

A NEW ERA IN

CAMBODIA



His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk



Your Missionaries in Cambodia

***Left to right: Rev. & Mrs. Dunning; Rev. & Mrs. Steiner; Rev. & Mrs. Hammond;
Rev. & Mrs. Ellison; Rev. & Mrs. Doty; Rev. & Mrs. Taylor; Miss McCart.***

Those who are faithful in prayer will share throughout all Eternity the joy in the salvation of souls led to Christ through the efforts of those for whom they prayed.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest".

"He that goeth forth with weeping bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him".

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Rev D. W. Ellison

After 90 years of tutelage as a French protectorate, Cambodia has just emerged as a fully independent, sovereign nation. November 9, 1953 was memorable, and will doubtless become the national Independence Day of the country. On that historic occasion H. M. King Norodom Sihanouk received from the hands of the French High Commissioner and the French Commanding General, full authority in all judicial, police and military departments.

The day previous the king had returned to Phnom Penh, the capital, after an absence of about four months. Residing at Siem Reap Angkor, the ancient capital of the Khmers, during all that time he had labored unceasingly and successfully for the realization of the legitimate aspirations of his people. He had openly declared that he would not return to the capital until his demands had been fully satisfied. So his return to the Royal Palace was triumphal.

Tens of thousands of people thronged the highways and massed in the spacious gardens which lie between the palace and the mighty Mekong River, to welcome their returning Sovereign. The following morning, in spite of the heavy rains which drenched everyone, the official transfer of authority took place. Again many tens of thousands thronged the areas around the Royal Palace. After the ceremony a great parade of the regular troops of the "Army Royal Khmer" (ARK) took place. This was

followed by some 30,000 civil trainees clad in military uniforms of various colors and styles, but without firearms. Marching steadily before the tribune on which H. M. the King, his suite, and many foreign personalities of note were seated, this demonstration of the people continued until 1 P. M. Many thousands more who had been waiting since 4 A. M., failed to have their part in this very impressive demonstration of the eagerness of this nation to assume the responsibilities of full self-government.

The King, by his energetic and brilliant action, largely succeeded in uniting his people. Consequently Cambodia takes her place in the family of free nations. She will probably continue to remain as a free and equal member of the French Union, or Commonwealth of Nations.

Much earnest prayer is requested for the King, his government and for the entire nation, that the communist inspired Viet Minh of adjacent Viet Nam may not disturb the peace, and that the doors for the preaching of the Gospel may be kept wide open. The immediate future presents unparalleled opportunities. The challenge of a new era in this ancient nation, which has so recently regained its sovereign independence, sounds out a clarion call to the people of God everywhere. The Christian and Missionary Alliance is the only evangelizing agency in this entire land. Pray much that the three couples on furlough, may be able to return at the very earliest opportunity.

Pray that there may be a mighty working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the Cambodian people, that there may be a great awakening, and scores and hundreds of genuine conversions. Pray too that scores of devoted young people may catch the vision, and respond to the call of God to serve their generation, and to take the Gospel to every one of the fourteen provinces of this land.

Cambodia is the fifth largest Alliance Mission Field in the world, as far as population is concerned.

An Outstation Trip

Rev. & Mrs. E. D. Dunning

One Sunday last year, we went to one of our outstations which is 24 miles from Siem Reap. We thought that the trip would be as every other trip to Dom Dek but we soon found we were mistaken. At this small village we have a group of believers who have been saved for many years. They have their own service each Sunday and once a month my wife and I with the native pastor go there to minister to them.

On this particular Sunday as we drove from the road into a small yard in front of a thatched house where the services are held, we were met by the group of believers. As soon as we saw them we knew that they had something to tell us. What was it? — Was someone sick? — No, it couldn't be that for they began all joyfully talking at once. Now, you picture yourselves being in our place at this time. We could speak and understand only a little of the language and the folks were all talking at once as fast as they could. We waited until they had told the preacher and then he explained to us what they were trying to tell us. About two miles from Dom Dek was a man who came back to the Lord and he invited us to come to his house to have a service. The folks had come for their own service in Dom Dek but decided instead that they would all go to his house to have their Sunday morning worship service. They had waited until that Sunday so that we could go with them. When we gladly consented to go, we saw the folks rush here and there and soon our small jeep had 15 persons crowded in it. Those that were not fortunate enough to fit in, borrowed bikes and off we started.

We turned off from the main road onto a small dirt road that is traveled only by ox-carts and bicycles. The road was lined with palm trees and tropical vegetation. Children and adults came out to the side of the road to see the strange sight of the overloaded jeep, eagerly accepting the gospel tracts thrown to

them. Some watched us as we went down the road while others laughed and called to us. After fifteen minutes of traveling through the Cambodian countryside, we came to a small road that led to the believer's home. As soon as we turned onto this road we were faced with a huge pool of mud and water. There we were met by some people and the man who had invited us. The mud hole was too deep to pass through so we were advised to leave the car there and walk the remaining few yards to the house. Someone carried the trumpet case, two men took the folding organ, and a boy carried the folding chair as we were led across a plank bridge and then to the grass hut built up on poles six feet high.

Within a matter of minutes the organ and trumpet were unpacked and we played a few hymns as the children and adults gathered from everywhere; out of the nearby grass huts, from the rice fields, and down the road, converging on the house from where this new and strange music came. The service was well attended and the congregation was quiet and very attentive. Following the service we gave out used Christmas cards (sent to us from folks in the States) to the children. We counted over seventy children present and many adults. Our hearts were full of joy and praise to the Lord as we left this new place of ministry opened to us.

Now several months have passed since our first visit. We have a service there once a month and the children are eagerly learning some gospel choruses. We have on an average fifty children and many adults each time. Two men and one woman have prayed and confessed their sins. Please pray for this outstation of Reung, that there will be many more souls who will come to know Christ as their Saviour.

CAMBODIA is larger in area than all of New England (67,550 square miles) and has 57 per cent of the population of those six states, viz. 4,500,000 people?

Golden Opportunities

Rev. J. E. Doty

The Lord is giving us unusual and unlimited opportunities to win men and women for Christ in the Province of Kompong Cham. This is one of the most densely populated provinces in all of Cambodia. Three of its outstanding industries are rice farming, fishing, and large rubber plantations and factories.

One door of opportunity is the large number of school children. We live right next door to a large school. There are other schools nearby also, and everyday mobs of children pass right by our front gate four times. These children are receptive. They listen at length to the Gospel message, and they have bought a great number of Gospels. Illiterate parents many times hear the Gospel read to them by their school children. Furthermore, some children take Gospels to their parents who desired to read them, but were ashamed to buy them. Thursday mornings, while the native pastor is having a children's meeting in the chapel on the other side of town, Mrs. Doty has a children's meeting under the house in a room very nicely adapted for such purposes. Mrs. Doty made a statement to me which I believe will be interesting to all who are interested in children's work. She said, "There seems to be a radical difference between the children who have been to former children's meetings and the children who have never been, despite the fact that none of these children have taken an outward stand for the Lord Jesus." You see, the missionaries who were in Kompong Cham ahead of us always held children's meetings too. We believe that one day there is going to be a real harvest of souls saved from these so influenced by the Gospel in their childhood.

My greatest joy, I believe, is getting out into the villages and market places where we can sell Gospels by the hundreds and preach to our heart's content. We stopped at one village the other day and I hadn't gotten any farther than the front bumper of our station wagon before I began selling books. I sold at

least 70 Gospels in that one spot and preached for about two hours as I was doing so. I can't wait until I can start using a P. A. system we've just acquired. With it, we will be able to play gospel records in Cambodian as well as Vietnamese, Chinese, and Malayan. Isn't it wonderful? We can have part in reaching four language groups for Christ all in one market place in this way.

I should have a very interesting Sunday service in the near future. We have both a Cambodian pastor and a Vietnamese pastor in Kompong Cham. Both groups of Christians meet in the same chapel at different hours. I, an American, have been asked to preach in the Vietnamese service. I have to preach in Cambodian and a Vietnamese will then translate my poor Cambodian into good Vietnamese. Simple, isn't it?



Language Study

Lavinia McCart

"Kaw - khaw - ko - kho - ngo - chaw - chhaw - cho - chho - nyho" These sounds with twenty-two others were my steady diet for the first few weeks of language study. Besides these, there are twenty modifications for each character so that by the end of the first month, I was thoroughly confused. How would I ever remember them all? How would I know when to say "kaw" and when to say "khaw"? How could I tell whether the teacher was saying "ah" or "aah" or "ia" or "ea" or "ua" or "eua"? One day I would think I had mastered a sound because it was known as an "o" character and then I found with the addition of (") over that same character, it became like an "aw" character. How does one learn a foreign language anyway?

Very soon after beginning my study, I found myself crying out to the Lord with the prophet of old, "Ah, Lord God, I cannot speak!" The Lord's answer came back, "Who hath made man's

mouth? . . . have not I the Lord? Now therefore go and I will be with thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt say." I found again that He is just the same God today and He has done just what He promised! Now, after a short time of part time study, I find myself very familiar with all the above mentioned sounds and I even find myself saying words and phrases, which when I began seemed an impossibility to me. Praise God for His help through His Word and through the Christian language teacher He has provided for me.

Foreign language study is not easy and it takes more than most of us have to keep plugging away day after day for at least two years before we can even begin to say we have a workable knowledge of that language. We covet the prayers of our friends and loved ones at home so that God will provide us with clear minds, patience, and the ability needed, so we can speak for Him. With the great need around about us, we long to quickly speak the words of life to lost and dying men. Won't you help us?

Return to Cambodia

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Hammond

It was with keen joy and anticipation that we sailed from New York on December 23rd to return to Cambodia after an extended furlough. We had the pleasure during the extended furlough of seeing the type set and the artpulls made for the first complete Cambodian Bible, and also doing the New Testament alone in a smaller format. Again we express our gratitude to the young folks who helped with this work. They did a quick, splendid job, and only eternity will reveal the souls won through this Bible. The Bible and New Testament are now being printed in England by the off-set method.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jeffrey, Miss Holiday, Miss Wilting and we left France the fifth of January and had a perfect trip all the way. But the real thrill began as we landed in Saigon the twenty-sixth of January, and received the welcome from our missionaries and Vietnamese. Three days later we left by plane for Cambodia. As the plane flew over our Bible School at Ta Khmau, then we experienced an even greater thrill as we realized that we were nearing our adopted home again. We cannot express in words the sensations which passed through our beings as the plane landed at the airport, five miles from the city of Phnom Penh. The Ellisons, Miss McCart, and a large crowd of Cambodian, Chinese and Vietnamese Christians were there to greet us and welcome us back to Cambodia. It was heartwarming indeed, for it looked for a time that we might never get back here again. But God over-ruled and here we are. It was hard to keep back the tears of joy. One little lad used to write us when we were in the States asking, "When are you coming back? My stomach aches, longing to see you. I miss you." Now he was seeing us again for he was at the airport too. Then he asked his mother, "Why did I cry when I saw Mrs. Hammond?" He felt just the way we did, just so happy that the tears came.

It was hard to say farewell to our children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and friends, but all are in God's care.

Now we are beginning to get back into the work. The press-room will remain where it is, for it is far too damp here under the new house for press equipment. The room has all been rearranged as the equipment which we used at Nyack has arrived and is in its proper place. Only the new press hasn't come, but we are expecting it soon. That will be another happy day, the day when we can dedicate it to the Lord's work here in Cambodia. Please pray that nothing will hinder its arrival here as soon as possible. The old press (and it looks so much like a toy) is slowly dying of old age, just worn out doing a great job. It has to be doctored and pampered all the time, and soon will be ready for an honorable burial.

The children's work here in the city is a real incentive. Two weeks ago we had the joy of drawing the net and seeing three children accept the Lord Jesus. Others sowed and watered the seed, and we only harvested it. Most of the children who attend the Thursday morning meetings are heathen, though a few of the smaller Christians do come. The older ones among whom we worked last term now meet Saturday evenings with two of the other missionaries. They have their Bible study and prepare for the broadcasts. They do the singing. These tape recordings are sent to Manila and broadcasted from there. It is satisfying and thrilling to know that these young folks are now helping spread the word throughout the whole land of Cambodia, by radio. Pray for this great work and the Taylors as they prepare the broadcasts.

We are looking forward to a term of fruitful service with our Master, here in this large city. Having no car this term we won't be able to get out into the country districts. Hearts are open, thousands of Bible portions, books and tracts are being distributed by the Lord's servants. May the Word pierce the hearts and win them to Jesus, the Light of the world. Pray as you have never done before for Cambodia. A mighty Holy Spirit revival is so needed in the church groups here. Until many are right with the Lord, and each other, souls cannot be won. We know that the Lord answers believing prayer. Jer. 33:3. We are counting on you. Don't fail us. God is faithful. Praise His name.

Since the above was written we have received our new press. It is now pouring out thousands of pages a day. Pray that this literature may bring forth much fruit.



The ALLIANCE is the ONLY protestant Missionary Society at work in this Field. There is a total of only seven missionary couples actively engaged in mission work at the present time.

Buddhism is the State Religion, and there are about 82,000 priests and 2763 temples and monasteries. One in 55 inhabitants is a priest!

A New Venture

Mrs. H. M. Taylor

A new and rewarding experiment has just been completed at the Bible School of Cambodia and it developed as a result of a disappointment. We had been appointed by Conference to spend several weeks at each mission station to hold Short Term Bible Schools, due to the fact that circumstances have detained most of our missionaries at home. Unseasonable early rains and a fast approaching political crisis, caused us to abandon our proposed program and begin long term school ahead of schedule.

But the Lord answered our prayer in an unique way. Instead of our going to the students, the way opened up for the students to come to us. The month of August, vacation month for the public schools, was selected as a period of S.T.B.

training for the Christian youth of Cambodia, to be held simultaneously with the long term school here at our National Bible School site at Ta Khmau. The requirements were that the students must be Christians of at least fifteen years of age and pay the entrance fee.



The new plans for a countrywide S. T. B. S. caught fire immediately among the Cambodians. Requests began to come in numbers that amazed us. We were dumbfounded when just one week before school started, national mobilization of all young men and women from 15 years up, was declared. From some areas no students were able to come, but praise the Lord in spite of circumstances, we had thirty young men and women, all we could possibly accomodate. Their desire for Bible training and unusual spiritual insight impressed us greatly. What a challenge!

Since these young people have gone back to their homes, we have received very touching letters. The mutual encouragement the youth gained by meeting others here who love Christ and want to live for His glory was very beneficial. Many came from little groups scattered in outlying areas, and they didn't realize so many others believed. The Day of Prayer on the last Thursday of the month left a real imprint on their lives. This was very evident in their testimonies given before they left. One young man said, "I now realize prayer should have No. 1 place in the life of a Christian." Another has written back and said, "If I fail to pray each day, it is as though I had forgotten to breathe. Pray for these young people that God will lay His hand upon their lives for a fruitful ministry in this land where the need is appallingly great."

Reaping Time in Kompong Cham

Mrs. Joseph Doty

When we came back to the field this time, we felt that the hardening of hearts towards the Gospel in this land, was worse than ever. We prayed — the Enemy was working hard — but God was also working in the hearts of men. Even tho' the Enemy tried to discourage us several times, still we knew a break had to come soon. God hears and answers prayer.

Praise the Lord, the break did come and the first six to come to the Lord, were children. Five of these children come from Buddhist homes; so they need much prayer. When we had our District Conference here, we were much encouraged to see three adults pray. After this, came a lull when it seemed no more were coming to the Lord. Our hearts began to sink, but we refused to be discouraged, for did not God say that He would "give us the heathen for our inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for our possession."

It seems that God began to work in a new way after the World Day of Prayer for the Alliance Mission called by Dr. Shuman. One Sunday evening recently, we went to service with a feeling of expectancy, for somehow, we felt that we would see someone come to the Lord soon, for were there not those who had prayed that the Holy Spirit would move upon hearts and save souls in Cambodia. That evening three men and three women, whom we had never seen before, came into the service. After the service, we went over and talked to the women. They were already convinced that Jesus Christ is the One true God; so after dealing with them a little while, they were willing to go up front and give themselves to the Lord — Hallelujah! The three men were convinced in their minds that Jesus is God, but were not yet ready to let go of their sins. Please pray much for them.

One Sunday morning we had a service at one of our outstations called Skoun. We rejoiced to hear the testimony of two women who were led to the Lord by an old Christian lady who is on fire for the Lord. One of the two women testified how the Devil had been pulling her body one way and then another until the Christian came to pray for her; then the Lord delivered. She said to me, "The Lord helped, Praise God, the Lord helped." The other woman said that she believed for quite a while but until this week, had never given her heart to the Lord.

In the evening, we attended service here in Kompong Cham. After seeing the Lord move in such a way, we felt encouraged to believe Him for greater things. Our helper brought a relative

to service with him, with the hopes that he would give his heart to the Lord. After the service the native pastor asked the young man if he wouldn't like to pray. Before we knew it, he was down front, with the pastor, our helper, and my husband, praying. Praise the Lord!

The next morning, the native pastor came over and told of two more souls won to Christ. These lived across the Mekong river where we hope to start services soon. We have been taking the Gospel to many villages beyond the river. In order to reach these villages, we first take a ferry across the river, then a few miles further on, we come to a stone bridge which we must also cross. When the native pastor was here, he told us that the guards discovered a bomb, strung across that bridge that would have blown to pieces the first car crossing in the morning. The bomb was discovered at 2:00 A.M. Our car is sometimes the first to cross the bridge in the morning. When I heard this, then John 10:4 became more real to me than ever. This was my husband's class motto at Nyack, "He Goeth Before."

Other souls have been coming to the Lord and we are looking to Him to multiply the ones and twos until thousands will seek the Lord in this land. The harvest is ripe already, but where are the laborers? Some will sow, and some will reap, but God will give the increase. In the end we will all rejoice together over the souls that have been won for Christ. Hallelujah!



Cambodia has 14 provinces, only 5 of which have resident missionaries and 7 of which have National Workers at the present time?

At the end of this year there will be only 19 National Workers for the entire Field?

There are three Vietnamese and four Chinese workers in Cambodia besides those Cambodian workers mentioned above?

Ta Khmau Bible School

Rev. H. M. Taylor

Teaching in Bible School is an exceptionally interesting, but arduous task which keeps the missionary on the job seven days a week for six months at a time. To see the youth come in eager to learn the Word of God and go out with a desire to teach and win men to Christ is a very gratifying experience.



Last year school started in June and continued into December. The daily schedule calls school at eight A.M. for chapel and continues till noon. The afternoon sessions are held from two to four. Every evening but Saturday is given to study hall,

church service, or group discussion. The curriculum for first, second and third year students is of course Bible major along with child evangelism, preaching, languages, etc.

The students' school life includes manual labor. Each one is required to work three hours gratis a week for the school. If they have not sufficient funds to pay their board, they must work to meet this obligation.

The election of officers for special school activities includes the Missionary Society, the school committee, and the school paper which is printed to inform the Christians of Cambodia concerning the school activities and the Lord's blessing in this work.

The seriousness of these days makes the Bible school work doubly important. We know not how soon the full responsibility of the Lord's work will fall completely on the shoulders of these men. Pray that they will have a knowledge of, and enabling from the Lord that will make them fruitful and powerful servants of Christ.

Do Children's Meetings Pay?

Mrs. Joseph Doty

When we first came to Kompong Cham, we were slow in starting children's meetings, as we did not know how soon we would be going to Kompong Thom. While waiting for a house to be found for us there, we kept ourselves busy here selling Gospels and witnessing.

One day while we were selling Gospels to the school children as they were coming out of school, some of the boys asked me saying, "Mrs., when are you going to have meetings for children?" Not a few asked me the same question; so I finally promised to begin meetings in a couple of weeks. There is always a lot of preparation for children's work both materially and spiritually, if you want it to count for eternity; so with God's help, I started.

After only two or three meetings, we began to see fruit among the children. Some came confessing their sins and wanting to be saved. Afterwards we saw them bringing their friends to the meetings. Every week we would give them a memory verse to learn and as a reward they would receive a Christmas card (used) that some friends had sent us from America. Just recently we started giving them the Ten Commandments to learn, but have divided them up into two a week. We were trusting the Lord to use these Commandments to speak to hearts. We had only given two out when we saw the Lord beginning to work.

One Tuesday evening, as I was playing our little folding organ, I heard footsteps behind me. I turned to see who was coming and saw our woman helper (who helps with the housework)

coming in with her 14 year old son and another boy of the same age from across the street who had been attending my children's meetings. They said that the boy was ready to give his heart to the Lord; so we prayed with him and then he prayed. The next day he went around telling others that he didn't worship idols any more, because they were only made of wood and stone; but that he was worshipping the One true God, the Lord Jesus Christ. The next day, while we were taking a rest, our woman helper, not wishing to disturb us, prayed with another boy from across the street who also wanted to be saved.

The following Sunday evening, we took the two boys who had prayed to church with us. One of the boys had some work to finish up; so as our station wagon was pulling out of the yard, he came running out putting his shirt on. Another little boy saw him and asked where he was going and he told him he was going to church. After we got home from church that evening, that little boy came over and gave his heart to the Lord Jesus also.

Do children's meetings pay? I say, they do. Pray, that as these children memorize these verses in their unsaved homes, their parents will become convicted of their sins and come to know the Saviour too.

An Evangelistic Trip

Mrs. H. M. Taylor

We arrived home just a short time ago from a trip north to the town nearest the Laotian border by the name of Stung Treng. Traveling with us were four members of a Gospel Team: Kru Choy, the Cambodian member of the teaching staff at the Bible School, and An, Man, and Khanh who are students. On this trip five souls were saved, and thousands of Scripture portions and Christian literature were sold. The past weeks have been filled with much activity and a variety of feelings. How we praise the Lord for this privilege of helping to get the Gospel out! Pray

for the Team, and for those who bought books, and heard the Gospel, most of them for the first time.

Each of us put our trust in the Lord all along the way, especially when we came to the section of road between Krek and Mimot Plantations where there had been three attacks on military convoys by the Vietminh in three weeks — over 100 Cambodians and 12 Frenchmen killed. At Tonlebet, the town across the river from Kompong Cham, we saw a large convoy, and the head of the convoy told us that the road was unsure. At another town we were told to stay as far away from convoys as possible and the thought came to me, "Well, how could a person possibly avoid meeting a convoy that might be coming the other way?" Still further on down the road, while I was preaching to a group of women, and the others were selling books and preaching as well, a soldier came up to me and said, "Are you really planning to travel further? It isn't safe. The Vietminh will burn your car and kill you." My heart skipped a beat and for a minute I felt faint, and proceeded toward the car so I could sit down. But then I recalled John 10:4 "When He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice." I felt rebuked! Why should I let my spirits rise and fall according to the remarks of man, when I have God's Word to stand upon? When we came to that particular section of the road, Harry told each one of us to bow his head in prayer while he drove. The prayers offered were full of confidence in God Who is faithful. We saw where cars had been burned, and the place where no doubt the mine had exploded to stop the convoy, but we arrived at our destination rejoicing in the Lord. Many thoughts pass through a person's mind when traveling over territory such as this, but God giveth VICTORY. When we came back over this same road almost three weeks later, and had arrived at Kompong Cham, we were told that two days previous a bomb had been found under the bridge but had been discovered before it had exploded and destroyed the long bridge,

or we still might be sitting back there waiting. Praise the Lord for His goodness!

Three more trips are planned. We are counting on your fervent prayers that God will send a real outpouring of His Spirit convicting hearts of their sins, and their need of a Saviour. May God fill our hearts with a compassion for souls. They are dying without Christ, and unless the Church of Christ gives them the Message of Hope and Salvation, they will be lost now and for all ETERNITY.

Cambodian Youth for Christ

Lavinia McCart

Saturday night in America is given over to Youth for Christ meetings. In many cities and Christian young people look forward to that night for fellowship with others. In many places large crowds gather to sing praises unto the Lord and testify that Jesus satisfies their hearts. Many such groups have as their theme song, "Jesus Saves!" and this melody can be heard at a specific hour every Saturday night of the year.

Were you to pass the mission house at 90 Doudart de Lagree in the capital city of Phnom Penh, Cambodia on a Saturday night between the hours of 8 and 10 you would no doubt recognize this same familiar gospel hymn being sung lustily by a group of young people — "Youth for Christ!" Not hundreds gathered in the largest hall in town but a small group of earnest believers enjoying fellowship with one another around the Word of God. These are young people of high school and college age with the same problems that American youth face — temptations to worldliness, persecution from others in schools where the majority do not believe as they do, doubtings and testings to their faith owing to the atheistic teaching in their schools — yet young people who have learned as American Christian youth has learned that Jesus giveth victory over daily temptations and that He alone satisfies the deepest longings of their hearts.

I have been privileged since my arrival on the field to work with this group in Phnom Penh and have learned many things from them. At first, it was difficult to just sit in a meeting and not know what was going on due to language differences, but I learned that the Christian has a language that is not expressed in words—the language of fellowship in Christ! I sang in my heart while they sang Cambodian words; I prayed in my heart while they expressed thoughts unknown to me; and I laughed and played while they were enjoying good wholesome Christian fun. Now as words, which were strangely unfamiliar to me at first, come easily to my mind I find that fellowship even more wonderful and I eagerly look forward to Saturday night!

Christian young people are the same the world over. Whether they gather in America or in Cambodia, they enjoy a good time and they are earnest in their stand for Christ. They are the future Church and we must not fail to pray for them as they take up their responsibilities as true followers of Christ. Oh, that God will give us many more in this land! He will, if you pray!



The Nursery

Mrs. Harry Taylor

"Locopotek, Nikkamanang, Leviviney, Chunkunenea, Chautek-Yakaethar," is a refrain frequently coming from the Nursery, where the children of the married students spend their time while their parents attend classes all day long. They are learning the Books of the Bible, and let me tell you the names are a mouthful for these children ages up to seven. But they manage it and to watch them brings a smile, you just can't help it.

The Nursery Project is a joy to my heart. You can't imagine how very convenient it is for the mothers to have their babies, toddlers pre-school age children cared for while they study. What

a happy time they have! A very dear saint is in charge and I spend as much time as I can afford with them, which some days amounts to only a few minutes. Each day they have a time for worship, singing choruses, memorizing Scripture, learning the Books of the Bible, and the older ones are learning the answers to the questions in the catechism. They draw and color, cut out figures for posters, play in the sand pile and are members of the Rythm Band.

Gifts from friends supply one cup of milk a day for each child. Boxes from home bring clothing and little surprises. Pray for these little children that the Lord will get hold of their precious lives at an early age.



Notice

Formerly news of our missionaries in Cambodia has reached our friends in the Homeland through the Call of Indo-China. Since January 1953 a division has been made dividing Indo-China into the four autonomous fields of Cambodia, Laos, Tribes and Vietnam. Each of these fields will have their own news bulletin under various names. Those of our readers who wish to continue to receive news from Laos, Tribes and Vietnam can do so by requesting the chairmen of these fields to place their names on the official mailing lists.

Cambodian missionaries have decided to name their news bulletin after this kingdom in which we work. Those who have followed the news of the world by press and radio are familiar with Cambodia. In this first issue we present to you King Norodom Sihanouk who at the helm of State has successfully guided his people into full independence. We present to you also a map of Cambodia, showing the fourteen provinces and a list of our missionaries. Please pray for Cambodia.

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