



**HEART *for* CAMBODIA**  
SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

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## Ministry in Wartime

The congregations in Cambodia remain strong through challenging times in their region. Last summer, while Chiv and Emara In were ministering in Cambodia, Thailand attacked the northern border of the country due to a long-standing border dispute. Many people were evacuated from their homes and placed in camps. Rather than heading home, Chiv and some of his church leaders gathered food and supplies and went into the camps to bring the love of Jesus to the evacuees through tangible relief.

While a cease-fire is currently in place, two of Heart for Cambodia's churches and their members are still in displaced persons camps, as the danger is still high near the border. The churches at Knarosey and Pouthivong are unable to meet in their buildings, and most members of these two congregations are living in the camps. They continue to hold worship, however, and the other church leaders have been able to take relief supplies into the camps.

With members of the two churches still living in the camps, there is still opportunity for ministry. In December, Heart for Cambodia sent funds to help with food, gas, and travel expenses during this evacuation. Some of the church leaders have since visited the camps with food and blankets.

Chiv and Emara plan to return to Cambodia soon to encourage the people and bring a message of comfort and hope. Please pray for God's leading as to the timing of their next trip.

*Please pray for the safety of the people and that they will soon be able to return to their homes. Pray that God's word and his comfort will reach even more people during this difficult time through those who already know Jesus. Pray for an end to the fighting.*



Chiv and leaders from Knarosey and O-Khmom visited a camp for evacuees in July, bringing the love and hope of Jesus as well as food and supplies.



Church members gather for worship and teaching in the displaced persons camp.





*"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." -James 1:12*



Amidst the uncertainty, ministry goes on! While in Cambodia, Chiv and Emara were able to worship with all the congregations. There was standing room only during several of the worship services. A new house church has formed and the large group met under the house, holding worship and preaching while a baby slept contentedly in a hammock.



Church leaders participated in computer training. The churches are being supplied with screens and other technologies for worship.



Chiv preaching at Knarosey last summer. The leader of the church is a talented woodworker who made the podium. This is one of the congregations that is currently displaced from their homes and church.



Since time did not allow the team to visit multiple schools, students were invited to a service just for them. Many students attended and the gospel was presented.





*PRAISE  
JOY  
WORSHIP*



Join us in prayer

- For Chiv and Emara to discern the best time to return to Cambodia
- For peace and an end to the conflict with Thailand
- For spiritual growth in new believers
- Thank God for the donations for new chairs—no more sitting on the floor!

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## Baptisms

O-Khmom church continues to worship despite fear and uncertainty. People come to find hope and many new believers give their lives to the Lord.

