

Cambodian Methodist Bible School

Report Year 2020

To Equip God's People for His Mission.

Ephesians 4:12 for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry,
for the edifying of the body of Christ. (KJV)

Core Value: Biblical Thinking and Holy Living in Christ.

The Motto: Biblical Mind, Holy Life

CAMBODIAN METHODIST BIBLE SCHOOL

THE REPORT

Praise be to the Lord our God that He is always with CMBS, always leading us and opening doors for our work to build the kingdom of God and to equip God's people for His mission in Cambodia. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit of the LORD.'

1. School Management Team.

1. Rev. Prak Vuthy	Principal	(Cambodia)
2. Rev. Jessica Tiong	Dean of Studies	(Malaysia)
3. Rev. Pyo Myoung Dae	Dean of Students	(Korea)
4. Rev. Svay Youthearoath	Lecturer	(Cambodia)
5. Miss Suzanna Lee	Missionary	(Singapore)

2. School Lecturers:

a. Full time lecturers: 4 full-time lecturers: Prak Vuthy, Jessica Tiong, David Pyo and Suzanna Lee.

b. Part time lecturers: Most of our part-time lecturers are missionaries and guest lecturers from overseas. This year, most of the missionaries helped to teach at least 2 courses per semester.

The lecturers who taught in either one or both of our programs are:

Mr. Yulius Telaumbabua, Rev. Dr. Howard Mellor, Rev. Svay Youthearoath, Rev. Dr. Song Jin Sup, Rev. Dr. Daniel Koh Kah Soon, Mr. Leng Thy, Ms. Victoria Lai Kiok Fah, Miss Chan Siew Kim, Mr. Roman Gnagi, Mrs. Flavia Contreras, Mr. Charles Irung, Rev. Dr. Kim Sun Jung, Pastor Yu Chen Chen, Mr Jacob Cheng, Mr Im Bora, Rev Sok Sovandy, Mr Benjamin Lee, Rev Kim Un Mo

3. School Staff: We have 8 staff members

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| a. 2 cooks (Sun Lim and Sun Seurn) | b. 1 Administrator (Nget Chamrong) |
| c. 1 Translator (Saly Nareth) | d. 1 Assistant Administrator (Nget Sreynang) |
| e. 1 Accountant (Heng Marea) | f. 1 Cleaner (Reach Bunthoan) |
| g. 1 Guard (Koe Saban) | |

4. Students in CMBS

1. Diploma of Theology 2019-2020

For the new academic year, Oct 2019 (Year 1), we had 4 applicants – all of whom passed their interview. Two of them are from MCC and two from independent churches.

- First year students: Sok Luka, Wu Ming, Siv Chanmakara and Chea Seanglav.
- Second year students: Meas Sreymorn and Thoem Chhuy. (one student from an independent church)
- Third year students: Sanh Kimsiem, Threa Vibal, Sinoeun Vannak, Khoun Sreysin, On Sreyleang, Sem Sreymao, Ourn Hat and Meas Sreykeo. (4 students from independent churches)
- Part-time students: Morn Pov, Thoun Chantol, Sot Sokchea, Keo Ra, Moeun Da, Soem Kalyan.

2. Certificate of Ministry at Banteaymeanchey

The Certificate of Ministry program at Banteaymeanchey is still in progress and has 18 students. The course will be completed end of November 2020. The students will prepare for graduation.

3. BTh/ BD:

In this academic year 2019-2020, no student applied to study in the BTh/BD course. Moreover, the students who graduated from the Diploma course did not obtain the required GPA to qualify for the BTh/BD course. We have some part-time students waiting to finish the course, namely, Yorn Thearin, Sok Mathay, Prak Vuthy and Lun Sokhoum.

5. School Activities

- a. In this academic year, we interviewed the new students on 3 - 4 October 2019 and the school started on 14 October 2019. The first semester ended in late February and the second semester started on 2 March 2019.
- b. All our students were placed in family groups which were led by lecturer-mentors, and in small groups led by student-leaders where they were mentored and guided in discipleship.
- c. All our students were encouraged to mentor and pray for one another, to build one another up spiritually and to share their experiences especially in the weekend ministry.
- d. All the students went for their weekend ministry on Saturday and came back to school on Monday morning to study.
- e. We conducted Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of every month for all students, staff and lecturers.
- f. All the students attended the MCC pray meeting with all the pastors on 25-29 November 2019 at Wesley Methodist Church in Phnom Penh.
- g. Every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8pm all students and dean of student met together to listen to each other about their weekend ministry, and pray to encourage each other to move on. On Thursday from 6:30pm to 8pm, all the students learned how to pray and lead worship with the Koreans.
- h. Bae Kwang Methodist Church in Korea gives laptops to third year students every year. On 24th November 2019, Rev Lee Hak Sung gave a laptop to each of the 8 third year students and one to the Dean of Studies.
- i. All the students, staff and lecturers celebrated Thanksgiving on 8 November 2019 and Christmas on 19th December 2019.
- j. The school's Christmas break was from 21 to 29 December 2019.
- k. Praise to the Lord, on 4-5 November 2019, the school held an Alumni Fellowship Day. The topic was 'Communication and Relationship'. The Alumni Committee invited Dr Daniel Koh Kah Soon to speak and they chose a new alumni committee to take over the old committee.
- l. We paid the ATESEA membership fees for 2019.
- m. The School took five of our students to the hospital to donate blood in November 2019.
- n. A 2nd Year student, Sreymorn, had an ear problem – both her eardrums were perforated and infected. Therefore, she had an ear surgery on March 3rd and now she is recovering.
- o. The school went on an outing to Kong Kang, Koh Kong, on Sat 22 Feb. All students, staff and teachers had a wonderful time.
- p. On the 2nd of March 2020, our second semester started. But because of Covid 19, the government closed all the schools, businesses and churches in Cambodia on 11th March, 2020. For this period, the school was asked to close till further notice. The management team allowed the staff to stop working for one month with full salary from 19th March to 20th April 2020.
- q. On 22 June 2020, the school management asked Rev Sok Sovandy to talk with the Songkat Chief to ask for permission bring the Year Two and Year Three students back to the school. They would study in person with the lecturers who stay on campus and study online with the lecturers from outside, to complete their scheduled subjects for the year. During this period, the Year One students would continue to study online from home.
- r. On 1st August 2020, we decide to bring the Year One students back to school to complete their scheduled subjects for the year
- s. On 11th August 2020, we brought four third year students (Methodist students) for an interview with the BOM. Praise the Lord, all passed the interview.
- t. The Certificate of Ministry students at Banteay Meanchhey will hopefully graduate in December 2020.

- u. This year, our translator translated a book titled 'Embracing Grace' by Dr G. Howard Mellor.
- v. Year Three students will complete their scheduled subjects on 28th August and meet with the management team on 31st August to get their results.

6. Thanks to the Churches and Agencies

We want to thank God, our partnering churches and all the agencies for providing lecturers and funds to support our students, as well as providing other resources that help us to fulfill God's mission. We also want to thank Siyon Methodist Church (Pastor Ben Im) for donating 50kg of rice to CMBS, Savior Methodist Church (Pastor Koy Toho) for donating 100kg of rice to CMBS, Houreb Methodist church (Rev Ham San) for donating \$10 and Connexio for donating \$5,000 every year to CMBS' General Fund as well as contributing an extra \$4,800 for staff salaries for July and August 2020. We thank Wesley Methodist Church (from Sibui, Sarawak, Malaysia) for donating \$3,500 to the General Fund on June 2020. Our thanks also go to Mr Ju Geon Jong and Mrs Kim Hee Gyeon from Korea who made a contribution of USD17,373 to our General Fund.

7. CMBS Fellowship and Interaction with all Agencies and President of MCC

The objectives of the fellowship and interaction are:

- a. To gather ideas from MCC and partner agencies for the improvement of the ministry of CMBS.
- b. To discuss the difficult financial situation of CMBS.

8. Postponement of our Graduation and Anniversary Celebration

Starting in March 2020, due to the Covid 19 crisis, the government had closed all schools and banned big social gatherings. For this reason, the management team decided to propose to the Board to:

- a. Postpone Year 3 graduation to next year 2021.
- b. Postpone CMBS 20th Anniversary celebration to 2025.

9. CMBS Prayer Requests

We thank the Lord that He has blessed CMBS and used CMBS as His instrument to equip God's people for His mission. We also thank the donors who always support us with prayer and financial contributions. May you continue to pray for CMBS as follows:

- a. Pray for the Certificate of Ministry program. May the Lord bless all the students to be strong and faithful, and to be able to apply what they learn.
- b. Pray for all the teachers in CMBS to have the strength and wisdom to prepare and teach their lessons, as well as to impart life skills to the students.
- c. Pray for the Diploma of Theology and BD programs in this new academic year 2020-2021. May the Lord bless us with new students and provide for all our needs.
- d. Pray for all the staff in CMBS to have good health and faithfulness in their service to equip God's people for His mission.
- f. Pray for sufficient financial support to sustain the school.
- g. Pray for the new academic year, that the Lord sends his disciples to train them to make disciples for His kingdom in Cambodia.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PICTURES New Semester Opening Service 2019



Computer Learning and Research



Students Learning and Group Study



Alumni Fellowship



Certificate of Ministry



First Fruit / Thanksgiving Celebration



Christmas Celebration

