

Cambodian Methodist Bible School

REPORT

From October-November 2017

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

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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. CMBS Management Team.

Thank God that he has provided a good management team for the Cambodian Methodist Bible School to lead the School according to the will of God. With effect from this year's conference, Mr Jacob Cheng has left the Management Team as he has returned to Singapore.

The Management Team always meets together to discuss and find solutions for issues that we face. We have a good Board who supports and guides CMBS towards a better future.

2. School Lecturers:

a. Full time lecturers: We have 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 from overseas. This year, most of the missionaries help to teach at least 2 courses per semester.

3. School Staff: We have 9 staff members

- a. 2 cooks (Sun Lim and Sun Seurn)
- b. 2 Administrators (Pok Phillip, Chief Administrator and Soy Sokha, Assistant Admin)
- c. 1 Translator (Saly Nareth)
- d. 1 Guard (Koe Saban)
- e. 1 Accountant (Tith Socheata)
- f. 1 Cleaner (Reach Bunthoan)
- g. 1 Librarian (Sarun Sreyneang)

4. Students in CMBS

- a. **New academic year Oct, 2017 (Year 1):** We originally enrolled 10 new students, 5 students from our MCC churches and 5 students from independent churches, but when the semester started, one of the students from a MCC church did not turn up, so right now we have 9 Year 1 students: - Sanh Kimsiem, Bunthoeun Sopanha, Threa Vibal, Sinoeun Vannak, Khoun Sreysin, On Sreyleang, Sem Sreymao, Ourn Hat and Meas Sreykeo.
- b. **Second year:** We have 4 Students: - Sat Sophy, Koe Ra, Moeun Da and Kong Samon(2 male 2 female). One of them is from an independent church.
- c. **Third year:** 6 full time students : - Meas Yousve, Kong Kakada, Kong Sreyme, Korn Srely, Norng Vy and So Chanpisey. Among them, only one student is from our Methodist Church.
- d. **Year Four :** 6 Students:- Gnoen Davy, Pen Chhaily, Phon Sreyteang, Mach Chy, Sok Mathay and Sok Vary. Two of the students are from independent churches.
- e. **BTh program:** We have 9 alumni in this program:- Soy Sokrim, Lon Sokhom, Prak Vuthy, Pheak Pros, Sam Setha, Hor Chan, Kim Vivath, Mey Sameth and Cheng Vanthoan.
- f. **The Certificate of Ministry program at Svay Reang:** We have 7 students who graduated on 12 September 2017.
At the request of the DS of Banteaymeanchey District, we interviewed 44 candidates on 6th -7th August 2017. 26 students passed, so now we will conduct this class.

5. CMBS Programs

- a. On Monday 2nd 2017, the school held its Opening Service at 2:00 pm. On the 3rd, we had orientation activities, and on the 4th, we took the students out for a health check.
- b. During the orientation, Rev David Pyo gave each student a Student Handbook.
- c. We will conduct the Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of every month for all students, staff and lecturers.
- d. Lunch time for the students is 11:45 am and dinner time is 5:45pm.

- e. Every Thursday from 6:30pm to 8pm, all the students will learn how to pray and lead worship with the Koreans.
- f. The Weekend Ministry started on Sat 13th October.

6. Scholarships for students

- a. The Principal sent a thank-you letter to the 4 mission agencies and various supporting churches.
- b. The Principal wrote a letter to donors, agencies, MCC churches and churches of our students to request for scholarships or financial support for CMBS.

7. Overseas meeting.

CMBS assigned Rev Samuel Om to attend the ATEASEA seminar in Thailand in September, 2017.

8. School's thanksgiving

We want to thank God that He always blesses the Cambodian Methodist Bible School with sufficient students, lecturers and financial resources to run the school and to equip God's people for His mission. Therefore, during the Water Festival, the school conducted a thanksgiving program with all the students, lecturers and staff to glorify our God.

9. Challenges in CMBS

CMBS has some challenges such as the following:

- a. Some students fall sick because of their full time studies, weekend ministry and having to wake up early in the morning to pray.
- b. Many of our part-time lecturers are also missionaries with their own respective ministries, and this creates some time-tabling problems for CMBS.
- c. The School is facing problems getting sufficient yearly sponsors for scholarships. This poses a serious problem for the school as it depends on such sponsorships to pay for its expenses such as staff salaries.

10. School's requests to the Board

- a. Could the Board please help to raise scholarships for the students.
- b. Could the Board help to come up with a clear explanation of the BTh and BD programs?

11. School's 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 support. 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 the BTh/BD programs in this new academic year 2017-2018. May the Lord bless us and provide for all our needs.
- d. Pray for all the students. May the Lord take care of them and bless them with good health, faithfulness and success in their studies.
- e. 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 provision of \$3000 needed for the repair of the fence in front of the school.

12. CMBS Board meeting

Cambodian Methodist Bible School board meeting will be on February 05, 2018.

Time start 2:00pm-5:00pm in CMBS meeting room.

13. CMBS activity Pictures

Certificate of Ministry



Opening Service



BTH Activity



God bless the students



Phnom Penh, Monday 27th November 2017

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