

A Journey in Mission: Following Christ in Cambodia

Cambodia Methodist Mission – Phnom Penh, Cambodia

November 4 - 14, 2009

Participants in this event will travel around the country to see the dark and bright facets of Cambodia. The Cambodian people have often felt forces of destruction. It has come in many forms and from many different sources. Even the young people born after the Khmer Rouge period have continued to experience the chaos, the lack of trust, and the meager opportunities for education left as their inheritance. This event will allow you to explore the paths followed by Cambodian Christians in their pursuit of uplifting humanity in their own context. Meet with local Cambodians to hear the stories of men and women, their woes and joys. Witness the slow, but persistent growth of the Church in Cambodia, with the emerging leadership of Cambodians and the challenges they face daily as they struggle to build and establish a Church of followers of Jesus Christ in a majority Buddhist nation.

This event will provide the opportunity to experience the history and current ministries of Methodist-related churches in Cambodia. Having started in the early 1990s, beginning with refugees, the United Methodist Church has a growing presence in Cambodia with 167 growing congregations. Members of the church, along with the support and guidance of missionaries from around the world, are building the ministry from the ground up – building the church leadership, sharing the Word and Sacraments, and meeting community concerns. In 2003, the UMC in Cambodia joined with three other Methodist agencies for a “one Methodist” agreement, working towards the formation of an autonomous Methodist Church in Cambodia. This event will an opportunity to see for yourself the struggles of many Christians in Cambodia as they engage in the shaping of a new Church. Participants will serve in mission by teaching at a Vacation Bible School for children at an orphanage supported by the Methodist Mission in Cambodia.

Throughout this event, participants will travel to a number of sites of historical significance. Participants will learn about the horrific acts which took place during the Khmer Rouge regime by traveling to the Cheoung Ek Memorial (The Killing Fields) and the Toul Sleng Museum (a former prison and interrogation facility). Participants will also see the beauty of the country, including being immersed in its rich culture and by visiting national treasures such as Angkor Wat, a temple built in the 12th century which ranks amongst the world’s most magnificent architectural wonders.

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EVENT CODE: 1CAM

EVENT HOST:

Cambodia Methodist Mission
Phnom Penh St. 606 Hse #74, Khan Toulkork, Cambodia
(Ministry in Cambodia has projects 00230A, 00230L, and 00230U of The Advance. Give at www.advancinghope.org)

EVENT DATE:

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TENTATIVE EVENT COST PER PERSON:

\$1975** – Double Occupancy Room; [includes housing, meals, local transportation, supplemental accident insurance, entrance fees, and a GBGM administrative fee]. Participants are responsible for the cost of their transportation to and from the event. Additional Participant Costs to Consider: flight into and out of Cambodia, passport fee, immunizations and vaccinations, any extra tours or entrance fees not on the agenda and snacks/ souvenirs/ personal expenses.

**Note: This is a tentative event cost. The final event cost will be calculated on June 1, 2009, as items such as exchange rates and fuel costs for November 2009 are difficult to assess at this time.

ROOMS:

Participants will be housed in the Goldiana Hotel. Rooms are double occupancy with private baths and air conditioning. For more information on the accommodations, visit: www.goldiana.com

TRANSPORTATION:

Participants should not make travel arrangements until instructed to do so by the Event Coordinator. Participants will be transported between the airport and the hotel by rented van.

ESTIMATED PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF THE EVENT:

It is very hot and humid in Cambodia. Participants should be aware of this and be prepared for the physical demands which will be required of one's body in this type of environment.

Amount of walking per day: Average: 30 minutes Maximum: 4 hours

Number of flights of stairs per day: Average: 1 Maximum: Many flights of stairs at temple site

Requirements for entering/exiting transportation: steps into van or bus

Participants should bring a willing heart to work in very difficult settings and in very poor communities.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS:

Participants need a valid passport (valid at least through May 2010). All visitors to Cambodia require a visa except for Malaysian citizens. Visas can be applied for upon arrival at Phnom Penh Airport. Participants should bring two passport photos with them for the visa application.

REGISTRATION:

The registration deadline for this event is: **August 4, 2009**

Please send completed registration and deposit to:

Primetimers, Mission Volunteers, General Board of Global Ministries
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10115

REGISTRATION LIMIT:

Min: 12 participants Max: 17 participants

EVENT COORDINATOR:

Esther Gitobu, United Methodist Missionary in Cambodia (Missionary Code 13959Z)
Please contact the Primetimers office with questions about this event at 1-877-882-4724.