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Phnom Penh Bible School sends students in small groups to have ministry exposure every year to exchange experiences in serving churches. Each student learn to prepare sermon, presentation, lessons and teaching materials for teaching youth and children. They also learn to work as a team, to show love and patience to one another, and to accomplish the mission...(cont. to pg. 4-5)

Phnom Penh Bible School will open the enrolment for 2011-2012 on the first week of May 2011. In the coming academic year, we offer Bachelor of Christian Ministry (BCM), Associate Degree of Christian Ministry (ABCM) and Foundations of Christian Ministry (FCM). Besides full time study we also offer part-time study for Associate Degree of Christian Ministry (ABCM) and Foundation of Christian Ministry (FCM). The opening of part-time study would allow Church leaders or any Christians to equip themselves, even though they are not available to study full time. The deadline of application is 12 August 2011.

Should you need further information, please feel free to contact the Registrar's Office by phone at 023 880 771 or 012 939504 or via email ppbs@ppbs.edu.kh or visit our website: www.ppbs.edu.kh
From a young age I have always loved teaching. From the first day of becoming a Christian at age 17 I have always loved God’s Word. I wanted to be a missionary from before becoming a Christian. Thus it seemed appropriate that I would teach in a Bible school as a missionary. I started teaching at PPBS in 1996 and it has been an interesting journey. At first I was teaching with a translator which is not ideal, but one strong positive from that experience was that I heard the Khmer pronunciation of many words, including Biblical words, many times over before I started saying the words more myself.

There are always joys and frustrations in teaching, and when what you are teaching is as important as God’s Word, then the joys and frustrations are increased. Learning to teach in Khmer is both a joy and a frustration at the same time. Overall, however, I would describe the time as a time of growth. Growth for me as I seek further to understand God’s Word, to grow in my walk with Christ and learn more of how to teach the Bible in Cambodia. Growth for me as I develop relationships with the students and learn from them and their experiences. It has also been a time of growth for the students. It has been great to see students in class as they grow in their understanding of God, of the gospel of Christ, of how to read and apply the Bible. To give one individual example, I remember after teaching *Doctrine of Revelation and Scripture*, one students approached me and told me that before studying that subject he was not particularly interested in reading the Bible, and did not consider it that important. What he learned in that subject completely changed his worldview and helped him see the importance of reading, studying and digesting God’s Word.

It has always been my goal to help students see the greatness of God; his glory, love, holiness and faithfulness ultimately revealed in the gospel of Christ. In seeing this, that would in turn produce faith, hope and love. Looking back over the years I think I have had varying degrees of success. It has always been exciting to see students grasp hold of these truths in class, and my prayer is that this will not only help them in their faith, but also inspire and equip them to build the church in Cambodia. The greatest encouragement has been when graduates have shared with me that what they learned in class with me has helped them grow the Christians in their congregations.

Of course teaching is not just in the classroom. I have had small groups and it has always been an interesting experience praying with them and going on field ministry exposure trips to different provinces. I am sure I have learned more from these trips than any of the students did. Students were delighted in seeing my attempts at farming, and fail. Praise and thanks be to God for all these experiences.
Thanksgiving note
In this special occasion, I thank God for the past five years teaching God’s Word in Phnom Penh Bible School (2006-2010). I thank Him for three experiences of growth: with God, with colleagues and with students.

First of all, I thank God that teaching here has been encouraging me to grow more in my personal relationship with Jesus Christ. At the times I prepared lessons, He continued to teach me his holiness and righteousness. He desires me to grow in my life walking with Him to be holy and righteous as He is till Christ returns.

When I taught in class, I also learnt from all my lessons that “Jesus Christ is Lord” there is no other way in life except through Him. I must decide to live joyfully with His Word day and night so that He would make me bear fruit in my life to glorify Him (Psalm 1; John 15:5). Teaching here He always knocks the door of my heart to go on my faith, my trust and my growth in Him for this is the firm foundation for reaching beyond.

I also thank the Lord for all faculty members, teachers and staff who take part in reaching beyond. We all are serving Him in different parts of Christ’s body (1Cor. 12:12). I have seen each one has desire to grow in their gift to build up His body. Some encourage each other to serve better. Some make a large effort to teach and also to study further. God is the ONE who plants and makes it grow, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor (1Cor. 3:5-9). Finally, I also thank the Lord for the growth of all the students in their lives and in their walk with God. Your growth is the testimony of God’s work through His Word and His Holy Spirit. He has chosen you to be His children and given you the special privilege of building up His body in all places especially in Cambodia. His harvest field is the church, family members, relatives and all people around your place. They are our reaching points beyond our Phnom Penh Bible School. I see that the Lord has been doing great thing in your lives transforming your sinful lives to new lives of grace in Jesus, encouraging you to come out from hardship and difficulties to study Bible fulltime or part time. May He continue to shape your lives to be more holy and righteous like Him.

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.
Yem Sochea (FCM)

My small group had a field exposure trip to a tribal group in Mondol Kiri province this year. Although our journey took many hours, but we reached the place finally and had new experience of their worship and serving, which is different from Khmer people. In this trip we learnt to share and work as a team and love as brothers. Moreover, I learnt of their faithful worship and faith in the Lord Jesus. We encourage each other by the Word of God.

I have decided to work hard serving the Lord whatever the situation is. I have a vision to create evangelized groups to reach out to more people.

Seng Soka (Year 1)

My small group had a field exposure trip to Preah Vihear province which is very cold and not easy to get transportation. We learnt that the leader of the church was neither concerned for nor had good relationship with his congregation, so they seemed to be far from each other.

The field exposure trip this year encouraged me to make my commitment to serve God more, and it also let us know and learn from each other.

It gives new perspective in doing ministry for our Lord Jesus Christ in my life, to serve one another and to be successful in serving ministry.

Phal Phirum (Year 2)

My small group had a field exposure trip to Srae Ombil, Koh Kong province. We followed our plan very well. I trained a Sunday School teacher whom accepted Christ 2-3 months earlier. He did not know how to pray, and he completed only primary school in his general education. My group shared the gospel to weak believers who had stopped coming to the church. We also had good fellowship with the church members and helped them in their needs. They need encouragement, bible teaching and human resource equipping. I learnt from this trip that we can have a suitable career for our lives, and we serve the Lord without taking salary.
Chin Chun (Year 3)

We went to an ethnic group in Mondol Kiri province this year. We reached the place safe and sound, and we did ministries according to what we had planned. We had planned what we wanted to do in this trip very well. But each of us had to add our pocket money three dollars for the bus. There was not any problems in this trip besides the fact that it was very cold, causing some of us to catch a cold. We saw many of the ethnic people had accepted Christ. Our leader encouraged the congregation by his preaching and teaching. The congregation listened to the Word and prayed. They were in unity and in agreement, also they were responsible people. They were a good example to us. We hope that our group will work harder to serve God. We need to organize and strengthen all parts of our serving ministries and have a close relationship with God.

Ki Sokion (Year 4)

This year we went to Banteay Meanchey province. Our program in this field trip exposure was very well done. From Phnom Penh we took a very long journey. To reach the village, we rode Kouyon. Although it was dusty, it was no problem at all. We conducted a youth seminar to teach a big group of youth and children. We also shared with believers to know clearly about God and encouraged them stand firm in their faith. They requested us to pray for them and visit them again.

What our small group learnt from this ministry were to work in group as a team, to be patient, to be responsible and flexible in serving the Lord. These were our new perspective.

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**Announcement from EEP**

Extension Education Program is having two courses in coming Khmer New Year in two places:

**Bathombong province:**
- **Subject:** How to study the Bible
- **Teacher:** Chan Kakda
- **Place to study:** Friends Church

**Kompong Thom province:**
- **Subject:** Gospel of Matthew
- **Teacher:** Eap Srey
- **Place to study:** Baptist Kompong Thom 1

**Date of course:** 9, 11, 12 April 2011
**please contact** Eap Srey for further information. **Tel:** 023 880771/012 939 504
**Email:** extedu@ppbs.edu.kh
PPBS alumni activities seem not to be so significant during these years. Information which we receive from our alumni in every batches is that their relationship in each batch is normal. There are a number of alumni met each other once a year. PPBS had fellowship with them in June 18, 2010. The theme was “PPBS Alumni Family Fellowship.” The program was processing well and joyful, and we had fellowship meal together too.

Recently the Alumni Committee of Phnom Penh Bible School had a meeting on the 26th of February 2011 to plan the 16th Phnom Penh Bible School Alumni Birthday. Our committee decided to celebrate the Alumni Birthday on the 13th of May 2011. The theme is “The Calling”. The Alumni Committee is preparing the invitation card and program.

We will announce to all the alumni. Our Committee also plans to invite the PPBS faculty members to join this program too. Therefore may all the PPBS alumni come and join this program. The details of information will be announced in the invitation card.

The PPBS Alumni Committee
(cont.from page 1)...one of the greatest joys which any human being can experience. We know something of what it is like whenever we reach a point in our lives when we are subject to some form of judgment and examination. or a job interview, or an offense we may have committed. Rightly or wrongly, many people develop an almost pathological fear of this sort of thing, because they cannot cope with the exposure of their hidden strengths and weaknesses which such a test involves. Insecurity and lack of confidence can usually be concealed fairly well in most everyday situations, but when the moment of truth comes, our defenses crumble and we are revealed for what we really are. Now if this is true on earth, how much more will it be true in the presence of God.

Paul has already shown many times that we have nothing to boast of in God’s presence; he has given us every reason to feel insecure, and even to despair when we are confronted with the awful majesty of the law of God.

Here we are told that this condemnation is reserved for those who live according to the flesh, but for those who live according to the Spirit, the punishment is removed because of what Jesus has done. We may be faced with the same challenges, we may be accused of the same sins, but the man who has the Spirit of God dwelling in him knows that he has been forgiven and restored to new life in a way which the man of flesh simply cannot grasp. It is here in Verse 1 that Paul brings out the sharp contrast between these two types of people by distinguishing them in this way. As with so many other things in Romans, it is not the first time...
that we have been forced to reckon with this contrast, but up to now it has been implicit rather than explicit in Paul’s thought. Paul has a way of making these assumptions right from the beginning, but of leaving the explanation of them to a later stage. For us, that is perhaps just as well, since otherwise we might easily be confused by the language which he chooses to use to express his teaching.

Our goal is to reach out beyond our boundary to let people know that there is no condemnation for those in Christ and they will have to find the security in Christ in order to live harmony and peaceful with Him. God wants us to be in a relation with Him by accepting Him in our heart and ask Him to be our God of all.

In closing, I would like to say that it has come to my attention that I failed to footnote the source of the four points that I used in the body of my last Ripened Fields Principal’s letter. In keeping with my own honor and integrity and that of PPBS, I wish to apologize for that and give the Source that I have found for that information. Thogh it was first noted from a journal, it can be found in the Tokyo 2010 Declaration, Making Disciples of Every People in our Generation. (http://kokyo2010.org/Tokyo_2010_Declaration.pdf)

In His Glorious Kingdom.

Timothy Ith, Phnom Penh Bible School Principal

Phnom Penh Bible School was officially started on March 16, 1992 to equip all Christian leaders who respond to God’s call in Matthew 28:19-20. Beside teaching the Bible, the school sends students in small groups to different provinces every year. This year students were sent to Bathombong, Bonteay Meanchey, Kompong Chnang, Kompong Speu, Kompong Cham, Mondol Kiri, and Koh Kong to exchange experiences in serving God from one church to another.

Each student learns how to plan projects in a small group such as how to prepare a sermon, lessons to teach children and youth etc. Moreover, in each group they learn to love, to work as a team according to their responsibilities. They also learnt to manage finances too.

Field Ministry is an important part of Phnom Penh Bible School. All the students must pass the exam of theory and application in order to graduate or to receive their certificate.

Students must fulfill:
1. A Field Ministry monthly report.
2. An evaluation of their pastor or elder each semester.
3. An evaluation by the small group mentor from the field ministry handbook.

In year 2010-2011 the field ministry department developed relationship with pastors and elders in four provinces such as Prey Veng, Kompong Chnang, Kandal, Kompong Speu, and we continued to have relationships with Christian leaders in other provinces too. We receives many positive results from the last meeting with them. Some were:
- build up relationship between PPBS and local churches.
-opportunities to answer any doubts about PPBS and churches.
-new perspectives from the churches to adapt changes to fill the needs of the local church were given.

-The churches also received encouragement from God through PPBS too.

Thus I, the representative of PPBS Field Ministry, encourage pastors, elders, and leaders of all local churches, denominations, organizations, who are using the PPBS students to continue to help them till the end of their study at PPBS. May God bless your ministries and theirs. PPBS appreciates you very much and is looking forward to helping you at all time in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ ! Amen !

From Eam Channy, the Head of Field Ministry Department

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The Phnom Penh Bible School is presently recruiting full-time teachers, foreign and local Khmer, for the 2011-12 School year beginning in mid-September. Missionaries are most welcome. Interested candidates are requested to please send their CV (Resume) to Mr. Tep Samnang, Academic Dean at the following email address: academicdean@ppbs.edu.kh or call PPBS @ 012 939 504.

Teachers should have at least a Bachelor Degree in Bible, Theology or Christian Education, with a Masters level degree or in the process of achieving a Masters level degree. We are also seeking at least two full-time ESL teachers that have English as their mother-tongue.

Foreign teachers who are not exceptionally fluent in Khmer, teach through translation until they are fluenty able. It should also be noted that it is the policy of PPBS that foreign teachers are volunteers, being responsible for their own financial support. Local Cambodians, if unable to support themselves, will be paid according to their qualifications and may possibly become eligible for further academic development through the Academic Development Program of PPBS.

All teachers must agree with and be willing to sign the PPBS Doctrinal Statement of Faith. Please find it on the School website: www.ppbs.edu.kh along with other information concerning the School. Please address any other inquiries to the Academic Dean at the email address above or to Phnom Penh Bible School, P.O. Box 1154, Phnom Penh.

The Ripened Field Purpose Statement

The Ripened Field is the PPBS Quarterly Newsletter which is existed in the purpose of informing all matters related to PPBS community so that the local Christian community and oversea Christian community would be informed about our stance and the process and might response in co-operation with the school, in prayer and all means of support.

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