CAMBODIA: EXPANDING OUTREACH

Though the Khmer Rouge regime’s control in Cambodia was short-lived, the devastation it left behind has made a lasting impact.

THE NEED

More than 35 years later, Cambodia is still struggling to rebuild its country and people after a genocide that killed 2 million Cambodians. One of the major goals of the Khmer Rouge was to eliminate all religion in the country, and as a result, the younger generations have grown up with no deep roots in faith communities. Now is the time to share the saving grace of God with a country and people longing to hear it.

In 2010, the ELCA accompanied the Lutheran Church in Singapore as it began a mission in Cambodia focused on service, evangelism and leadership development. As a result of that mission work, the Lutheran Church in Cambodia (LCC) was born in 2011 and continues to grow today.

We now have a unique opportunity to invest in a young, growing church that seeks to share the gospel and impact people’s lives. The LCC’s membership of 253 is divided between largely young adults in the capital city, Phnom Penh, and a more “traditional” membership in its rural village setting. Most of the evangelism is conducted by young adults and college students; a third congregational site is now being developed. In addition to evangelism projects, the LCC conducts numerous agriculture and sustainable development projects, as well as English classes.

Through Cambodia: Expanding Outreach, you can help ignite evangelism activities in the capital and villages, empower families with the resources they need to thrive and invest in the capacity building of the newest Lutheran church in Asia.
ABOUT ELCA GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The ELCA has deep, long-standing relationships with more than 80 Lutheran churches around the world. As part of a global Lutheran community, we work alongside our brothers and sisters to spread the good news of Jesus Christ near and far.

Because we can do more together than we can as individual congregations, the ELCA listens to our companion churches around the world and responds to their requests for financial support to expand their ministries – to start new congregations, extend outreach in urban areas, and train pastors and evangelists. We call these joint evangelism projects Global Ministries.

The initiative in Cambodia is one of 14 new Global Ministries introduced as part of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA.

Make a gift to Cambodia: Expanding Outreach.

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