

Cambodia 2009

Vision & Mission Trip



Cambodia |kamˌbōdēə|

a country in Southeast

Asia between Thailand and southern Vietnam; pop. 13,363,000; capital, Phnom Penh; official language, Khmer. Also officially called the **Khmer Republic** (1970-75) and **Kampuchea** (1976-89). The country was made a French protectorate in 1863 and remained under French influence until it became fully independent in 1953. During the Vietnam War, it was the scene of fighting between the North Vietnamese army and South Vietnamese and U.S. forces. Following a civil war 1970-75, Cambodia came under the control of the Khmer Rouge led by Pol Pot; more than 2 million Cambodians died before the regime was toppled by a Vietnamese invasion in 1979. The Vietnamese withdrew in 1989, and the monarchy was restored in 1993. Elections were held in 1998 and again in 2003.

Our trip will include experiences in the capital city of Phnom Penh. Where AIM is centered as well as numerous locations that tell the horrific story of the Khmer Rouge. We will work along side HFC in

Battambang at HBI. Lastly, we will explore Cambodia's history in Siem Reap at the ruins of Angkor Wat.

Our adventure in Cambodia includes working along side a few amazing and deeply engaged Christian missions. They represent a commitment to the work of extending

the good news in both strategic church planting and compassionate justice in various ways.

Our team will engage with the children in both the Agape Restoration Center, through Rahab's House and other community outreaches. We will share the love of Christ through presenting dramas, organizing kids clubs, offering crafts and teaching English or any other opportunity to serve the mission in Cambodia.

Agape International Mission -

<http://aim4asia.org/>



A UNICEF survey of females trapped in sexual slavery in Cambodia found there to be 55,000 young women and girls involved, with 35% being girls under the age of 16. These children are trapped and held as slaves to a life of exploitation, abuse and brutality, a life without hope. "Cambodian Sex Slaves", the photograph left, was taken in a village just outside of Phnom Penh in May of 2008. The pain and despair in

the faces of these young girls is an image that can be seen throughout the country. In response to this egregious problem, in 2005 we at Agape International Missions (AIM) began to focus our efforts on ending this travesty in Cambodia by providing transformational

aftercare for victims rescued from sex trafficking and increasing prevention efforts through a network of village churches. AIM opened Agape Restoration Center (ARC) in August of 2006 providing holistic long-term aftercare for rescued girls, and in September 2007, opened a community

center, Rahab's House, in a former brothel in the heart of a village where sex slavery is the norm for every girl by the age of 10. It is our vision to see



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Jesus Christ, through his church, defeat the evil of child sex trafficking in Cambodia.

Hope for Cambodia -

<http://www.hopeforcambodia.org/>

Hope for Cambodia (HFC) was started by some friends of the Cambodian Christian Church in an effort to increase the availability of information about the growing Christian Community of Northwest Cambodia. This mission is led by Chris Lapel whose dramatic life story inspires thousands. The primary emphasis of HFC is to train, equip, and support church planters in Cambodia. The recently constructed Hope Bible Institute (HBI) serves as the center of education and training for house church and formal church pastors. When churches are built in cities or in villages often the digging of a fresh water well aids in meeting the real needs of the surrounding community.



Preliminary dates are May 22 - June 9, 2009. Costs are estimated from \$2800-\$3000, depending on airfare and the cost of supplies. Training will be twice a month until the beginning of the trip.