

TRUTH B-P CHURCH

Report of Missions Trip to Lively Hope BPC (Cambodia)

(26 to 30 January 2018)

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On 28 January 2018, Lively Hope B-P Church celebrated her 7th Anniversary. I am glad that brother Anthony Cheng was able to join me this time (as Truth BPC's representatives) to rejoice with Pr John Saray, his family and

church in this memorable event. The thanksgiving service was well attended by more than 50 worshippers including children. Among them were Pr John's friends from Canada, United States and Australia. We thank God for blessing and sustaining Pr John's ministry in Sihanoukville for the past 7 years. God has been using our Truth Missions Society (TMS) to fully support and co-labour with Pr John since 2011. Lively Hope has moved only once since the church started. And now the landowner of this second rented premises (a four-storey building) has decided not to renew the contract which will expire in April 2018. Pr John and his family have to vacate this place by April. We are still praying for the Lord's will in this matter. Surely God will provide a better place for both the church and Pr John's family.



Sihanoukville Province (also known as "Kampong Som") has a population of about 100,000 people. This is a coastal city and is a crucial seaport that is the gate to global connection for business and trading. However, Sihanoukville has changed much in the past 1 year in terms of its economic development. About a year ago, there was a sudden influx of Chinese businessmen who began to take over almost every business in

every sector ranging from hotels to restaurants, including casinos. Many of them, having taken up Cambodian citizenship, are allowed to purchase land and

properties. Crime rates have also climbed as there is higher unemployment as a result of stiff competition from the Chinese with the local people. Among the locals who are unable to cope, they have to resettle themselves in provinces that are smaller and less developed than bigger cities like Sihanoukville. Pr John's ministry is also affected since the landowner is attracted by the potential of higher rental rates in leasing to the Chinese rather than to the locals. It is our prayer that God's work will not be hindered but will continue in even greater speed to spread the gospel to the lost souls in Cambodia. In terms of spirituality, Cambodia has become darker than ever before. May God be merciful to use our Cambodian brethren to faithfully stand firm and continue to teach and preach the true gospel to the lost.



In this missions trip, we joined Pr John in his regular home visitations. We visited 2 homes and invited the families to attend the Anniversary. We also visited Leak (Pr Thaven's brother) who was hospitalized due to stomach pain. Thank God he is much better when we visited him after the service. He was discharged the next day. As Pr John has to teach in True Gospel Bible School on



Monday, we traveled together to Kampot on Monday morning. Upon arrival, we alighted at the Sonya Kill Memorial Hospital, near the famous Bokor Mountain. We had arranged to meet Pr Sopheak there in order to accompany brother Rinah to see the doctor about his drinking problem. The doctor advised him to stop drinking completely as his liver is swollen. Thank God it was discovered early, otherwise his

life would be in danger. As a result of controlling his drinking, Rinah developed epilepsy which causes him to go into fits whenever he stops drinking. The doctor advised that his epilepsy can be cured once he overcomes the drinking habit completely. He is now under observation for 2 weeks. Pr Sopheak's updates: In the beginning, there were frequent fits, however as the days go by, the frequency drops. And now after more than a week, Rinah has no more fits. We thank God for answering our prayers. God is merciful. Do continue to pray for Rinah as he prepares for water baptism by attending weekly catechism classes under Pr Sopheak.

We thank God for this short missions trip, and for the kind hospitality of our Cambodian brethren. May God be pleased to continue to bless the ministry here. All glory be to God.

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