



December 2018



## *To the North, South, East and West*



Some of the churches are not accessible by car, so this is how Chiv and Emara and the teams travel. Please pray for their continued safety.

Heart for Cambodia held a leader training in November, which was attended by our 19 church leaders and 48 other Christian pastors and leaders from the region. The three-day seminar included instruction in conducting baptisms, communion, weddings and funerals. Church leaders are being equipped to lead their congregations with more and more independence, an important step in their growth as leaders. Leaders who completed the 3 days will receive a certificate.

Also included in the seminar was training and practice in evangelism. The sessions culminated in the trainees going out on foot in four teams, to

the north, south, east and west, to share the gospel with whoever they encountered. The four teams, Holy, Grace, Peace and Joy met with people in homes. They shared the good news of Jesus, invited them to church, and prayed with them. Some received Bibles and others were promised a Bible if they will come to church.

It's time for the corn harvest and some of the teams found people working in the fields. One team helped load the corn and then shared their message of God's love. Another team, after not finding

anyone home, searched for the family and found them in the field, where they visited. Another man they met on the road told the team that he passes the O-Khmom church regularly but has never visited.

Team members were energized by their opportunity to meet, share and pray with people.



### Special points of interest:

- Going out to the north, south, east, and west
- Visions and dreams, and a healing family
- 2018 Visits to Cambodia
- The 8 Churches
- Emara's Story

## *Show Me God*

Twenty-five new believers were baptized at O-Khmom during Chiv and Emara's recent visit. A man in the community had told Ban Ho, church leader, in the past that he would only come to God if he had some hard evidence of his existence. Over time, the

man had 2 different dreams in which Jesus came to him and called him to Himself. His entire family was baptized recently and the family is experiencing healing as he is being delivered from alcoholism.



## January Team Celebrates Christmas

A team of 10 traveled to Cambodia in January of this year for a Christmas celebration and leader training, as well as visits to all the churches. Members of all the churches traveled to O-Khmom for the 2-day gathering.

The Christmas celebration followed the training sessions and included decorations, joyful music and a children's pageant. Families camped on the grounds and in the church and

catered food was served. These events provide wonderful fellowship and encouragement and are definitely noticed by the surrounding community.

After the celebration, the team visited the 8 churches, who are willing to gather whenever a team is able to come for worship and teaching. Many of the leaders participated in all the services, so the team was able to get to know them and hear their stories.



## A Glimpse of the Churches



**O-Khmom** serves as “home base” for the Heart for Cambodia churches under the leadership of Ban Ho, who shepherds and disciples the other leaders.

**Kun Domrey** is a delightful community of believers who truly love and support one another as they serve the Lord.

**Svay Cheat** is a struggling congregation in a community

dominated by 2 Buddhist temples and a great deal of spiritual strife. Please pray for this group and leader Horn Hean.

Located more remotely, **Prey Tom** is a healthy congregation of growing believers.

The congregation at **Knarosey** is creative and loves to worship. The January team assisted in building a bridge to make their church more accessible to

the community.

The church at **Banang** is filled with the joy of children, led by the energetic Dina Dim.

**Chomlongromangler** has wonderful children's and youth ministries.

Strategically located, the church at **Russie Ros** is led by a mature believer and the church came about as a long-awaited answer to prayer.

## Emara's Story

One accomplishment for the ministry of Heart for Cambodia this year was the filming of Emara's testimony at Angkor Wat last January. Lauren Shirley filmed and edited the video and she has produced 2 parts of Emara's powerful story. Thanks to social media, the videos have been viewed thousands of times.

The videos are available at [firstchurch.net/emara](http://firstchurch.net/emara) or on the About Us page of [heartforcambodia.org](http://heartforcambodia.org) along with Chiv's story. We praise God for all He has done in the lives of Chiv and Emara.

