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Certificate of Ministry

CMBS will be conducting a new Certificate of Ministry course starting in October 2020-2021 that will be held on weekends in Phnom Penh and Kandal District. Those who are interested to deepen their knowledge of the Bible and to improve their ministry skills, please contact the school for further information and to apply for enrolment.



Saint Paul always gives thanks to God and prays for Timothy, his son in the faith, expressing his desire as a spiritual father and Timothy's faith in God. Even though Paul knows about Timothy's strong faith, he continues to exhort him to live and serve God well through his gift.

The phrase "remind you of God's gift in you" means 'to fan into flames God's gift'. To kindle a flame, we need tinder, but in the case of God's gift, we need to live a life of service that is filled with God's light. Paul encourages Timothy to use the gift that is in him as a ray of light to lead men towards a relationship with God, and to also guard his heart to be always aflame in enlightening others in order that they may also use their gift. Regardless of the type of gift, so long as it is from God, we should guard it and use it for God's glory. Paul encourages and motivates Timothy that he may feel warmth in the faith and use whatever gifts that God has placed in him.

What does the phrase "which is in you through the laying on of my hands" mean? God calls his beloved ones that they may continue His mission on this earth. We can also say that God works through human beings.

1. Do not neglect the gift that you have.

Verse 6 shows that God uses Paul whom He has set apart and called to lay hands on Timothy and to anoint him for the mandate and empowerment to serve God.

1 Tim 4:14 says: "Do Not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you".



Rev Prak Vuthy

This is the power and authority that God has laid on Timothy through Paul's anointing with oil. The words "laying of hands" refer to a person set apart by God through prayers, laying of hands and anointing of oil for God's special assignment. Therefore, Paul reminds Timothy that he has been called for God's work through Paul's prayer and laying of hands for God's work. Like wise, we must use the gifts that God has given us to serve Him.

Paul has the privilege to exhort those whom God has chosen through the laying of hands to always use the gifts which God has bestowed on them for His work, whose life is a testimony of the gospel to people, displaying good attitude and good relationships in order to bring forth fruit for God. 1 Tim 4:14-16 says: Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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2. Do not fear to use your gift.

The year 2020 seems to be filled with fear due to the outbreak at the beginning of the year of a fearsome disease called the Covid-19 which started in China. Up to now, no cure has been found for this disease which has killed hundreds of thousands of people worldwide. Due to this outbreak, many countries have closed their schools and churches, and banned other big gatherings. When the government suspended worship gatherings, a number of pastors diligently continued to preach the gospel and to do God's work to minister to the spiritual needs of the people through various means or methods. On the other hand, there are pastors who neglect their calling and ministry due to their fear of the disease. A Cambodian saying goes like this: "Steel that is alloyed will fall; A twitch will become a sprain." It is not that we should not fear the disease; but God has given us wisdom to protect ourselves and to use our gifts according to the situation in our service and not to allow fear to paralyse us.

2 Tim 1:7 says: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." We must remember that when Paul was writing to encourage Timothy, he was in prison. However, Paul had hope and was without fear, and continued to use his God-given gifts to comfort others outside the prison. Is not this amazing? During the current Covid-19 pandemic, I believe that there are many ways we can use our gifts to guide people in their worship and relationship with God. Is it not true?

As such, have you been using your God-given gifts to fulfil His mission? **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind 2 Timothy 1:7. Do you still fear anything when God has already given us the spirit of power? Therefore, do use your gifts to lead people to glorify God!**

May God Bless you!

Classroom Without Borders

In truth, learning is not restricted to a classroom. We can learn in any place, as long as we have the time and opportunity.

When Jesus called his disciples, he did not have a proper place to train them for the mission he had for them. He taught them wherever they went and at times, he even taught them together with the local populace. At other times, he spent time separately with them alone to explain in greater depth the meaning of his teachings. (Mark 4:10)

During the current situation when the world, including Cambodia, is battling Covid-19, CMBS does not want to follow the trend in suspending our mission to train our students. The school has decided to continue our training online through new technological media such as Zoom and Google Classroom. This means that, though the students have returned to their respective hometowns or have moved to other places, they can continue to study every day with their teachers online. In truth, there is no barrier to learning for those who seek to grow their knowledge, but barriers and obstacles abound for the slothful who think they have learnt enough. We thank God that, though the Covid-19 pandemic has affected the school in some ways, we are still able to continue our classes online.



Certificate of Ministry

The Certificate of Ministry program started in 2016. This program was started with the objective of helping the local churches in the following ways:

1. To train lay people to serve more effectively in the local churches.
2. To empower lay people to serve more effectively in the local churches.
3. It is a certificate granted to Christians who want to serve more effectively in their local church with sufficient knowledge through required courses.
4. This certificate is not a license to be ordained ministers but it is a first step for lay people to be trained as volunteers in church ministry, search for God's will for further ministry.

Presently, CMBS has trained the leaders of churches in Banteay Meanchey, who have the love and passion in their ministry, the thirst for knowledge of God's Word in providing guidance for their life, and sufficient ability to serve God in their community. The course will be successfully completed this year and the school plans to award the certificates at the year end.

For the next academic year, 2020-2021, CMBS plans to hold the next Certificate of Ministry program at the school campus itself and Kandal District to open it to all denominations to enable others to receive training to be equipped for God's service. We believe that God will bless all his servants. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. (Psalm 118:26)

Learning Activities



Wesley on Saving Grace (*The Book "Embracing Grace" By Dr G. Howard Mellor*)

Salvation, according to John Wesley had 'two grand branches' justification and sanctification. By justification we are saved from the guilt of sin, and restored to the favor of God. By sanctification we are saved from the power of sin and restored to the image of God. In this section we are exploring God's saving, justifying grace.

In this sermon 'Free Grace' Wesley speaks of God's undeserved and free flowing love for humanity, 'The grace or love of God, whence cometh our salvation, is FREE IN ALL, and FREE FOR ALL' (Sermon 128, the capitals are this). It is not only free but also universal. All may come in every place and for all time.

By 'free in all' Wesley means that it does not depend on the ability of people, but rather salvation flows from the 'free grace of God'. God's grace is 'for all.' There is not one person who has lived for whom God's grace has not been offered. Jesus Christ was, according to Wesley, 'full of grace and truth and while on earth he spoke everywhere as if he were willing that all should be saved. To say, then, he (i.e. God) did not intend to save all sinners, is to represent him as a gross deceiver of the people.'

We need saving grace because 'all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of god' (Romans 3:23). What Wesley called saving or Justifying grace describes the work of Jesus Christ on the cross for us. God offers mercy and forgiveness to all



who come penitent, desiring to know and serve God. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus had made salvation available to all people in every place and for all the time.

Saving Grace is the good news that God in Jesus offers salvation to all who come to him. We cannot earn saving grace - it is to be received. We take hold of saving grace when we realize that we do not merit the relationship with God, it is not something we work our way into. God has already accepted us - already Jesus has died and risen for us - saving grace has been there all our lives. It is experienced when we accept the relationship that is offered to us, when we understand that God accepts us just as we are. When we realize we are embraced by God's grace.

Saving grace needs our response, our turning around, our awakened awareness, eyes opened to the love and companionship of God, saying 'yes' to God's offer through true repentance and amendment of life. Wesley writes:

You can do something, through Christ strengthening you. Stir up the spark of grace which is now in you, and he will give you more grace.... You must be 'workers together with him' (Philippians 2:12 - 'work out your own salvation with fear and trembling).

May God bless you!

CMBS is honoured to announce to our brothers and sisters in all the churches that we will be enrolling students for the Diploma in Theology course (21st cohort) and the Bachelor of Divinity course (3rd cohort). The terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age
2. Applicants must be baptised Christians who received Christ at least two years ago.
3. Applicants can opt to study full time or part time on selective subjects.
4. Applicants can choose to be residential or non-residential students.
5. Applicants must have an educational level of at least Grade 10 to enrol in the Diploma course.

Those who are interested can contact our General Office directly or through their pastor. Please note that application is opened from May 2020.

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May God Bless You!

January and February were busy months for the students as they were preparing themselves for the closing of the first semester. However, while they were rejoicing at their success, there occurred a global pandemic which caused many countries including Cambodia to close their schools and church worship services, etc. Consequently, the classes for semester two, which started in March, had to be carried out online.



How to partner with Cambodian Methodist Bible School?

Acts 20:35, Paul said he must do likewise to help the weak, remembering the Lord Jesus' words that 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Today, we too have the opportunity to participate in the work of God's servants through our giving.

We are so grateful for your support and partnership! Your seeds are growing and bringing forth fruit in Cambodia.

Thank you for sowing to equip God's people for His mission.!

Method Of Payment

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Beneficiary Name	: CAMBODIAN METHODIST BIBLE SCHOOL
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Website	: www.maybank2u.com
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