



*The 9<sup>th</sup> Mission Conference of Methodist Church in Cambodia – Sept. 6-8*



*The Certificate of Ministry for Lay Leaders in Svay Rieng – Sept. 14*



*Blessing of Susanna Wesley Dormitory in Phnom Penh – Oct. 18*

## Shalom!

A missionary who has served in Cambodia for 17 years has recently told me that "Cambodia is truly a country of wonders and surprises!" Although it has only been about 4 months since we moved to Cambodia, I am beginning to understand what he meant. The differences in culture and perspectives as well as the ways of living are helping me to understand these "wonders and surprise." Through the grace of God, I was finally able to attain Cambodian driver's license. It was quite a lengthy process (you can read more about it here - <https://goo.gl/CJhJHY>) but I am grateful to finally have a legal license to drive in Cambodia.



## Lay Leadership Program

Although Cambodia Methodist church is currently a Mission Conference, it will become a Provisional Annual Conference next year and will become an independent Annual Conference in a few years. In preparation for these changes, MCC (Methodist Church of Cambodia) has not only felt the need for good pastors but also for good lay leaders. With this in mind, MCC started a Lay Leadership Certificate Program and welcomed the first graduates in 2 years.

During the last 2 years, they not only studied history and theology of Methodism but also the depth of Scripture. It was truly a joyous moment to worship God to certify them of their diligent endeavors. Many MCC leaders as well as the churches with lay leaders being certified gathered in a small province of Svay Rieng to glorify God for God's goodness.

Seven lay leaders were certified and Soka (fifth person from the left) is a biology teacher at a high school. He shared that he participated in this program to share his God-given gifts through church. Through this worship, I realized that church should not only be a place of ministry for pastors but also lay leaders for stronger empowerment.



On the way back to Phnom Penh, one of the District Superintendents commented that he's not sure if the program can continue next year because they lack \$2,000. If you would like to participate in this program through monetary support, please do not hesitate to contact me ([alee@umcmmission.org](mailto:alee@umcmmission.org)) and I will gladly help you to support this much-needed program as Cambodia continues to grow in God.

November 28 is #GivingTuesday.



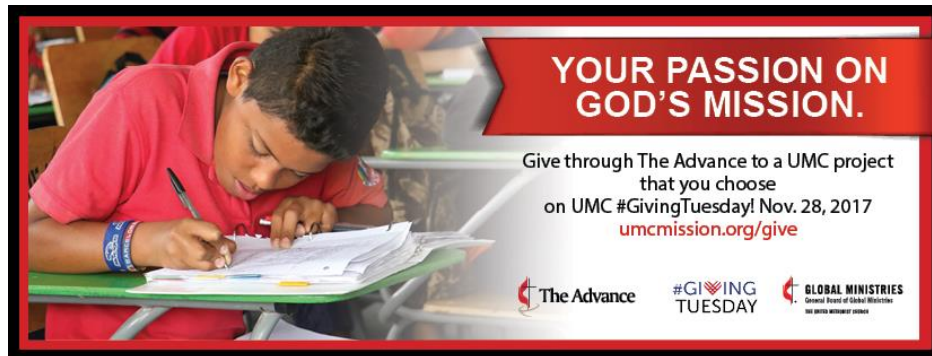
*Visited Local Methodist Churches  
in Kampong Thom - Sep.14-17*



*Harold from St. Timothy UMC,  
Louisiana Mission Team's handmade  
cross with flame – Sept. 30*



*Visited Water Village and worshiped at a  
Vietnamese church. They have big  
Vietnamese population but only one church  
is present. Please pray for the Good News  
to reach the people in this area - Oct.21-22*



United Methodist Church #GivingTuesday is part of an international movement to extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season. Last year, thanks to the great generosity of the supporters of UMC, the Global Ministries raised \$854,000 on UMC #Giving Tuesday. In Cambodia, these gifts allowed us to support CHAD program (latrine, well, agriculture development), children in poverty, woman's ministry in small provinces, Bible school and more.

As you know, 100% of all gifts made through my Advance number (Advance #302231, Andrew Lee) directly support the missionary community.

We hope you will join us in our UMC #GivingTuesday campaign by:

- Organizing a team to join you in supporting vital mission work.
- Posting a web banner on your website or Facebook page. (<https://goo.gl/xA1cAZ>)
- Asking that Christmas gifts be made as a donation in your name to support my work with an early gift on Nov. 28.

More resources are available at [www.umcmmission.org/giving-tuesday](http://www.umcmmission.org/giving-tuesday). Thank you for all you do to bring about the true change in countless lives!

In Christ,

Andrew Lee

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### Family News :

**Janice:** Janice started taking a language class at Royal Phnom Penh University. It's a year program and she is excited (as well we daunted) to learn a new language.

**Serena (8):** Serena continues to do well in school and has made many friends. She started taking gymnastic lessons. Though she only had one lesson, so far, she loves it!

**Reina (6):** Reina is thoroughly enjoying her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! She's adapted very quickly to moving up a grade and is thrilled that 2<sup>nd</sup> graders actually do science experiments!

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