

# **Cambodian Methodist Bible School**

## **CMBS REPORT**

**Year 2021**

### **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. Mr Yulius Telaumbanua	Dean of Studies	(Indonesia)
3. Rev. Pyo Myoung Dae	Dean of Students	(Korea)
4. Rev. Svay Youtheareth	Lecturer	(Cambodia)

### 2. School Lecturers:

**a. Full time lecturers:** 3 full-time lecturers: Prak Vuthy, Mr Yulius Telaumbanua and David Pyo.

**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 Telaumbanua, Rev. Svay Youtheareth, Rev. Dr. Song Jin Sup, Rev. Dr. Daniel Koh Kah Soon, Ms. Victoria Lai Kiok Fah, Mr. Roman Gnagi, Mrs. Flavia Contreras, Rev. Dr. Kim Sun Jung, Pastor Yu Chen Chen, Mr Benjamin Lee, MS Lady Monita, Dr Choi Sung Hee, Dr Kim Kyung Shik, Rev. Yoon Jong Cheol, Rev Jeon Chang Hee, Rev Lee Woo Lam, Rev In Tea Ry, Rev Noel Goh, Rev Steven Seah, Mrs Lee Hye Jin, Miss Phanna Mer, Mr Ponloeu Theara, Miss Phok Sinat.

### 3. School Staff: We have 6 staff members

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| a. 1 Cook (Sun Seurn)         | b. 1 Administrator (Nget Chamrong ) |
| e. 1 Translator (Saly Nareth) | d. 1 Accountant (Heng Marea)        |
| e. 1 Cleaner (Reach Bunthoan) | F. 1 Guard (Koe Saban)              |

### 4. Students in CMBS

#### 1. Diploma of Theology 2020-2021

For the new academic year, starting 4 November 2020, we had 11 applicants, 7 of whom passed their interview and 4 failed. Five of those who passed are from MCC and two from independent churches.

- a. **First year students:** Hon Pech, Net Minea, Eam Im, San Kakada, Pen Monireak, Vannak Vannith and Sem Lyhak.
  - b. **Second year students:** Sok Luka, Siv Chanmakara, and Chea Seanglav
  - c. **Third year students:** Meas Sreymorn, Thoem Chhuy and Meas Sreykeo.
2. **BD/ BTH Students:** Khoun Sreysin, On Sreyleang, Sem Sreymao and Ourn Hat. (Part time students are Sot Sokchea and Yorn Thearin).
  3. **Part-time students:** Morn Pov, Keo Ra, Sim Kalyan and Sahn Kimsean.

#### **4. Certificate of Ministry at Banteaymeanchey and New class.**

The Certificate of Ministry program at Banteaymeanchey held its graduation on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2021. Seven students successfully completed the training while the others failed due to poor attendance. The latter will have the second chance to pass the course when we start a new class in Siem Reap District. We started the new Certificate of Ministry program at CMBS and in Kandal District end 2020. The entrance exam at CMBS was held on Saturday 07 November whereby 14 students passed and started class on Saturday 21 November 2020. In Kandal District, we held the entrance exam on 14 November 2020 at New Life Methodist Church. After the exam and interviews, 12 students passed and started class at Trinity Methodist Church on 5 December 2020. In addition, we allowed two more students to sit the exam and join the class at CMBS so the total number of students at CMBS is 16 students. The total number of students for the two classes is 28.

Since February 2021 because of the Covid 19 pandemic, the management team decided to stop the classes until May 2021. Right now, we decided to start class again on June 05, 2021 by zoom. We have combined the two classes together, with 22 students joining us on zoom. Right now, we are teaching 3 subjects, namely, OT survey, NT survey and Discipleship.

#### **5. School Activities**

a. In this academic year, we interviewed the new students on 22-23 October 2020 and the school started on 4 November 2020. The first semester ended in April 09, 2021 and the second semester started on 19 April 2021. However, due to Covid19 restrictions, we had to conduct classes by Zoom and Google Meet.

b. All the students meet with the Dean of Students every Tuesday evening to pray together.

c. All our students are placed in family groups which are led by lecturer-mentors, and in small groups led by student-leaders whereby they are mentored and guided in discipleship on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Every second and fourth week the students are divided into two groups to study liturgy and learn how to lead worship under the mentorship of the Dean of Studies.

d. All our students are encouraged to mentor and pray for one another, to build one another up spiritually and to share their experiences.

e. All the students can't go for their weekend ministry due to Covid 19 restrictions, but every Sunday they all come together with the lecturers to worship and take turns to preach.

f. In the second semester of 2021 we have decided to conduct Holy Communion on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month for all students, staff and lecturers.

g. On 19 April 2021, school started the second semester by Google Meet and Zoom.

h. On 31 May 2021, which was Pentecost Day, all the students, lecturers and staff of CMBS fasted.

i. Although the Covid-19 restrictions have caused disruptions, the school has managed to continue classes through a combination of on-site and online means. (On 11 January 2021 the government allowed all schools to start full time again, but in the middle of February, due to a rise in Covid-19 cases, the government decided to close all schools right up to now.)

j. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, we did not stop celebrating Thanksgiving to the Lord on 27 November 2020 and Christmas on 18 December 2020, both with students, staff and lecturers in attendance.

k. The CMBS Faculty held a meeting on 22 December 2020 from 9.00 to 11.30 am, followed by lunch at Sumatra Restaurant. The theme of the meeting is "Serve Together in Equipping the People of God for His Mission". We had 10 lecturers attending the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to share the CMBS' vision, mission and condition so all lecturers would know their part in teaching at the school. In addition, we also encouraged all lecturers to plan their teachings in advance, make syllabus for the subject so students will know what the subject's goals are and be clear how to achieve the goals. The faculty meeting was attended by 50% of guest lecturers and mostly were new lecturers. The other guest lecturers were busy on that day even though the school had invited them 2 months before the event

l. In this academic year 2020-2021, the school encouraged and helped all lecturers to submit the syllabus of the subject they taught to their students and the school so the students are clear about the subject's goals, the subject's evaluation and how to achieve the goals. Subject's syllabus also helps the school to know what topics a teacher will teach, to provide suggestions to improve the teaching, to have files for future's lecturer.

**m.** In this academic year, the school gave the students their transcripts so each student knew clearly their academic achievement.

**n.** To respond to the Covid Pandemic, most classes done by online in this academic year.

The students were at school while their lecturers taught from home. There were meeting-in-person classes for teachers who lived and worked at the CMBS. Because of the pandemic, the school cut the extracurricular subjects (English, Choir and Music). The students only learned core subjects counted in their GPA. This was the early stages students learned online so the school did not want to overwhelm them with too many online classes.

**o.** Starting from the second semester in this academic year 2020-2021, the school avoids intensive class because the students could not study the subject deeper by this method as well as not having enough time to interact to their lecturers. Because of the covid pandemic, the weekly basis teachings were possible. Each lecturer can teach from home even if he/she is outside Cambodia. In this academic year we have teachers who teach online from Korea and Singapore beside those who are in the country.

**p.** Starting from the second semester in this academic year, the school has a noon chapel once in two weeks. Every chapel is prepared by a group of students from Worship and Liturgy Class.

**q.** CMBS management team, some lecture and MCC representative by Chanthol we fellowship lunch farewell Neakru Jessica Tiong on 13 January 2021. The Management Team agreed to give her \$1000 as a love gift.

**r.** CMBS is partnering with Fount of Wisdom Publishing to sell discounted books to all our students and participants of the Certificate of Ministry program.

**s.** On 5-7 February 2021, CMBS Management Team met to review the CMBS Vision, Mission and Goals, as well as to look into the curriculum.

**t.** On 1 and 15 June 2021, the Management Team met again to discuss the CMBS Vision Mission and Goals, the curriculum, the current degree course and the new degree course for proposal to the Board for academic year 2022.

**u.** CMBS paid to the government \$7,373.30 as penalty tax for 2013 to 2021. CMBS land and building tax.

**v.** We would like to thank MMS for their contribution of USD \$1,324.37 to CMBS to buy food for 25 families living in the vicinity around CMBS who were affected by Covid 19 pandemic; and to buy a big box of masks and 5 boxes of noodles for the sangkat office.

**w.** We paid the ATESEA membership fees for 2020 \$300.

## **6. Students Graduation year 2021.**

Praise to the Lord in this academic year 2020-2021 we face with Covid 19 pandemics but we continue to study online until successful. So, in this academic year students who graduate:

1. Diploma of Theology year 2020 Khoun Sreysin, On Sreyleang, Sem Sreymao, Ourn Hat Sineoun Vannak, Meourn Da and Trea Vibol.
2. Diploma of Theology year 2021 Meas Sreymorn, Thoem Chhuy, Meas Sreykeo, Keo Ra and Sahn Kimsean.
3. Bachelor of Theology year 2021. Sem Sreymao
4. Bachelor of Divinity year 2021. On Sreyleang, Ourn Hat and Yorn Thearin.

## 7. 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 want to thank the following for their contributions:

- Pastor Ham San of Horeb Methodist Church who promised to donate \$10 every month in 2021 to CMBS.
- Rev Andrew Lee and Rev Sok Sovandy for their personal contribution to CMBS of \$10 every month in 2021.
- Rev Ouk Sarourn of Trobek Methodist Church who promised to donate \$5 every month starting from year 2021.
- Rev Ang Houn and his wife for blessing CMBS with 10 sacks of mangos.

We hope and pray that all the agencies and churches will continue to help and support Cambodian Methodist Bible School in the future.

## 8. New Dean of Studies

Praise to the Lord, after the Board had interviewed Mr Yulius Telaumbanua by Zoom on 28 August 2020, the Board allowed the Principal and Rev David to meet with him and discuss his contract on 9 September. Subsequently, Mr Yulius signed his contract and started work with CMBS on 12 October 2020 on a supplement of \$350 per month and \$300 a year for visa fees. CMBS provides lunch and accommodation for him in the school.

## 9. New Board Chairman

Praise the Lord that He always bless CMBS. According to CMBS board meeting minute on 21 February 2021 via zoom show that all member vote elect Rev Song Jing Sup to be new board chairman of Cambodia Methodist bibles from February 2021 onward. Also, we thank to Rev Khoo Cheng Hoot for serving 6 years as the chairman of the board. He brings CMBS fruitful to glorify our Lord.

## 10. New propose Degree to the Board.

On 27 July 2021 CMBS board meeting the management team propose the new degree BTH and BD for new academic year 2021 onward and delete diploma. All board member agrees with the proposal. So, in the academic year 2021 onward all the students study 4 year. **BTH program the Entry Requirement** will be All Students Studied at least grade 10 or finished grade 12 but failed the national exam. The CMBS alumni: should have at least 5-year experience in ministry (although he/she did not finish grade 12). **Requirement for Graduation Study 4 years (for alumni only 1 year).** **BD program the Entry Requirement** will be all students must finish grade 12 (passed). The CMBS alumni: should have 10-year experience in ministry (although he/she does not finish grade 12). **Requirement for Graduation** students Study 4 years. for alumni 1 year. The Final GPA at least 2.5.

## 11. Graduation information

- a. Year 3 retreat will be on 16-18 August 2021.
- b. Graduation rehearsal, photo-taking, lunch with lecturers and Board on 19 August 2021
- c. Graduation Ceremony on 20 August 2021.
- d.

## 12. CMBS information for new academic year 2021-2022

- b. CMBS new academic year 2021-2022 starts on 26 November 2021
- c. New students' exams and interview on 11-12 November 2021

### **13. CMBS Prayer Requests**

We thank the Lord that He has blessed CMBS and used CMBS as His instrument to equip His 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, Diploma and BD students. 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 all the staff in CMBS to have good health and faithfulness in their service to equip God's people for His mission.
- d. Pray for sufficient financial support to sustain the school.

**Phnom Penh, Saturday 2<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**  
New Semester Opening Service 2020-2021



**Students' self-study and library time**



**Certificate of Ministry in Phnom Penh and Kandal District**



**Certificate of Ministry Graduation**



*Thanksgiving Celebrations*



*Christmas Celebrations*



Closing service and sending out



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD, we bless you.

(Psalms 118:26 NIV)