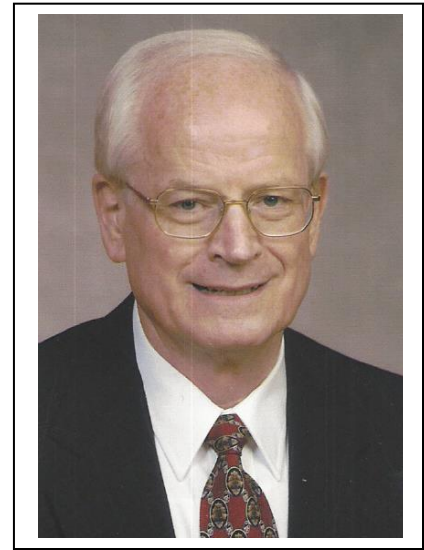




*Flowers from Shakespeare’s Garden, Stratford-on-Avon, England*



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Hello!

Our warmest greetings to each and every one!

### **Happy Thanksgiving!**

The concept of a national day of *thanksgiving* in American history goes all the way back to the “Pilgrim Fathers.” On **November 29, 1623**, three years after having arrived in the “new world,” they gathered at “*ye meeting house, on ye hill,*” and offered thanks to “*ye Almighty God for all his blessings.*”

Then, 166 years later, George Washington, in the very first year of his Presidency of the newly-formed United States of America (1789), proclaimed **Thursday, November 26, 1789** to be “*a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God.*” All were called to “*unite in rendering unto Him (God, HCA) our service and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country.*”

Moving on, some 74 years afterwards, although the War Between the States was raging,



Abraham Lincoln, America's 16<sup>th</sup> President, called for a day of Thanksgiving, to be observed on the **fourth Thursday of November, 1863**. Of the "gracious gifts" enjoyed, he stressed, "It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged with one heart and one voice by the whole American people."

Finally, in 1941, during the third term of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a joint Congressional Resolution was issued, setting aside the **fourth Thursday of November** as a national day of *Thanksgiving*. And so it is today.

Christians have so much for which to be thankful; and, of all people, we should be a grateful lot. Over and over again, we are urged to give thanks and to express our gratitude, not merely on a national holiday, but always.

The emphasis on gratitude permeates the Psalms: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High" (Ps. 92:1).

The attitude of gratitude is the appropriate response of those saved by grace: "Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:20).

**We wish you a happy Thanksgiving holiday!**

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### TO CAMBODIA

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Bobby McLaughlin and I left for a three-week effort with Cambodia Christian Ministries near Phnom Penh, Cambodia. After being away for five years, I was so grateful for an opportunity to be back with the work there.

So much is going on in this work, a work that takes its cue from what Jesus did: "teaching in their synagogues . . . proclaiming the gospel . . . healing every disease and affliction." (Mt. 4:23). Sokhom Hun leads Cambodia Christian Ministries in *teaching* and *proclaiming*. For example, some eighteen students are enrolled in Cambodia Bible School, being equipped in the Word to teach and evangelize. They spend two years in an in-depth study of the Word. Then, they go back to their villages and share the gospel in their area. Efforts are made to establish churches – and to equip churches to serve faithfully.



On our first day back, we continued our study of John, which we had been studying by Zoom twice each week.

I was pleasantly surprised at the end of the class to be presented by the group with a beautiful cake – beautiful and good-tasting also!

What a joy to be involved in a great study of the Gospel of John. What a joy to work with such a wonderful group.

Five (four of the girls and one young man) of these are also enrolled in teacher education at the university. (They are busy every day of the week!) These five want to prepare themselves to teach in the Christian school that is now in the planning stage.

A special effort, “Leadercare,” is made 3-4 times each year. This involves a two-day “seminar,” focused on a special theme, designed as an outreach mission to strengthen brothers in an area, along with bringing others for two days of a focus on a special theme. While Bobby and I were there, we participated in two “Leadercare” efforts. The first involved 200+ (not merely a “preacher count!”) on the Cambodia Christian Ministries site (picture to the right). The attendees came from different areas. Some of those attending this particular event had traveled 8-10 hours. (Anyone who has traveled over the roads – potholes – in Cambodia can certainly appreciate the dedication of those making this trip!) Once they get there, this becomes a joyful experience for everyone. Time is spent in worship, fellowship, and focusing on the Word. Some of the menfolk sleep out in make-shift tent arrangements (subject to getting soaking wet in a thunderstorm, which happened!). Thirteen (13) were baptized in this effort.



The second Leadercare was in Shuriel, some 300 kilometers away (near the Viet Nam border). Attendance there was 100+.



At left, Bobby McGlaughlin and I stand in “No Man’s Land” between Cambodia and Viet Nam. The Cambodian flag is in front of us, and the Viet Nam flag is the one in the background. We had some Vietnamese brothers at this event.



New friends at Shuriel. During a lunch break, I tried to talk with some of these lovely children. They indicated that they wanted a picture. So, this is what we have, Precious!



Six were baptized at the Shuriel event. As you can see, this was by means of a portable baptistry. So, as the group goes out into the different areas in preaching and teaching they are prepared.

A total of 19 were baptized during the time that Bobby and I were there.

There is an openness on the part of the Cambodians at this time. Let’s pray that the work may continue to go forward and that many, many more will come to the saving knowledge of the truth of the gospel.

Along with teaching and preaching, Sokhom Hun leads Cambodia Christian Ministries in a continuing “healing” effort. There are two medical doctors who work full-time with C.C.M. So, continuing medical aid is made available to the nearby villages. However, the big annual effort is the Medical Mission (in late January or early February). This is a major effort. The medical mission this past January (2024) served over 9,000 people (actually 12,000 medical treatments, since a few received more than one

treatment). This effort also features daily evangelism (there were 50 baptisms during this last medical mission).

In addition, limited orphan care has been on the agenda since the beginning of Cambodia Christian Ministries. However, this has now become an amazing opportunity – and challenge! In August of this year, the brothers there were presented with the challenge of more than 60 orphans!

Arrangements are being made to care for them. One house, that will accommodate 20 children will be ready by the latter part of January ('25). Provisions are being made for house parents and for 10 boys on one side of the house and 10 girls on the other side. Two more similar houses will be built following this one – and others will be built as the need dictates. The children are being enrolled in the nearby village schools.



This is the first house as it goes up. It will have a 5,000 square-foot ground floor and a second story apartment of 300 square feet.

Groundwork has already started on the second house, which will be right next to it. Long-range plans are for a total of 12 of these houses.

Children presently being cared for range in age from 3 to 17.

### **FUTURE TEACHERS**



Sok Ny    Srey Nit, Srey Lon, Kun Teah

The four ladies, shown above, and one young man, Usa, a graduate of C.B.S, are studying teacher education at the University so that they might be prepared to teach the orphans. When one

of these young ladies, Sok Ny herself, was orphaned, she and her four siblings were brought to Cambodia Christian Ministries, where she has been during her formative teenage years.

As we pointed out in our last report, there are many ways for all of us to help in this challenging effort. One of these is to be supportive of these five in some of the basic needs that they have as they study at C.B.S. and at university. How will they have their clothes? How will they have basic necessities, e.g., toiletries, books, supplies, etc.? They are busy seven days per week and do not have any means to get even these basics.

My wife, Rosann, and some other ladies are taking on this project. They are committed to seeing that these needs are met. They would be appreciative of any help from any of you – help that they can pass on to the five. So, think about it – this is one small thing that all of us can do: let’s help them with their clothes, needed supplies – and what about just a little “mad money?” Remember, “It takes a little from the many to help the few.” (Rosann’s telephone number is (469)504-1356, and her email address is <[yankeeshelia23sa@gmail.com](mailto:yankeeshelia23sa@gmail.com).)

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### ENEMIES CAN BECOME BROTHERS



When we went to Shuriel for the Leadercare event, Sokhom met up with Thurine, a former soldier in the Pol Pot regime (1975-79). During that awful time, the Pol Pot forces imprisoned Sokhom, and they killed his father and his brother. Here we see these two men – former enemies – now united as brothers in the Lord – both now in the Lord’s army!

Jesus said, “My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you” (John 14:23)

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As you can see, in this report we have focused primarily on Cambodia. So much good is being done there. We urge you to pray for the work – for the evangelistic outreach, for the equipping of kingdom workers, and for the challenging effort to nurture 60+ orphans. Your financial support, greatly needed at this time, will be greatly appreciated.

Rosann and I continue to thank God for you “*because of your partnership in the gospel!*”

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