

Why Still Cambodia?



Summer has arrived in the northern hemisphere and we are enjoying longer and warmer days. This will go down as a summer like never before.

The world has been occupied mostly with one thing--the Corona Virus. Cambodia has had its share of issues and like many other countries has needed to tighten up on movement to combat the spread of the disease. With the swift government response to the virus, I am glad to report that fewer cases have been reported in the Kingdom with no deaths. Praise God for this!

This and more stories we have added to our latest magazine that concentrates mostly on our team and partners responding to the virus. [Click here to download.](#)

In this issue we say goodbye to one of our long standing trustees, Denzil Jarvis, who has served the mission for many years. Also, I have included a number of articles from team and partners, those that are working tirelessly on the ground to help the poor and vulnerable. Cambodia, has been adversely impacted economically through this pandemic. Most of our prayer guide concentrates on praying the Lord intervenes at this time.

Denzil Jarvis enjoying lunch with church members in Cambodia



Staff of M'lup Russey advising on the dangers of Covid-19





News of how Covid-19 is affecting the lives of everyone in Cambodia is coming through daily. Some of it is quite distressing. In the downloadable magazine we have written about the impact upon the garment and tourism industries. Recently, the Asia Development Bank published an article stating that over 68 million jobs could be lost across Asia. Cambodia could stand to see over 400,000 jobs cut because of the impact of Corona virus. A good example of this is the influx of tourists coming to Cambodia on holiday. Visitors to the Kingdom are having to produce clearance documents, are required to undergo tests on arrival and to place a large sum of cash as a deposit on arriving at the airport. Whilst all precautions and provision for quarantining in case of infection may be advisable, all factors and costs considered, this will result in fewer incoming travelers. There is a sharp decrease of budget airlines connecting flights into Cambodia from major airlines. Thai Airways, a popular carrier, are not taking any bookings until September. Many families may not be able to outlast this crisis.

But prayer does change everything.

At the back of the magazine I have listed a number of prayer items. Please concentrate your prayers on poorer families, those that have been and still will be effected by the downturn of the economy.



Cambodia Action is a small mission and has always depended on the kind help and gifts of friends and prayer partners. Like other organizations, we too have felt a downturn in donations. We have looked for ways to minimize expenses so that we can continue to serve as a mission in Cambodia. **Every little bit helps** and is much appreciated. To give online via Pay-Pal go to our website at www.cambodiaaction.org. If you would like to give using a check, please post these direct to us at Cambodia Action, 120 Maisemore, Yate, Bristol, BS37 8UW.

The Lord bless you and stay safe.
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