report on our work nine times. This coming January of 2015 will be our tenth opportunity to be with those who have loved and supported the work over the years. Because of residency requirements my trips must be less than 30 days but we have always been able to get back in touch with everyone in that time and hope for the same this trip. We look forward to giving a great report on the work here by picture and video and to be personally present to manifest God's faithfulness in his love to reach even these most remote regions of the world for Christ.

In Christ service to the Cambodian people,



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