THE ADVANCE: CAMBODIA PROJECTS

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Cambodia is rich in biodiversity. It is home to the third-largest dry evergreen forest in Southeast Asia, with 2,300 plant species, 14 endangered animals, and 1 of 7 elephant corridors left in the world.

Since 2000, Cambodia has made remarkable improvements in its health outcomes, from significantly raising life expectancy, to reducing child mortality by more than half.

- 80% of Cambodians live in rural areas*
- 20% of Cambodians are still food deprived*
- 65% rely on agriculture, fisheries, and forestry for their livelihoods.*

Cambodia needs our help.

Through The Advance, a designated giving arm of the United Methodist Church, you can support projects that focus on long-term sustainability and local ownership – from implementing effective methods to grow food and establishing rice banks, to providing health care and education, to starting dynamic Christian communities of faith in Cambodia.

When you give generously to Advance projects, 100% of your donation goes towards the designated project, making a real difference.

This is a catalog of our Cambodian Initiatives that you can support generously. We encourage you to rally you, your congregation, your small group, your family, and even your community behind these efforts.

*Statistics from USAID
DONATIONS TO THE ADVANCE HELP INDIVIDUALS GET MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND RECEIVE LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

Changha Methodist Church is an isolated church located in Poy Wat village, Ochrov district in Banteay Meanchey province, Cambodia. Mostly everyone, both church and community members, alike are farmers.

In 2013, Poy Wat village was completed covered in water due to severe floods—an event that befalls the region almost every year. When flooding occurs, many church and community members are forced to go to Thailand to seek construction work to help support their families’ needs.

Donations made last year to the Community Health and Agriculture Development Program (CHAD), Advance #14916A, helped 1,184 individuals in getting medical assistance and receiving livelihood support.

“When I saw my rice farm under the big flood for a long time, I knew it was destroyed,” said Phay Pat, a community member. “I cried tearfully to Jesus Christ. I told Him about my hard life and asked Him to save me or I won’t have anything to give back to the rice bank.”

A few weeks later, the waters receded and the rice survived the deluge. For Pat, rice production was far better for her than the previous year. Prior to this event, Pat would harvest an average of 11 to 13 sacks of rice. But this year, she harvested 18 sacks of rice, equaling 1.8 tons. Not only did the community have enough food for the whole year, but they will able to sell the surplus, earning additional income to support their children’s education.

Supporting CHAD’s rice bank initiative, a food security and livelihood cooperative project is one example of how generous gifts can impact the lives of farmers in Cambodia. Currently, CHAD has established 101 rice banks in 72 Methodist of Cambodia churches. Community rice banks improve food security and links farmers to technical resources so they can increase crop yields. Farmers also have the opportunity to take microloans that enable them to start their own businesses and support their families.

Generous donations also help Cambodian communities in a number of other ways, including:

• Establishing cow-raising groups and chicken-raising groups
• Constructing latrines
• Providing medical care at an eye clinic through dedicated United Methodist Volunteers in Mission teams.

Together, we do more.
#14917A

**Cambodia Methodist Bible School Scholarship Fund**

**Annual Goal:** $19,120  
**Location:** Phnom Penh Cambodia Asia and Pacific

There is a shortage of pastors serving in the Methodist Church in Cambodia, and an urgent need to develop the leadership and skills for ministry of lay people who could assist pastors in the local churches and the larger community. This project will make the education and training of prospective new pastors and lay people for ministry in and through the local churches. Through this project, we expect an increasing number of young people will commit their lives to full-time ministry.

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#14916A

**Community Health & Agricultural Development (CHAD-Cambodia)**

**Annual Goal:** $65,000  
**Location:** Cambodia Asia and Pacific

Most Cambodian citizens are dependent on rice farming for their source of livelihood, but rampant poverty coupled with low crop yield and crop failure due to drought/flood exacerbate food security problems. CHAD’s strategic model for building local ownership expands an individual’s food and income base, enabling families to be resilient and to adapt to climate change and mitigate disasters. This project will assist households to meet their own daily nutrition requirements and generate surplus assets, by increasing the diversity of food production through vegetables and livestock. This project aims to help Cambodians to become income and food secure, healthy and resilient against climate change.
Cambodia Women’s Livelihood projects

Annual Goal: $19,800
Location: Cambodia Asia and Pacific

Young women feel hopeless in Cambodia, and go without education so that they can help their parents find food to eat. A large number of women also live in violence or abusive situations. This project provides gifts of livestock and tools for women so that they can create self-sustaining livelihoods.

Cambodia Mission Initiative

Annual Goal: $145,800
Location: Cambodia Asia and Pacific

The Methodist Church in Cambodia is a young church. It was officially constituted in September 2018. After 2 decades of work, there are now 140 churches, with almost 7,000 worshipers. One of the biggest challenges in our Cambodian churches is to raise enough funds to pay the pastors’ salaries. The purpose of this project is to support new churches, pastors’ salary, and the administration of the Methodist mission in Cambodia. The goal is to increase the discipleship of Cambodians in our churches and villages that leads to the transformation of the Cambodian society.
Cambodia Nationals in Mission

Annual Goal: NA
Location: Cambodia Asia and Pacific

This project provides salary support for innovative staff positions in the local area for Persons in Mission.

Children and Youth Scholarships

Annual Goal: $35,000
Location: Cambodia Asia and Pacific

This project’s primary objective is to reach out to children and young people in our churches by providing education opportunities. By providing a child or a youth with a high quality education, they will be able to lift themselves and their families out of poverty thus breaking the cycle of poverty. Through education, we can create a lasting change in the most impoverished communities.
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Street Children Ministry

Annual Goal: $20,000

Location: Cambodia Asia and Pacific

Many street children in Cambodia are relocated by the government to areas where there are no schools, no source of income, no clean water, and no spiritual or emotional support. This project will provide scholarships, medical support, Sunday School, Bible Study, worship, and fellowship to these children. Through this project, we will give hope to the hopeless, shine a light to those in the darkness, bring Christ to the poor, and share the love of God with all.

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Christian Education and Curriculum Development

Annual Goal: $10,000

Location: Cambodia Asia and Pacific

Since the Methodist Church in Cambodia is a very young church, there is a dire need for printed Christian resources in the Khmer language. This project will support leaders and translators who can write and develop materials for local churches in the Khmer language. The primary goal of this project is to develop Christian curriculum for every Methodist Church in Cambodia so that we can build up every believer to have strong faith and good character.
Women’s Empowerment and Leadership Training Project

Annual Goal: $16,900

Location: Cambodia Asia and Pacific

Most of the women in Cambodian churches and communities have limited access to leadership training as well as health hygiene, limiting their ability to take care of their own health and the health of their children. This project provides knowledge, resources, capacity building to address social concerns, and opportunities for women in these communities to be leaders. The goal is to help women become healthy leaders, empowered to reach their communities for Christ.
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