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FACT SHEET

Cambodia



YOUR PARTNERS IN MISSION

In Cambodia, your prayers and offerings support the work of the Lutheran Church in Cambodia. Its mission work takes place primarily from three hubs: in Phnom Penh, at the City Church and the Rainbow hostel for student, in the village Phum Krus, and surrounding villages where there is a church and outreach centre and the new ministry centre in Tang Krang in the Kampong Cham province. Nine people were baptised at the church's first service in 2010, and today there are 225 (City Church 67; Krus 158) baptised brothers and sisters in this church.

Your partnership with the Lutheran Church in Cambodia enables pastors and evangelists to bring the good news of Jesus to people who have never heard about him before. Please pray for your partners in mission, who are themselves new Christians: Pastor Daniel Orn, Pastor Mose Lat, Pastor Vibol Khit, Pastor Sophouen Hay, and Sreyleak Touch, Sous Sophal, Sareoun Chum, Dara Yin and Soem Paong.

PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT

- Support for training of ministry leaders and support for the wide ranging holistic ministry programs of the new and emerging Lutheran Church in Cambodia
- Two short-term scholarships at ALC for two pastors of the Lutheran Church in Cambodia 2016
- Guest lecturers in Lutheran theology
- Ministry coordinator Mr Kong Chak Mun from the Lutheran Church in Singapore (serving in Cambodia)
- Volunteers

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- Teaching English at the Rainbow Student Hostel (Phnom Penh)
- Teaching English and computing at the Life Centre (Phum Krus)
- Teaching piano or guitar at City Church (Phnom Penh) or at the Life Centre (Phum Krus)
- Training, encouraging and monitoring farming progress (Phum Krus)
- Join the annual medical mission team (no medical experience needed)

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

You already support mission work in Cambodia through your prayers and weekly offerings. But if you would like to work more closely with the Lutheran Church in Cambodia, you could talk to any of these congregations or schools about the blessings of a partnership:

- LifeWay Lutheran Church, Epping and Newcastle NSW
- Immanuel Lutheran Church Woden, ACT
- St John's, Dernancourt SA
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Ringwood Vic
- Tatachilla Lutheran College, SA
- Unity College, Murray Bridge SA
- Pacific Lutheran College, Qld



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ERIN KERBER

your Cambodia Program Officer

I'm here to help you and encourage you to join God's mission in Cambodia.

The Cambodians are beautiful people, emerging like budding flowers after the Khmer Rouge regime murdered a generation. Sadly, all these years later, many Cambodians are still oppressed – under physical hardships and the fear of evil spirits. I'm meeting people set free of all that, as they come to know Jesus and are baptised into the family of God. It's an exciting time to be involved in God's mission in Cambodia. I'd love to visit your congregation, school or group to discuss ways you can partner with our Lutheran friends in Cambodia.

MISSION EXPERIENCES FOR YOU!

PRAY

Sign up to our e-newsletter to receive updates and prayer points. Simply go to **www.lca.org.au/enews**, add your email address and select LCA International Mission. Done!

CONNECT

Talk to me about a Cambodian partnership. You can pray for your partners in mission, raise funds for projects, and receive updates about the exciting work God is doing among the people you support. (You'll gain more than you give, you know!)

GIVE

Visit our Donate page and select the Cambodian projects God is nudging you to support. **www.lca.org.au/international-mission/donate**
If websites are out of your comfort zone, just call me; I'll help you to donate any way you want.



GO

Want the face-to-face experience? Sure! You can join a mission team or create one from your congregation, school or small group, even your family. Or you can volunteer to teach English or computing for short stints, or do the handyman thing. Do you think God might be calling you to serve in Cambodia? Call me (Erin) to talk about it.



ABOUT CAMBODIA

The Vietnam War spilled into Cambodia, igniting conflict, and in 1970 a pro-Western military government overthrew the longtime ruler. Five years later, Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge guerrillas began brutally enforcing radical communism, murdering around 2 million Cambodians. Vietnam invaded and occupied Cambodia from 1978 to 1989. In 1991 three rebel groups and the Phnom Penh government signed a UN-sponsored peace accord. Returned from exile in 1993, the ousted Prince Sihanouk became king, leading the new constitutional monarchy. Coming into the 21st century, Cambodia enjoys relative stability, but subsistence farming employs 75 per cent of the workforce and many people continue to live in poverty.

	Cambodia	Australia
Population	15,458,332	24,189,000
Religions	Buddhist 96.9%, Muslim 1.9%, Christian 0.4%	Christian 55.4%, None 22.3%, Unspecified 9.3%
UN World Ranking	143	2
GDP/per capita	US\$3,487	US\$47,389
Average Income	US\$950	US\$50,167
Under-5-mortality	29 per 1000 live births	4 per 1000 livebirths
Obesity	2.9%	29.9%

MORE INFORMATION

You can view videos and read stories about God's mission in Cambodia, on your LCA International Mission website **www.lca.org.au/international-mission** or call or email me (Erin) erin.kerber@lca.org.au | lcaim@lca.org.au | 08 8267 7300