

# CAMBODIA



NEW SISTER SREY MOM WITH IYA.



- Current Students: 10
- Campaigns/Lectureships: 6
- Conversions: 17
- Restorations: 2
- New Congregations 2
- Local Teachers: 5
- Short Course Teachers: 5
- Camps: 2

## It's Been a Busy Year For IBISR in 2016

Greetings to everyone in the U.S. who support and follow the work here in Siem Reap, Cambodia. So much has happened in the past year since my last report that I will just share the highlights and some photos that seem to say more than my words can

express. In the top left photo are the leaders of IBISR and the church in Siem Reap. Beginning on the left: Vannak is our Dean of Students who is supported by the other men you see in the photo; Chann is our preacher and has a special talent and desire for evangelism; Piseth

is a full time teacher at the school; Phanat is our director and travels abroad to bring back world views not available to most Cambodians; Darat is a full time preacher. All men are maturing as they understand their roles in God's kingdom in Cambodia.



BOATING TO WORSHIP



OUR GRADUATE SAVANNAH MINISTERING HEALTH CARE



SOPHA & CHANN TRANSPORTED VILLAGERS TO HOSPITAL BOAT

# RECENT ACTIVITIES



**TOP LEFT:** OUR CURRENT CLASS OF DEDICATED STUDENTS WHO KEEP ME ON MY TOES!

**MIDDLE LEFT:** CHURCH KIDS PLAYING

**BOTTOM LEFT:** NEW CHURCH BUILDING/HOME FOR GRADUATES TUK & DUONG IN THEIR VILLAGE

**PHOTOS ABOVE:** CLIMB DOWN, SCALE DOWN, BOAT RIDE TO BLUE HOUSE BOAT AND WORSHIP!

# PHANAT STEPPING DOWN IN 2018

Phanat Ouch, my friend and brother, will be moving on to another work for the Lord in the summer of 2018. Phanat has had a crucial role in setting the foundation for Christ's church in the Siem Reap area. Phanat and his family will be moving to the states but traveling back to their homeland of Cambodia on a semi regular basis.

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## SPECIAL MENTION TO OUR NEW ENGLISH TEACHER TO THE STUDENTS - PROS ROC, A GRADUATE OF IBISR.

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### Transition Plan

It now seems somewhat fortuitous that Phanat and I were able to visit the Andrew Connelly School of Preaching in Arusha, Tanzania, Africa, where we observed, listened, interviewed and learned how a preaching school can be highly successful with native co-directors. That experience and knowledge gained are now being applied to plan and train for our very own IBISR to have native co-directors! What a blessing to have that resource and to have men who meet the high standards of God's leadership roles!

### In The Meantime

In actuality we have been training these men to step up, we just didn't know when that time would come. The classes will continue, the staff will have new responsibilities, take full time English courses, Bible courses, translate material, submit reports, counsel, teach, preach, evangelize and lead the church, all while understanding that they are the stewards of God's word as many obstacles and challenges appear. It is with great faith I trust our work with these men.



## DARAT

DARAT WILL BE TAKING ON THE ROLE AS CO-DIRECTOR IN 2018 WHILE CONTINUING TO TEACH FULL TIME AT THE SCHOOL. DARAT'S WIFE, SARAI, IS EXPECTING A BABY GIRL ANY TIME NOW AND THEY HAVE A YOUNG SON. DARAT IS FURTHERING HIS EDUCATION IN ENGLISH AND BIBLE TO LEAD GODS PEOPLE IN CAMBODIA.



## PISETH

PISETH WILL BE ADDING CO-DIRECTOR TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN 2018. HE LOVES TEACHING AND IS TAKING ENGLISH COURSES SO HE CAN TRANSLATE BOTH SPEAKERS AND BIBLE MATERIAL THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN KHMERE. PISETH IS THE HUSBAND TO RATANA AND FATHER OF ONE GIRL AND A VERY RECENT BABY BOY.



## VANNAK

VANNAK HAS A FAITHFUL FAMILY INCLUDING HIS WIFE POUEN (THE SCHOOL COOK) AND 3 CHILDREN. HE IS OUR DEAN OF STUDENTS. VANNAK'S LESSON PICTURED HERE WAS FROM ACTS AND PERSONALLY MOVING AS I OBSERVED HOW SPECIAL GODS WORD WAS TO HIM. "AFTER 20 YEARS OF SEARCHING, I HAVE FOUND THE TRUTH." - VANNAK



# The Future Looks Bright in Cambodia

As 2016 winds down, it is with great pride that I reflect on the past year.

Our current class of students continue to dig deep in the word of God and develop into mature Christians, who remain dedicated to being faithful in the future, regardless of family pressures, village intimidation or worldly lures.

Children from the Christian orphanage grow in age and in the knowledge of Christ, being baptized, and understanding that this is a way of life on earth that leads to the Way of Life. Currently 45 children at the orphanage

attend worship on a regular basis. Joining them in the youth movement are the 15 or so children of our minister, staff and other young parents. Oh what God has in store for the church in Cambodia is exciting and encouraging!

I am counting the days until my next trip over there early next year. Until then, please keep the prayers flowing for our school, know that Christianity is spreading throughout southeast Asia and thank God for your brothers and sisters in this part of the world. It is with the One Great Hope that they sacrifice for the cause of Christ.

**"PLEASE TELL EVERYONE WHO PRAY AND HELP US 'AKUN' AND WE LOVE THEM."  
- CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA**

*I wish everyone a Happy Holiday season, however, the season of harvest is now.  
- Wes Autrey*



ALEEZA'S NEW DRESS



ALWAYS CHEERFUL LEAK



MY BUDDY HONE



MY MAN, HOSEA